

# THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD

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Worship Focus  
Christ has ascended  
amid shouts of joy!



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Order of Service for  
THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD

**OPENING HYMN**

175 - Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise



1 Hail the day that sees him rise To his  
2 There the glo - rious tri - umph waits: Lift your  
3 See, the heav'n its Lord re - ceives, Yet he  
4 See, he lifts his hands a - bove; See, he  
5 Still for us he in - ter - cedes; His pre -



throne a - bove the skies! Christ, the Lamb for  
heads, e - ter - nal gates. He has con - quered  
loves the earth he leaves; Though re - turn - ing  
shows the prints of love. Hark! His gra - cious  
vail - ing death he pleads. He, the first of



sin - ners giv'n, Re - as - cends his na - tive heav'n.  
death and sin; Take the King of glo - ry in!  
to his throne, Still he calls man - kind his own.  
lips be - stow Bless - ings on his Church be - low.  
all our race, Near him - self pre - pares a place.

6 There we shall with you remain  
Partners in your endless reign,  
There your face unclouded view,  
Find our heav'n of heav'ns in you.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-88, abr., alt.

Tune: ORIENTIS PARTIBUS (77 77) Pierre de Corbeille, d. 1221, adapt.

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**OPENING WORDS OF COMFORT**

*Stand*

**P** Jesus said, “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God. Trust also in me. In my Father’s house are many rooms. If it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.”

**C** *Sing the hymn after a brief introduction*

**On Christ’s ascension I now build The hope of mine ascension.  
This hope alone has ever stilled All doubt and apprehension.  
For where the Head is, there full well I know His members are to dwell  
When Christ shall come and call them. (173:1)**

## **THE ASCENSION PSALM**

Psalm 47

Clap your hands, all you nations;  
**shout to God with cries of joy.**  
How awesome is the LORD Most High,  
**the great King over all the earth!**  
He subdued nations under us,  
**peoples under our feet.**  
He chose our inheritance for us,  
**the pride of Jacob, whom he loved.**  
God has ascended amid shouts of joy,  
**the LORD amid the sounding of trumpets.**  
Sing praises to God, sing praises;  
**sing praises to our King, sing praises.**  
For God is the King of all the earth;  
**sing to him a psalm of praise.**  
God reigns over the nations;  
**God is seated on his holy throne.**

*Sing the hymn after a brief introduction*

**O friends, in gladness let us sing  
Supernal anthems echoing: Alleluia! ...  
To God the Father, God the Son,  
And God the Spirit, Three in One. Alleluia! ... .. (TLH 475:4)**

*Be Seated*

## **THE ASCENSION GOSPEL**

John 17:17-26

**P** The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations. Alleluia!

**C** *Sing the canticle after a brief introduction*

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**These words are written that we may believe  
that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.**

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL RESPONSE**

170 - Draw Us to Thee



1 Draw us to thee,	For then shall we	Walk in
2 Draw us to thee,	Lord, lov - ing - ly;	Let us
3 Draw us to thee;	Oh, grant that we	May walk
4 Draw us to thee	That al - so we	Thy heav'n -
5 Draw us to thee	Un - ceas - ing - ly;	In - to



thy steps for - ev - er	And has - ten on	Where
de - part with glad - ness	That we may be	For -
the road to heav - en!	Di - rect our way	Lest
ly bliss in - her - it	And ev - er dwell	Where
thy king - dom take us.	Let us for - 'er	Thy



thou art gone	To be with thee, dear	Sav - ior.
ev - er free	From sor - row, grief, and	sad - ness.
we should stray	And from thy paths be	driv - en.
sin and hell	No more can vex our	spir - it.
glo - ry share;	Thy saints and joint	heirs make us.

Text: Friedrich Funcke, 1642-99; tr. August Crull, 1845-1923, alt.  
Tune: ACH GOTT UND HERR (447 447) *As hymnodus sacer*, Leipzig, 1625, alt.

**THE ASCENSION EPISTLE**

Ephesians 4:7-16

**P** God has placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, which is his body. Alleluia!

**C** *Sing the canticle after a brief introduction*

**Thank the Lord and sing his praise;  
tell ev'ryone what he has done.  
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice  
and proudly bear his name.  
He renews his promises and leads his people forth in joy  
with shouts of thanksgiving.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!**



**EPISTLE RESPONSE**

341 - Crown Him with Many Crowns



1 Crown him with man - y crowns, The Lamb up - on his  
 2 Crown him the Lord of love— Be - hold his hands and  
 3 Crown him the Lord of life, Who tri - umphed o'er the  
 4 Crown him the Lord of heav'n, En - throned in worlds a -



throne; Hark how the heav'n - ly an - them drowns All  
 side, Rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, In  
 grave And rose vic - to - rious in the strife For  
 bove; Crown him the King to whom is giv'n The



mu - sic but its own. A - wake, my soul, and  
 beau - ty glo - ri - fied. No an - gel in the  
 those he came to save. His glo - ries now we  
 won - drous name of Love. Crown him with man - y



sing Of him who died for thee, And hail him  
 sky Can ful - ly bear that sight, But down - ward  
 sing Who died and rose on high, Who died e -  
 crowns As thrones be - fore him fall; Crown him, ye



as thy match-less King Through all e - ter - ni - ty.  
 bends his won-d'ring eye At mys - ter - ies so bright.  
 ter - nal life to bring And lives that death may die.  
 kings, with man - y crowns For he is King of all.

Text: Matthew Bridges, 1800–94, st. 1-2, 4, abr., alt.; Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903, st. 3.  
 Tune: DIADEMATA (SM D) George J. Elvey, 1816–93.

## OFFERING ANNOUCEMENT

## MUSICAL OFFERING

## THE ASCENSION ACCOUNT

Acts 1:4-11

**P** This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go. Alleluia!

**C** *Sing the canticle after a brief introduction*

**Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts.  
The whole earth is full of your glory.  
You are my God, and I will exalt you.  
I will give you thanks for you have become my salvation.  
Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts.  
The whole earth is full of your glory.**



**ASCENSION RESPONSE** 174 - See, the Conqueror Mounts in Triumph



1 See, the con - qu'ror mounts in tri - umph; See the  
 2 Who is this that comes in glo - ry With the  
 3 While he lifts his hands in bless - ing, He is  
 4 He has raised our hu - man na - ture On the



King in roy - al state, Rid - ing on the  
 trump of ju - bi - lee? Lord of bat - tles,  
 part - ed from his friends; While their ea - ger  
 clouds to God's right hand; There we sit in



clouds, his char - iot, To his heav'n - ly pal - ace gate.  
 God of ar - mies, He has gained the vic - to - ry.  
 eyes be - hold him, He up - on the clouds as - cends.  
 heav'n - ly plac - es, There with him in glo - ry stand.



Hark! The choirs of an - gel voic - es Joy - ful  
 He who on the cross did suf - fer, He who  
 He who walked with God and pleased him, Preach - ing  
 Je - sus reigns, a - dored by an - gels; Man with



al - le - lu - ias sing, And the por - tals high  
 from the grave a - rose, He has van - quished sin  
 truth and doom to come, He, our E - noch, is  
 God is on the throne. By our might - y Lord's



are lift - ed To re - ceive their heav'n - ly King.  
 and Sa - tan; He by death has crushed his foes.  
 trans - lat - ed To his ev - er - last - ing home.  
 as - cen - sion We by faith be - hold our own.

Text: Christopher Wordsworth, 1807-85, abr., alt.  
 Tune: REX GLORIAE (87 87 D) Henry T. Smart, 1813-79.

## THE ASCENSION CONFESSION OF FAITH

*Dr. Martin Luther's Explanation of the Second Article of the Apostles' Creed*

**C I believe that Jesus Christ,  
true God,  
begotten of the Father from eternity,  
and also true man,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
is my Lord.**

**He has redeemed me,  
a lost and condemned creature,  
purchased and won me  
from all sins,  
from death, and  
from the power of the devil,  
not with gold or silver,  
but with his holy, precious blood  
and his innocent suffering and death.**

**All this he did that I should  
be his own, and  
live under him in his kingdom, and  
serve him in everlasting  
righteousness,  
innocence,  
and blessedness;  
just as he has risen from death  
and lives and rules eternally.**

**This is most certainly true.**

*Stand*

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**P** Blessed Jesus, you ascended to the right hand of your Father's majesty, power, and glory and now reign as eternal King of kings and Lord of lords.

**C** **We praise you for your victory over sin, death, Satan, and hell.**

**P** O ascended Prophet, equip your Church to proclaim the precious gospel message of God's love for all the world.

**C** **Give courage to our hearts, power to our words, and success to our efforts.**

**P** O ascended High Priest, represent us before the Father as his own dear children and heirs. Defend us against Satan's every accusation. Ask for the Father's rich blessings in our everyday lives.

**C** **Plead for his mercy and grace on our behalf.**

**P** O ascended King, direct the affairs of governments and nations that they may serve the best interest of your Church.

**C** **You are our Lord, Master, and King.**

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

**P** **Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.**

*Silent prayer.*

**P** As the disciples lifted their eyes to watch your ascension, so lift our eyes daily to look for your coming again in glory.

**C** **Lord Jesus, come quickly. Amen.**

## **LORD' S PRAYER**

**C** **Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours  
now and forever. Amen.**

## **THE BLESSING**

**P** Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

**C** *Sing the hymn after a brief introduction*

**Oh, grant, dear Lord, this grace to me,  
Recalling Thine ascension,  
That I may ever walk with Thee,  
Adorning Thy redemption.  
And then, when all my days shall cease,  
Let me depart in joy and peace  
In answer to my pleading. Amen. (173:3)**

**P** Brothers and sisters, go in peace.  
Live in harmony with one another.  
Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace. Amen.

*Be Seated*



**CLOSING WORDS OF COMFORT**

**Do Not Let Your Hearts Be Troubled**

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Congregation sings the refrain; Cantor sings the verses

Do not let your hearts be trou - bled, have  
faith in God and faith in me. I will go  
forth to pre - pare a place for you, then I ll come  
back to take you with me, that where I  
am, you may al - so be.

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*In God's house there are many places for you alone to dwell in safety.  
You know the way to where I'll lead you, if you are lost, I will show the way.*

**[Refrain]**

*I am the way, the truth, and the life, only through me can you know what I know.  
If you knew me, you would see the Father, if you see me, you see your God.*

**[Refrain]**

*The words I speak are not only of myself, it is your God who lives within me.  
If you believe that your God and I are one, I will provide when you call my name.*

**[Refrain]**