

Ascension of Our Lord
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...and calls me to live for him

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Opening Responses

Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights above.

Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his heavenly hosts.

How majestic is the Lord's name in all the earth!

He has set his glory above the heavens.

For the Lord is the Most High over all the earth.

He is exalted far above all gods.

God has ascended amid shouts of joy, the Lord amid the sounding of trumpets.

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

The Lord reigns, let the nations tremble.

He sits enthroned between the cherubim, let the earth shake.

The throne of our God will last forever and ever.

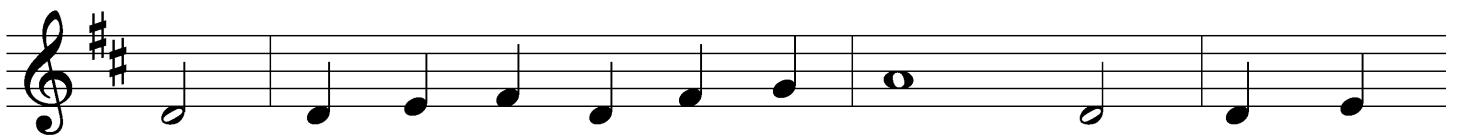
A scepter of justice will be the scepter of his kingdom.

Praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted.

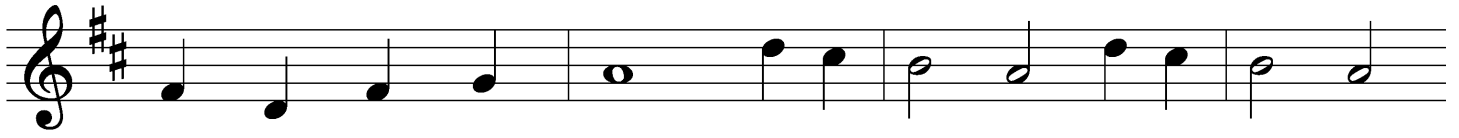
His splendor is above the earth and the heavens.

472 A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing

sts. 1–4, 6



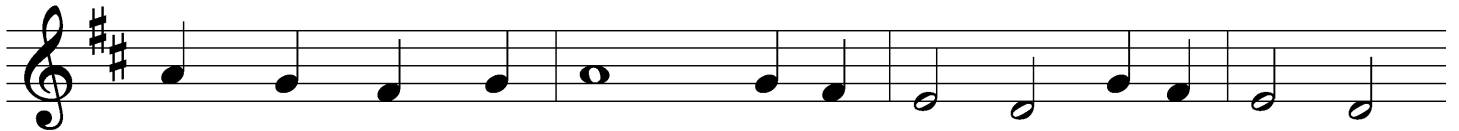
1 A hymn of glo - ry let us sing! New songs through-
2 The ho - ly ap - os - tol - ic band up - on the
3 To them the shin - ing an - gels cry, "Why stand and
4 "You see him now, as - cend - ing high up to the
6 O ris - en Christ, as - cend - ed Lord, all praise to



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!
 you let earth ac - cord. 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
 You are, while end - less a - ges run, with Fa - ther



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!
 and with Spir - it one. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
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Text: tr. composite; The Venerable Bede, 673–735, abr.

Tune: Geistliche Kirchengesäng, Köln, 1623

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Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Confession

Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.
Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Almighty and merciful Father, we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts. We have offended you and sinned against your holy law. We have done those things that we should not have done, and we have not done those things that we should have done. Have mercy on us, Lord! Spare us, forgive us, and restore us, according to your promises in Christ Jesus.

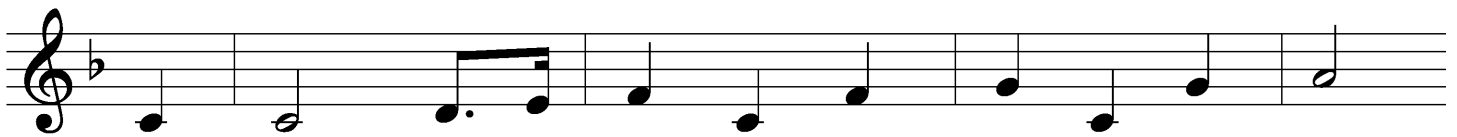
Declaration of Grace

God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever.

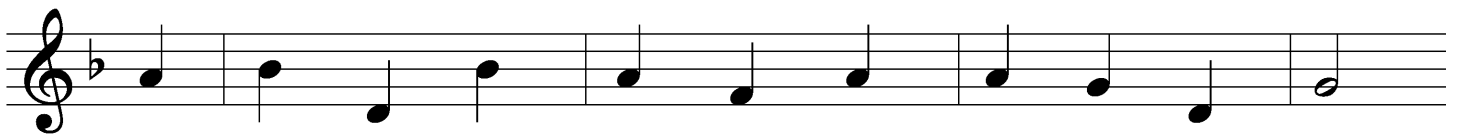
Amen.

Song of Praise

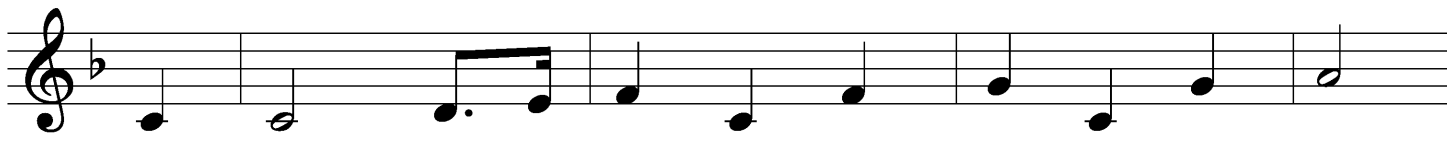
627 To God Be the Glory



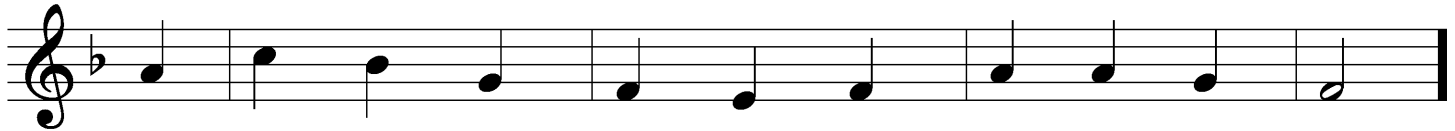
1 To God be the glo - ry, great things he has done!
2 Great things he has taught us, great things he has done,



So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
and great our re - joic - ing through Je - sus the Son,



who yield - ed his life an a - tone - ment for sin
but pur - er and high - er and great - er will be



and o - pened the life - gate that all may go in.
our joy and our won - der when Je - sus we see.

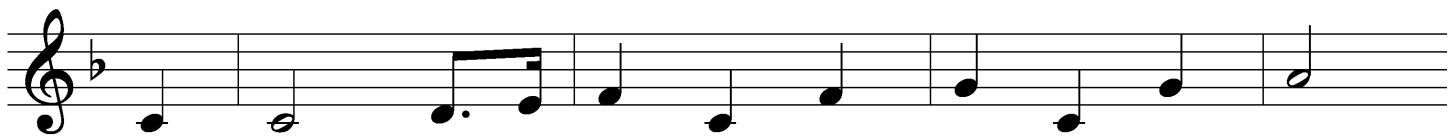
Refrain



Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the earth hear his voice!



Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the peo - ple re - joice!



O come to the Fa - ther through Je - sus the Son



and give him the glo - ry, great things he has done!

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Tune: William H. Doane, 1832–1915

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Prayer of the Day

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

¹In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach ²until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen. ³After 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. ⁴On 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. ⁵For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.”

⁶Then they gathered around him and asked him, “Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?”

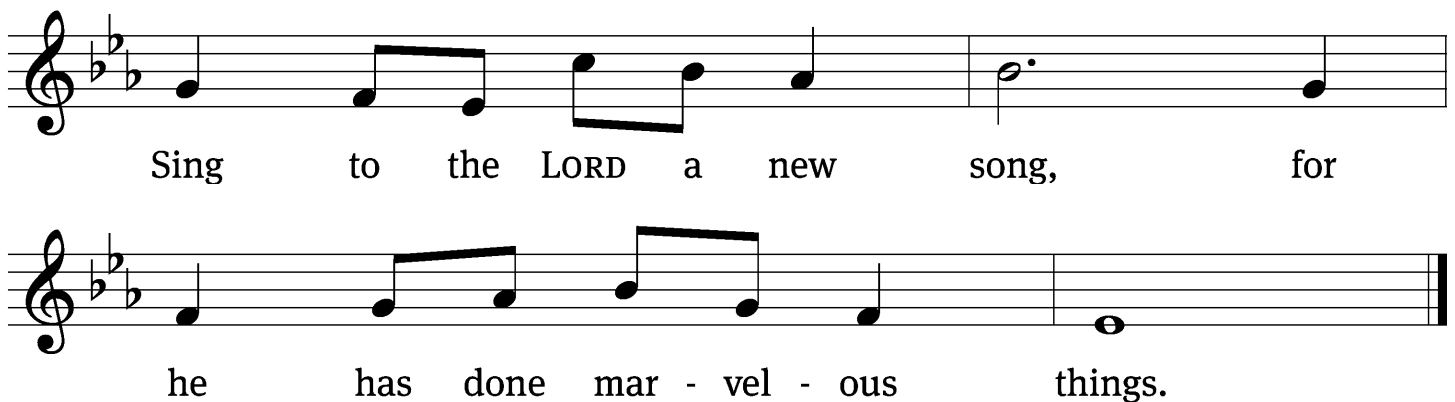
⁷He said to them: “It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

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

¹⁰They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. ¹¹“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.”

Psalm 47

Refrain



Sing to the LORD a new song, for
he has done mar - vel - ous things.

Clap your hands, all you nations;
shout to God with cries of joy.

For the LORD Most High is awesome,
the great King over all the earth.

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

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.**

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Second Reading

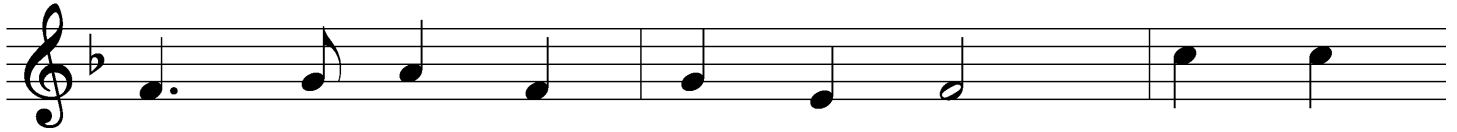
Ephesians 1:15–23

¹⁵For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all God's people, ¹⁶I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. ¹⁷I 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. ¹⁸I 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, ¹⁹and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength ²⁰he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, ²¹far 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. ²²And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

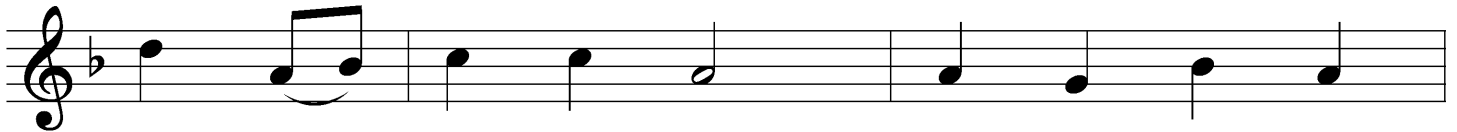
Children's Message

474 Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise

sts. 1-4



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.

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Tune: adapt. Richard Redhead, 1820-1901; Pierre de Corbeille, d. 1221

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Sermon

Luke 24:44-53

⁴⁴He 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."

⁴⁵Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. ⁴⁶He told them, "This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹I 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."

⁵⁰When he had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, he lifted up his hands and blessed them. ⁵¹While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up

into heaven. ⁵²Then they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy.
⁵³And they stayed continually at the temple, praising God.

742 On Galilee's High Mountain



1 On Gal - i - lee's high moun - tain Christ gave the great com -
2 The Lord, who, born of Mar - y, came down as man and
3 His strength with - in my weak - ness will make me bold to
4 And not a - lone to na - tions in far - a - way re -
5 Lord, gath - er all your chil - dren, wher - ev - er they may



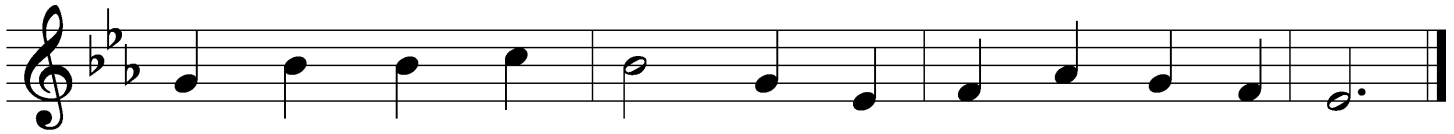
mand in words of strength and prom - ise which
died, who preached to all who lis - tened, for
say how his re - deem - ing pow - er trans -
treats, but ev - 'ry - where I broad - cast his
be, and lead them on to heav - en to



all can un - der - stand: "All pow'r to me is
us was cru - ci - fied. This Lord, our liv - ing
forms my stub - born clay. His touch of fire ig -
love through crowd - ed streets. The lives that my life
live e - ter - nal - ly with you, our lov - ing



giv - en to do what I shall choose; there -
broth - er, in pow'r at God's right hand has
nites me, with cour - age I am sent, my
touch - es, how - ev - er great or small— let
Fa - ther, and Christ, our broth - er dear, whose



fore I send my chil - dren, their wit - ness I will use.”
cho - sen us to car - ry his truth to ev - 'ry land.
tongue-tied si - lence bro - ken, with grace made el - o - quent.
them through me see Je - sus, who served and saved us all.
Spir - it guards and gives us the joy to per - se - vere.

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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

Prayer of the Church

Spoken by Pastor

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.**

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

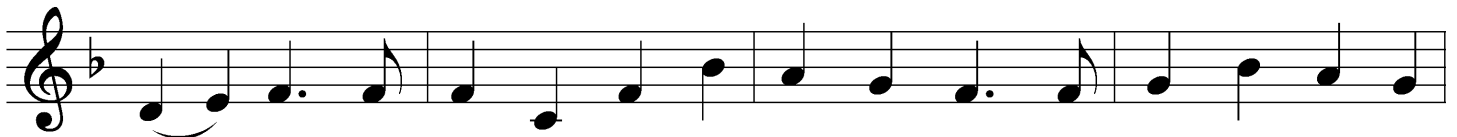
The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.

Amen.

476 On Christ's Ascension I Now Build



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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