

# Feast of the Holy Ascension

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God ascends His throne amid shouts of joy,  
the Lord amide the sound of trumpets.

## FIRST ANTIPHON

The Lord is great and worthy to be praised /  
in the city of our God, His holy mountain.

*O Son of God, who ascended in glory /  
save us who sing to you, Alleluia.*

Mount Sion, slopes of the north, /  
the city of the Great King

*O Son of God, who ascended in glory /  
save us who sing to you, Alleluia.*

God in the midst of its citadels /  
has shown Himself to be its stronghold

*O Son of God, who ascended in glory /  
save us who sing to you, Alleluia.*

## SECOND ANTIPHON

Hear this all you people /  
give heed all who dwell in the world

*O Son of God, who ascended in glory /  
save us who sing to you, Alleluia.*

Hear this all you of lowly birth and of high degree /  
rich and poor alike

*O Son of God, who ascended in glory /  
save us who sing to you, Alleluia.*

My lips will speak words of wisdom /  
My heart is full of insight

*O Son of God, who ascended in glory /  
save us who sing to you, Alleluia.*

## ENTRANCE

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the Lord amide the sound of trumpets

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save us who sing to you, Alleluia.*

## TROPAR and KONDAK

You ascended in glory, O Christ our God, and 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.

***Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,  
now and ever and forever. Amen.***

When You fulfilled the plan of providence for us and united all things on earth to those in heaven, O Christ our God, You ascended in glory without absenting Yourself at all, but remaining present, proclaiming to those who love you: “I am with you, and no one has power over you.”

## PROKIMENON

Be exalted above the heavens O God /  
and let Your glory be over all the earth.

*My heart is ready, O God, my heart is ready /  
I will sing, I will sing your praise*

Be exalted above the heavens O God /  
and let Your glory be over all the earth.

**EPISTLE:** Acts [§ 1] 1:1-12

## ALLELUIA

ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA

*God goes up with shouts of joy /  
the Lord goes up with trumpet blasts*

ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA

*All peoples clap your hands /  
cry to God with shouts of joy*

ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA

**GOSPEL:** Luke [§ 114] 24:36-53

## HYMN TO THE MOTHER OF GOD

O my soul magnify the Lord who in glory ascended bodily into heaven.

O You who are the Mother of God in a manner beyond understanding and beyond words, who gave birth in time to Him whom time cannot contain, we the faithful magnify you with one accord

## COMMUNION HYMN

God mounts His throne amid shouts of joy /  
the Lord amid trumpet blasts. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.