

The Ascension of our Lord



INTROIT
Viri Galilaei (Acts 1)

YE men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? Alleluia: In like manner as ye have seen him going up into heaven, So shall he come again. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. (Psalm 47) O clap your hands together, all ye people: O sing unto God with the voice of melody.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end, Amen
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THE COLLECT

GRANT, we beseech thee, Almighty God, that like as we do believe thy Only-begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ to have ascended into the heavens; so we may also in heart and mind thither ascend, and with him continually dwell, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.

THE LESSON

Acts 1.1 - 11

THE former treatise have I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach, until the day in which he was taken up, after that he through the Holy Ghost had given commandments unto the apostles whom he had chosen: to whom also he shewed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God: and, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me. For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence. When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel? And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power. But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth. And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight. And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.

ALLELUIA

Alleluia: Alleluia. (*Psalm 47*) God is gone up with a merry noise, And the Lord with the sound of the trumpet. Alleluia.
(*Psalm 68*) The Lord is among them as in the holy places of Sinai, He is gone up on high; he hath led captivity captive. Alleluia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 24.49 - 53

AT that time, Jesus said unto His disciples, Behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high. And he led them out as far as to Bethany, and he lifted up his hands, and blessed them. And it came to pass, while he blessed them, he was parted from them, and carried up into heaven. And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy: and were continually in the temple, praising and blessing God.

*When the Gospel has been said, the Paschal Candle shall be put out.
The Creed is said.*

OFFERTORY *Psalm 47*

GOD is gone up with a merry noise: and the Lord with the sound of the trumpet, alleluia.

SECRET

ACCEPT, O Lord, we pray thee, the oblations which, in remembrance of the glorious Ascension of thy Son, we do offer unto thee: and mercifully grant that we, being delivered from all perils in this life present, may attain in the end unto life everlasting. Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.

COMMUNION *Psalm 68*

SING ye to the Lord, who ascended the heaven of heavens, to the sunrising, Alleluia.

POSTCOMMUNION

GRANT, we beseech thee, Almighty and merciful God: that we which have outwardly received these holy mysteries, may inwardly be made partakers of the benefit of the same. Through Jesus Christ our Lord Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen.