Ascension Day (ABC RCL) — Luke 24:44-53 (NRSV) 🏋 The Holy Gospel of our Lord Je-sus Christ according to Luke. 🧗 Glory to you, Lord Christ. Then Jesus said to his disciples, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the pro - phets, and the psalms must be ful - filled." 45 Then he opened their minds to un-der-stand the scrip-tures, 46 and he said to them, "Thus it is writ-ten, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, 47 and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be pro-claimed in his name to all na-tions, beginning from Je-ru-sa-lem. 48 You are wit nesses of these things. 49 And see, I am sending upon you what my Fa-ther prom- ised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with pow'r from on high." 50 Then he led them out as far as Beth-a-ny, and, lift-ing up his hands, he blessed them. 51 While he was bless-ing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heav - en. 52 And they wor-shiped him, and re-turned to Jerusalem with great joy; 53 and they were con-tin-u-al-ly in the tem-ple bless-ing God. W. The Gos-pel of the Lord. R. Praise to you, Lord Christ.