

# Welcome to our Joint Ascension Day Service

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## 474 Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise

CW 474



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



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



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 the world his own.  
 lips be - stow bless - ings on his Church be - low.

5 Still for us he intercedes,  
 his atoning death he pleads.  
 He, the first of all our race,  
 near himself prepares a place.

6 There we shall with him remain,  
 partners in his endless reign,  
 there his face unclouded see,  
 live with him eternally.

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## Opening Sentences

CW 215

Jesus Christ is the light of the world,  
**the light no darkness can overcome.**

Stay with us, Lord, for it is evening,  
**and the day is almost over.**

Be our light and scatter the darkness,  
**and hear our evening prayer and praise.**

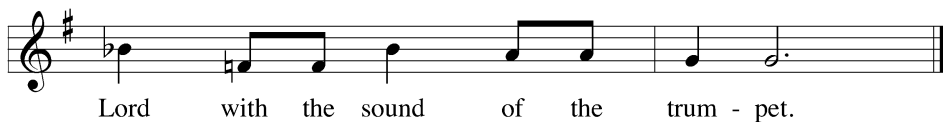
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Blessed are you, O Lord our God, King of the universe, who led your people Israel with a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night. Enlighten our darkness by the light of your Christ. May his Word be a lamp to our feet and a light to our path, for you are merciful and you love your whole creation. We, your creatures, glorify you—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

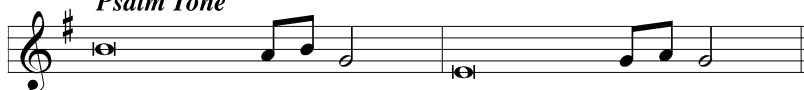
*Be seated*

# Psalm 47

## *Refrain*



## *Psalm Tone*



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!

God reigns over the nations;  
God is seated on his holy throne.

## *Refrain*

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.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit,

as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

## *Refrain*

## Prayer

Lord Jesus, King of glory, on this day you ascended far above the heavens, and at God's right hand you rule the nations. Leave us not alone, we pray, but grant us the Spirit of truth that, at your command and by your power, we may be your witnesses in all the world; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## First Reading

*Acts 1:1–11*

<sup>1</sup>In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach <sup>2</sup>until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen. <sup>3</sup>After his suffering, he presented himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God. <sup>4</sup>On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. <sup>5</sup>For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."

<sup>6</sup>Then they gathered around him and asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?"

<sup>7</sup>He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. <sup>8</sup>But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

<sup>9</sup>After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.

<sup>10</sup>They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. <sup>11</sup>"Men of Galilee," they said, "why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven."

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

# Choir Song - Ascension Prayer

## Second Reading

*Ephesians 1:15–23*

<sup>15</sup>For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all God’s people, <sup>16</sup>I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. <sup>17</sup>I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. <sup>18</sup>I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, <sup>19</sup>and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength <sup>20</sup>he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, <sup>21</sup>far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. <sup>22</sup>And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, <sup>23</sup>which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

## Verse of the Day

*Matthew 28:20*

Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia! “Surely I am with you always until the end of the age.” Alleluia!



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

<sup>44</sup>He said to them, “This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms.”

<sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures.

<sup>46</sup>He told them, “This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup>and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup>I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

<sup>50</sup>When he had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, he lifted up his hands and blessed them. <sup>51</sup>While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up into heaven. <sup>52</sup>Then they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. <sup>53</sup>And they stayed continually at the temple, praising God.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

# 472 A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing

CW 472



1 A hymn of glo - ry let us sing! New songs through-  
 2 The ho - ly ap - os - tol - ic band up - on the  
 3 To them the shin - ing an - gels cry, "Why stand and  
 4 "You see him now, as - cend - ing high up to the



out the world shall ring: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 Mount of Ol - ives stand, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 gaze up - on the sky?" Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 por - tals of the sky." Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



Christ, by a road be - fore un - trod, as - cends un -  
 and with his fol - low - ers they see their Lord as -  
 "This is the Sav - ior," thus they say. "This is his  
 "Here - af - ter Je - sus you shall see re - turn - ing



to the throne of God. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 cend in maj - es - ty. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 glo - rious tri - umph day." Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 in great maj - es - ty." Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

- 5 Be now our joy on earth, O Lord, 6 O risen Christ, ascended Lord,  
 and be our future great reward. all praise to you let earth accord.  
 Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!  
 Then, throned with you forever, we You are, while endless ages run,  
 shall praise your name eternally. with Father and with Spirit one.  
 Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!  
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

## **Sermon Text: Psalm 110**

### **LOOK AT WHO'S AT WHOSE RIGHT HAND**

**I. The Lord is at the LORD'S right hand.**

**II. The Lord is at your right hand.**

<sup>1</sup>The LORD said to my Lord:

“Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies  
a footstool under your feet.”

<sup>2</sup>The LORD will stretch out your strong scepter from Zion.  
Rule in the midst of your enemies.

<sup>3</sup>Your people will be willing on the day of your power.  
In majesty of holiness, from the womb of the dawn,  
the dew of your youth will be yours.

<sup>4</sup>The LORD has sworn and will not change his mind:  
“You are a priest forever, in the manner of Melchizedek.”

<sup>5</sup>The Lord is at your right hand.  
He will crush kings on the day of his wrath.

<sup>6</sup>He will judge the nations.  
He will fill valleys with corpses.  
He will crush heads over the wide world.

<sup>7</sup>He will drink from a stream beside the way;  
therefore he will lift up his head.

## **Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell.**

**The third day he rose again from the dead.**

**He ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**Offering: The Offering will be taken during the following Hymn**

**Oh, thank the Lord, whose goodness sure  
And steadfast love fore'er endure!  
Our eyes have seen, our ears have heard,  
And we have tasted of His Word.**

**And His own servants we depart  
With His salvation in our heart  
His saving power he has made known  
His love through all the earth is shown.**

**Lord, let us show the world your light;  
Let us declare Your glory bright,  
Proclaim Your death until You come.  
To take your ransomed servants home.**

**Please rise and sing:**

**Glory to God, the Father, Son,  
And Holy Spirit, Three in one!  
Oh, thank the Lord, whose goodness sure  
And steadfast love fore'er endure.**

## **Prayer**

Confident of our Lord's return, let us approach our Father's throne of mercy on behalf of the Church and of all people.

Gracious Lord God, amid shouts of joy we celebrate your Son's ascension into heaven where he is now seated in majesty at your right hand. Grant your Church steadfastness in these gray and latter days that she may hold to the truth and boldly confess the saving name of Jesus.

**As the devil, the world, and our sinful nature seek to silence our witness, grant us courage to believe and confess that Jesus is Lord.**

Even as your beloved Son intercedes on behalf of his Church, so has he commanded us to pray for others.

**Hear us, O Lord, as we implore you to show mercy to those in need:**

*(prayer continued on page 10)*

to the sick, the lonely, and the depressed grant relief;  
to the dying and those who mourn bring comfort;  
to the hungry, the homeless, and the unemployed send your help;  
to the elderly, give joy for living life to the full;  
to the young, send patience to wait for the fuller life to come;  
to husbands and wives and their families and to single parents who raise  
their children alone grant wisdom and strength.

**Bestow your blessings to all who depend on your power and grace.**

Almighty Father, you are the good Giver of all that we have. In your mercy continue to grant us daily bread, supplying us with what we need before we even ask.

**Teach us to be thankful and content, whether we have plenty or are in need.**

Come with your guidance, O Lord, and pour out your blessings on all who have gathered here to proclaim your love in speech, song, and symbol. May our worship enrich us so that our work for others adorns your love among them.

**Lead us to praise you as we joyfully wait for your return.**

O Lord, heavenly Father, we remember the sufferings and death of your dear Son, Jesus Christ, for our salvation. Praising his victorious resurrection from the dead, we draw strength from his ascension before you, where he always intercedes for us as our own high priest. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in his kingdom which has no end.

**Graciously receive our prayers, deliver and preserve us.**

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

*Silent prayer*

To you alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **Lord's Prayer**

**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.**

## **Benediction** *(Sung to the tune of "The Church's One Foundation")*

**Pastor: The Good Lord Bless and Keep you,  
Lift up his smiling face,  
With favor look upon you  
And grant eternal peace.**

**Cong.: To Father, Son and Spirit  
Most gracious One-in-Three  
The Church sings ALLELUIA!  
Now and eternally.**

*Be seated*

## 476 On Christ's Ascension I Now Build

CW 476



1 On Christ's as - cen - sion I now build the hope of my as -  
2 Since Christ re - turned to claim his throne, great gifts for me ob -  
3 O grant, dear Lord, this grace to me, re - call - ing your as -



cen - sion. This hope a - lone has al - ways stilled all doubt and ap - pre -  
tain - ing, my heart will rest in him a - lone, no oth - er rest re -  
cen - sion, that I may serve you faith - ful - ly, in thanks for my re -



hen - sion, for where the head is, there as well I know his  
main - ing, for where my trea - sure went be - fore, there all my  
demp - tion; and then, when all my days will cease, let me de -



mem - bers are to dwell when Christ shall come and call them.  
thoughts will ev - er soar to still their deep - est yearn - ing.  
part in joy and peace in an - swer to my plead - ing.

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