

The Ascension of Our Lord

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# Confession and Absolution

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## A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing

Acts 1: 11

Hymnum canamus gloriae

The Venerable Bede, 1735

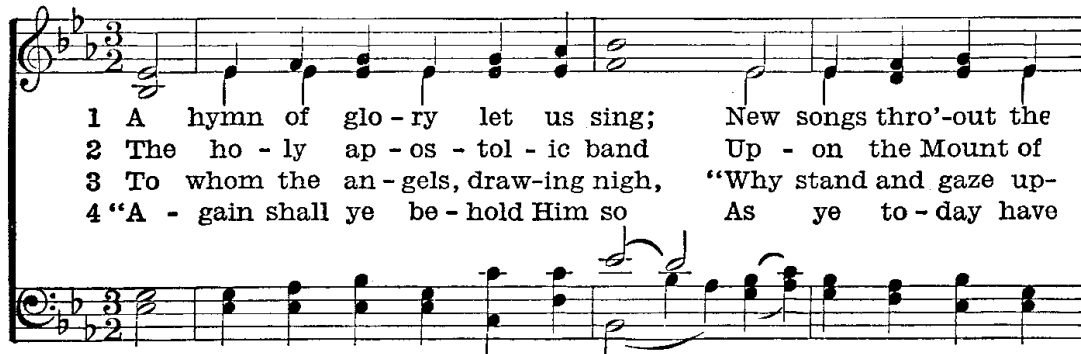
Tr., Benjamin Webb, 1854, alt.

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Lasst uns erfreuen

"Geistliche Kirchengesäng"

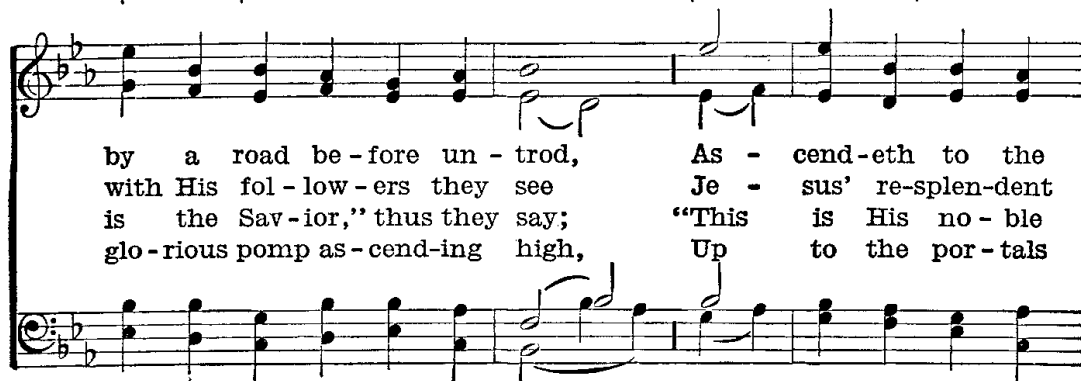
Cologne, 1623



1 A hymn of glo - ry let us sing; New songs thro'-out the  
2 The ho - ly ap - os - tol - ic band Up - on the Mount of  
3 To whom the an - gels, draw - ing nigh, "Why stand and gaze up -  
4 "A - gain shall ye be - hold Him so As ye to - day have



world shall ring: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ,  
Ol - ives stand; Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! And  
on the sky? Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! This  
seen Him go, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! In



by a road be - fore un - trod, As - cend - eth to the  
with His fol - low - ers they see Je - sus' re - splen - dent  
is the Sav - ior," thus they say; "This is His no - ble  
glo - rious pomp as - cend - ing high, Up to the por - tals



throne of God. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
maj - es - ty. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
tri - umph - day. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
of the sky." Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

## A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! A - men.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two staves, a treble clef on the top and a bass clef on the bottom. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is written in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! A - men.' are written below the treble staff.

- 5 Oh, grant us thitherward to tend  
And with unwearied hearts ascend—Alleluia!  
Unto Thy kingdom's throne, where Thou,  
As is our faith, art seated now.—Alleluia!
- 6 Be Thou our Joy and strong Defense,  
Who art our future Recompense:—Alleluia!  
So shall the light that springs from Thee  
Be ours through all eternity.—Alleluia!
- 7 O risen Christ, ascended Lord,  
All praise to Thee let earth accord,—Alleluia!  
Who art, while endless ages run,  
With Father and with Spirit One.—Alleluia!

*Stand*

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.
- P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
**C** who made heaven and earth.  
**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,  
**C** and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

*Kneel/Stand*

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

- P** O almighty God, merciful Father,  
**C** I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.
- P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my

Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

Stand

## Service of the Word

Introit

*Psalm 47:1–2, 5, 8; antiphon: Acts 1:11*



Men of | Galilee,\*

why do you stand looking into heaven? Alle- | luia.

**This Jesus, who was taken up from you into | heaven,\***

**will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven. Alle- | luia.**

Clap your hands, all | peoples!\*

Shout to God with loud | songs of joy!

**For the LORD, the Most High, is | to be feared,\***

**a great king over | all the earth.**

God has gone up | with a shout,\*

the LORD with the sound of a | trumpet.

**God reigns over the | nations;\***

**God sits on his | holy throne.**

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\***

**and to the Holy | Spirit;**

**as it was in the be- | ginning,\***

**is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

Men of | Galilee,\*

why do you stand looking into heaven? Alle- | luia.

**This Jesus, who was taken up from you into | heaven,\***

**will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven. Alle- | luia.**

Kyrie

*LSB 186*



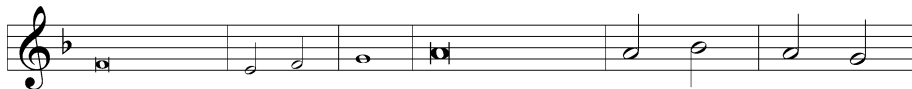
**C** Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Gloria in Excelsis

*LSB 187*



**P** Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward



men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.

O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.

O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-

on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,

art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

### Salutation and Collect of the Day



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.



**P** Let us pray.

**P** Almighty God, as Your only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, ascended into the heavens, so may we also ascend in heart and mind and continually dwell there with Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Sit

## Old Testament Reading

2 Kings 2:5–15

<sup>5</sup>The sons of the prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha and said to him, “Do you know that today the LORD will take away your master from over you?” And he answered, “Yes, I know it; keep quiet.”

<sup>6</sup>Then Elijah said to him, “Please stay here, for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan.” But he said, “As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So the two of them went on.

<sup>7</sup>Fifty men of the sons of the prophets also went and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. <sup>8</sup>Then Elijah took his cloak and rolled it up and struck the water, and the water was parted to the one side and to the other, till the two of them could go over on dry ground.

<sup>9</sup>When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, “Ask what I shall do for you, before I am taken from you.” And Elisha said, “Please let there be a double portion of your spirit on me.” <sup>10</sup>And he said, “You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it shall be so for you, but if you do not see me, it shall not be so.” <sup>11</sup>And as they still went on and talked, behold, chariots of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them. And Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven. <sup>12</sup>And Elisha saw it and he cried, “My father, my father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!” And he saw him no more.

Then he took hold of his own clothes and tore them in two pieces. <sup>13</sup>And he took up the cloak of Elijah that had fallen from him and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan. <sup>14</sup>Then he took the cloak of Elijah that had fallen from him and struck the water, saying, “Where is the LORD, the God of Elijah?” And when he had struck the water, the water was parted to the one side and to the other, and Elisha went over.

<sup>15</sup>Now when the sons of the prophets who were at Jericho saw him opposite them, they said, “The spirit of Elijah rests on Elisha.” And they came to meet him and bowed to the ground before him.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Second Reading

Acts 1:1–11

<sup>1</sup>In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, <sup>2</sup>until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. <sup>3</sup>To them he presented himself alive after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.

<sup>4</sup>And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, “you heard from me; <sup>5</sup>for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

<sup>6</sup>So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” <sup>7</sup>He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. <sup>8</sup>But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” <sup>9</sup>And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup>And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men

stood by them in white robes, <sup>11</sup>and said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

### Alleluia

*LSB 190*



**C** Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

### Verse

*Psalms 47:5; 68:18a*

Alleluia. God has gone up with a shout, the LORD with the sound of a trumpet. Alleluia. You ascended on high, leading a host of captives in your train. Alleluia.

### Holy Gospel

*Luke 24:44–53*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.



**C** Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>44</sup>Then [Jesus] said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.” <sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, <sup>46</sup>and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, <sup>47</sup>and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup>And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.”

<sup>50</sup>Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. <sup>51</sup>While he blessed them, he parted from them and was carried up into heaven. <sup>52</sup>And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, <sup>53</sup>and were continually in the temple blessing God.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

**☩** I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life ✝ of the world to come. Amen.

# Draw Us to Thee

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Solomon's Song 1: 4  
Zeuch uns nach dir  
Friedrich Funcke, 1686  
Tr., August Crull, †1923

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Ach Gott und Herr  
"Andachts-Zymbeln"  
Freyberg, 1655

1 Draw us to Thee, For then shall we Walk in Thy  
2 Draw us to Thee, Lord, lov - ing - ly; Let us de-  
3 Draw us to Thee; Oh, grant that we May walk the

steps for - ev - er And hast - en on Where Thou art  
part with glad - ness That we may be For - ev - er  
road to heav - en! Di - rect our way Lest we should

gone To be with Thee, dear Sav - ior.  
free From sor - row, grief, and sad - ness.  
stray And from Thy paths be driv - en. A - men.

4 Draw us to Thee  
That also we  
Thy heavenly bliss inherit  
And ever dwell  
Where sin and hell  
No more can vex our spirit.

5 Draw us to Thee  
Unceasingly,  
Into Thy kingdom take us;  
Let us fore'er  
Thy glory share,  
Thy saints and joint heirs make us.

## Sermon

- P** The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.  
**C** Amen.

Stand

## 548 Thanks to Thee, O Christ, Victorious



1 Thanks to Thee, O Christ, vic - to - rious! Thanks to Thee, O  
2 Thou hast died for my trans - gres - sion, All my sins on  
3 For the joy Thine ad - vent gave me, For Thy ho - ly,



Lord of Life! Death hath now no pow - er o'er us,  
Thee were laid; Thou hast won for me sal - va - tion,  
pre - cious Word; For Thy Bap - tism, which doth save me,



Thou hast con-quired in the strife. Thanks be - cause Thou didst a -  
On the cross my debt was paid. From the grave I shall a -  
For Thy blest Com - mu - nion board; For Thy death, the bit - ter



rise And hast o - pened par - a - dise! None can ful - ly  
rise And shall meet Thee in the skies. Death it - self is  
scorn, For Thy res - ur - rec - tion morn, Lord, I thank Thee



sing the glo - ry Of the res - ur - rec - tion sto - ry.  
tran - si - to - ry; I shall lift my head in glo - ry.  
and ex - tol Thee, And in heav'n I shall be - hold Thee.

Text: Thomas Hansen Kingo, 1634-1703; tr. George A. T. Rygh, 1860-1942  
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*Sit*

### Offering

*Stand*

### Prayer of the Church

#### Lord's Prayer:

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Our 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 deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

#### Collect for the Word:

Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your Holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**Blessing:**

**The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us.  
Amen.**

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