

Feast of Ascension of Our Lord and God Jesus Christ

First Antiphon:

All you peoples, clap your hands; shout to God with cries of gladness!.

Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us.

For the Lord, the Most High, the awesome, is the great king over all the earth.

Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us.

He brings people under us; nations under our feet.

Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us.

The Lord mounts his throne amid shouts of joy; the Lord amid trumpet blasts.

Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us.

Glory be . . . now and forever . . . : Only Begotten Son

Third Antiphon:

Verse: Hear this, all you peoples; hearken, all who dwell in the world.

Tropar of the Ascension, tone 4: You ascended in glory, O Christ our God;* You delighted the disciples with the promise of the Holy Spirit.* Through this blessing they were assured that You are the Son of God,* the Redeemer of the world.

Verse: Of lowly birth or high degree, rich and poor alike.

Tropar of the Ascension, tone 4: You ascended in glory, O Christ our God;* You delighted the disciples with the promise of the Holy Spirit.* Through this blessing they were assured that You are the Son of God,* the Redeemer of the world.

Verse: My mouth shall speak wisdom, prudence shall be the utterance of my heart.

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At the small entrance:

Verse: God mounts his throne amid shouts of joy, the Lord, amid trumpet blasts.

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Glory be to the Father . . . , tone 6:

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; now and for ever and ever. Amen!

Kondak, of Ascension, tone 6: When you fulfilled the plan of salvation for us* and united all things on earth to those in heaven, O Christ our God,* You ascended in glory, never leaving us, but remaining ever-present.* For You proclaimed to those who love You:* “I am with you and no one else has power over you.”

Prokimen of the Ascension, tone 7:

Be exalted, O God, above the heavens; above all the earth be your glory.

Verse: *My heart is steadfast, O God, my heart is steadfast; I will sing and chant praise.*

Prokimen: Be exalted, O God, above the heavens; above all the earth be your glory.

Epistle: A reading from the Acts of the Apostles. (1: 1 - 12)

Alleluia Verses, of the Ascension:

The Lord mounts his throne amid shouts of joy, the Lord, amid trumpet blasts.

All you peoples, clap your hands, shout to God with cries of gladness.

Gospel: Luke 24: 36 - 53

Instead of 'Indeed, it is fitting':

O my soul, extol the Lord* who in glory ascended bodily into heaven.* O Mother of God,* who in a manner beyond understanding and beyond words* gave birth in time to Him* whom time cannot contain*, we the faithful magnify you* with one accord.

Communion Hymn (Verse):

God mounts his throne amid shouts of joy, the Lord, amid trumpet blasts. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Instead of: 'We have seen the true light...':

Be exalted, O God, above the heavens; above all the earth be your glory.

Instead of: 'May our mouths be filled...':

Be exalted, O God, above the heavens; above all the earth be your glory. (3x)