

VESPERS

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

LITURGY OF THE HOURS / EVENING PRAYER II



*Please stand and make the Sign of the Cross as priest (or cantor) intones
 “O God, come to my assistance.” Bow at “Glory to the Father...Holy
 Spirit”*

O God, come to my assis-tance. O Lord, make haste to help
 me. Glo-ry to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly Spi-rit:
 as it was in the be-ginning, is now, and will be for e-ver. Amen.
 Alle- lu- ia.

The musical notation consists of four staves. The first staff begins with a large 'O' and contains the melody for 'God, come to my assistance. O Lord, make haste to help'. The second staff continues the melody for 'me. Glo-ry to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly Spi-rit:'. The third staff continues the melody for 'as it was in the be-ginning, is now, and will be for e-ver. Amen.'. The fourth staff begins with the melody for 'Alle- lu- ia.' and ends with a double bar line.

**While the Divine Office may be sung, this prayer may be simply recited.
 A video will be posted on our website: www.StJohnCatholicMcLean.org (click on
 WORSHIP THE LORD, then DIVINE OFFICE) Contact James Senson, Director of
 Music, for any questions: JSenson@StJohnCatholicMcLean.org*

HYMN

O Christ, Our Hope *Saint Michael Hymnal, #647*

O Christ, our hope, our hearts' desire,
Redemption's only spring;
Creator of the world art thou,
Its Savior and its King.

How vast the mercy and the love
Which laid our sins on thee,
And led thee to the cross to die
To set thy people free.

But now the bands of death are burst,
The ransom has been paid;
And thou art on thy Father's throne
In majesty arrayed.

O may thy mighty love prevail
Our sinful souls to spare,
O may we come before thy throne
And find acceptance there.

Christ Jesus, be our present joy,
Our future great reward;
Our only glory may it be
To glory in the Lord.

All praise to thee, ascended Lord;
All glory ever be
To Father, Son and Holy Ghost
Through all eternity.

PSALMODY

Psalm verses are sung antiphonally between the cantor (I) and all (II).

ANTIPHON 1



He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right



hand of the Father, al-le-lu-ia.

PSALM 110:1-5,7



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- I *The LORD's* revelation to my Master; | “Sit on my right: *
 your foes I will | put beneath *your feet.*”
- II The LORD will wield from Zion your | scepter of power: *
 rule in the | midst of all *your foes.*
- I A prince from the day of your † birth
 on the | holy mountains; *
 from the womb before the dawn | I begot *you.*
- II The LORD has sworn an oath he will not † change
 “You are a | priest for ever, *
 A priest like Mel- | chizedek *of old.*”
- I The Master standing | at your right hand *
 will shatter kings in the | day of his *great wrath.*

II He shall drink from the | stream *by* the wayside. *
and therefore he shall | lift up his head.

Bow at "Glory to the Father.... Holy Spirit."

I Glory to the | Fa-*ther*, and to the Son, *
and to the | Holy Spi-rit:

II as it was in the be- | ginning, is now, *
and will be for- | ever. A-men.



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ANTIPHON 2



G od ascends to shouts of joy, the Lord to the blast



of trumpets, al-le-lu-ia.

PSALM 47

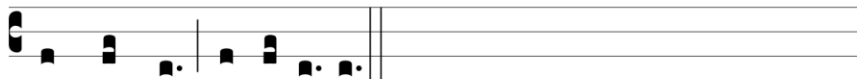


- I All *peo*-ples, | clap *your* hands, *
cry to | God with shouts *of* joy!
- II For the LORD, the Most High, we | must fear, *
great king | over all *the* earth.
- I He subdues peoples | *un-der* us *
and nations | under our feet.
- II Our inheritance, our glory, is | from him, *
given to | Jacob out *of* love.
- I God goes up with | shouts *of* joy; *
the LORD goes up | with trumpet blast.
- II Sing praise for God, | sing praise, *
sing praise | to our king, *sing* praise.
- I God is king of | all *the* earth. *
Sing | praise with all *your* skill.
- II God is king over the | nations; *
God reigns | on his *ho-ly* throne.
- I The princes of the peoples are as- | sembled *
with the people of | Abraham's God.
- II The rulers of the earth be- | long *to* God, *
to God who | reigns over all.
- I Glory to the Father, and | to *the* Son, *
and to the | Holy Spirit:
- II as it was in the beginning, | is now, *
and will be for- | ever. Amen.

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ANTIPHON 3



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has been glo-ri-fied in him, al-le-lu-ia.

CANTICLE: REVELATION 11:17-18;12:10B-12A



I We praise you, the LORD | God Almighty, *
who | is and who was.

II You have as- | sumed your great pow-er, *
you | have be-gun your reign.

I The nations have | raged in anger, *
but then | came your day of wrath

II and the | mo-ment to judge the dead: *
the time to reward your ser- | vants the pro-phets.

I and the holy | ones who revere you, *

the | great and small a-like.

II Now have salvation and power | come, †
the reign of our God and | the author-*i*-ty *
of | his A-noin-ted One.

I For the accuser of our | bro-*thers* is cast out, *
who night and day accused | them be-fore God.

II They defeated him by the blood of the | Lamb †
and by the word of their | testimony; *
love for life did not de- | ter them from death.

I So re- | joice, you heavens, *
and | you that dwell there-in!

II Glory to the | *Father*, and to *the* Son, *
and to the | Holy Spir-it:

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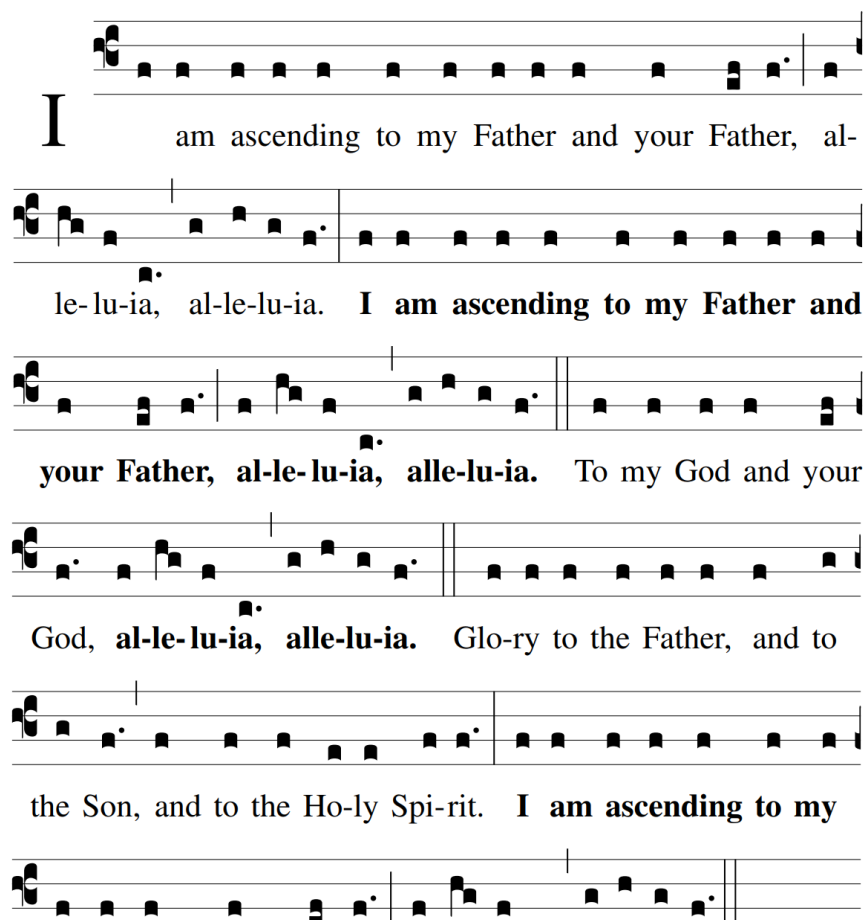
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READING

1 Peter 3:18,22

The reason why Christ died for sins once for all, the just man for the sake of the unjust, was that he might lead us to God. He was put to death insofar as fleshly existence goes, but was given life in the realm of the spirit. He went to heaven and is at God's right hand, with angelic rulers and powers subjected to him.

RESPONSORY



I am ascending to my Father and your Father, al-
le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. **I am ascending to my Father and**
your Father, al-le-lu-ia, alle-lu-ia. To my God and your
God, al-le-lu-ia, alle-lu-ia. Glo-ry to the Father, and to
the Son, and to the Ho-ly Spi-rit. **I am ascending to my**
Father and your Father, al-le-lu-ia, alle-lu-ia.

Please stand.

MAGNIFICAT

Luke 1:46-55

ANTIPHON: CANTICLE OF MARY

O Victor King, Lord of power and might, today you
have ascen-ded in glo-ry a-bove the hea-vens. Do not leave
us orphans, but send us the Fa-ther's promised gift, the
Spi-rit of truth, al-le-lu-ia.

Make the Sign of the Cross as all sing "My soul proclaims the greatness of the LORD."



*all: My soul proclaims the greatness | of the LORD. **
my spirit rejoices in | God my Savior.

*For he has looked with favor on his lowly | servant. **
From this day all generations will | call me blessed:

*The Al-mighty has done great | things for me, **
and | Holy is *his* Name.

*He has mercy on those who | fear him **
in every | generation.

*He has shown the strength | of his arm, **
He has scattered the | proud in their *con*-ceit.

*He has cast down the mighty | from their thrones, **
and has lifted | up the lowly.

*He has filled the hungry with | good things, **
and the rich he has sent | away empty.

*He has come to the help of his servant | Is-ra-el **
for he has remembered his pro- | mise of mercy,

*The pro-mise he made to our | fathers, **
to Abraham and his chil- | dren for ever.

*Glory to the Father, and | to the Son, **
and to the | Holy Spirit:

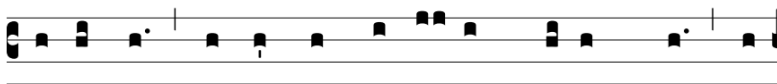
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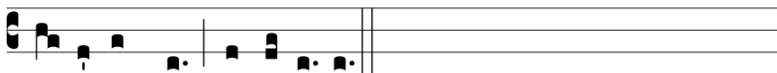
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INTERCESSIONS

In joy of spirit let us acclaim Christ, who sits at the right hand of the Father:



Lord Jesus, you are the King of glo-ry.

King of glory, you took with you our frail humanity to be glorified in heaven; remove the sins of the world,
—and restore us to the innocence which was ours before the Fall.

Lord Jesus, you are the King of glory.

You came down from heaven on a pilgrimage of love,
—grant that we may take the same path to your presence.

Lord Jesus, you are the King of glory.

You promised to draw all things to yourself,
—do not allow any one of us to be separated from your body.

Lord Jesus, you are the King of glory.

Where you have gone before us in glory,
—may we follow you in mind and heart.

Lord Jesus, you are the King of glory.

True God, we await your coming as our judge,
—may we see the vision of your glory and your mercy in company with all the dead.

Lord Jesus, you are the King of glory.

OUR FATHER

O ur Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy
Name. Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it
is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us
our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but de-liv-er us from e-vil.

PRAYER

God our Father,
make us joyful in the ascension of your Son Jesus Christ.
May we follow him into the new creation,
for his ascension is our glory and our hope.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

DISMISSAL

May the LORD bless us, *(make the Sign of the Cross)*
protect us from all evil
and bring us to everlasting life.
Amen.

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Ascension – Giotto, 14th Century
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