Welcome to The Presbyterian Church of Saint David Seventh Sunday of Easter - May 13, 2018 *The Ascension of our Lord* 

## **Opening Responses:** L>Alleluia! Christ is risen! P> Christ is risen indeed, Alleluia! In life, in death, in life beyond death, L> ALL> Jesus Christ is Lord. Over powers and principalities, L>over all who determine and control, govern or finance the affairs of humankind, ALL> Jesus Christ is Lord. L> Of the poor, of the broken, of the sinned against and the sinner, Jesus Christ is Lord. ALL> L>Above the church, beyond our most excellent theologies and in the quiet corners of our hearts, Jesus Christ is Lord. ALL> L> Thanks be to God. ALL> Amen. Prayer of Adoration: (said together) We clap our hands and shout to you, O God Most High, with loud songs of joy. For you are awesome, the Ruler of all the earth. Your power raised Jesus from death to sit at your right hand, to reign over all in truth and love. We are witnesses of these things, blessed by Christ to share the good news with all. And so we worship you, singing praises with great joy; through Jesus Christ our Risen and Exalted Lord. Amen.

Hymn: Christ is King!

## **RESPONSE** in Preparation for the Readings:

L> Let us prepare ourselves for the Word of God as it comes to us in the reading of Holy Scripture.

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ALL> Our hearts and minds are open.

**The Word of God:** *Psalm 47 Ephesians 1:15-23 Luke 24:44-53* 

> For the Word of God in scripture, for the Word of God among us, for the Word of God within us. ALL> Thanks be to God.

## Reflection

Invitation

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Blessing, Prayers for Others:

## Communion

Prayer: (said together)

Loving God, thank you for bringing us into communion with our risen Saviour, and with all who love him in heaven and on earth. Help us to carry your salvation and joy to all the world in the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn: Jesus shall reign where'er the sun 275

**Closing Responses:** [from The Iona Community]

L> Lord of life, you walk this journey with us and through us;

- ALL> Lead us, Lord, lead us on.
- L> Journeying within, and wrestling with the world,

ALL> Lead us, Lord, lead us on.

- L> Lead us to risk, to grow, and to tread the path you have opened for us;
- ALL> Lead us, Lord, lead us on.
- L> And let us rejoice that every place is your place;
- ALL> In the Name of Christ, the Risen One. Amen.