

May 28 Intercessions Ascension Day:

Having bought back our freedom with the giving of his life, Jesus enters into the full glory to which he is entitled.

God of love, as we celebrate this festival of Jesus' entry into heaven as Saviour and Lord,
we pray for unity in the Church and reconciliation and renewed vision.

The congregational response, as printed in to-day's bulletin:
Both heaven and earth: **are full of God's glory.**

As we recall the shout of praise in heaven as the Lamb of God appears,
we pray for all those who are hailed as heroes and given great honour on earth;
for all who worship anyone or anything other than the true God. (pause)
Both heaven and earth: **are full of God's glory.**

We pray for all farewells and homecomings among our families and in our
community, and for all who have lost touch with loved ones and long for reunion.
(pause) Both heaven and earth: **are full of God's glory.**

We pray for those who are full of tears, and cannot imagine being happy again;
we pray for the hardened and callous, those inner hurts have never yet been
healed. (pause) Both heaven and earth: **are full of God's glory.**

We pray for wholeness and comfort and new life. We commend to your eternal
love those we remember who have died, and we pray too for those who miss
their physical presence. (pause)
Both heaven and earth: **are full of God's glory.**

We praise and bless you, God of our making, for the way you draw us deeper
into the meaning of life.

We pray in the name of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.