

Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ

DIVINE LITURGY

FIRST ANTIPHON

Clap your hands, all you nations;* shout to God with the voice of joy.

Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Saviour, save, us.

For the Lord most high is awesome,* a great king of all the earth.

Through the prayers...

He has subdued peoples to us,* and nations under our feet.

Through the prayers...

God ascended amid shouts of joy;* the Lord at the sound of the trumpet.

Through the prayers...

Glory... Now... Only-Begotten Son...

THIRD ANTIPHON

Hear these things all you nations, give ear, all inhabitants of the world.

Troparion, Tone 4 - You ascended in glory, O Christ our God,* giving joy to Your disciples by the promise of the Holy Spirit,* and assuring them through your blessing* that You are the Son of God,* the Redeemer of the world.

Both lowly-born and offspring of the privileged, rich and poor alike.

Troparion, Tone 4 - You ascended in glory, O Christ our God,* giving joy to Your disciples by the promise of the Holy Spirit,* and assuring them through your blessing* that You are the Son of God,* the Redeemer of the world.

My mouth shall speak wisdom and the meditation of my heart understanding.

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ENTRANCE VERSE

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Glory... Now...

Kontakion, Tone 6 When you had fulfilled Your plan for us* and united things on earth with those in heaven,* You ascended in glory, O Christ our God,* in no way distant, but remaining in separable,* You cried to those who love You:* I am with You and there is none against you.

PROKEIMENON, TONE 7

Be exalted, O God, above the heavens;* above all the earth be Your glory.

verse: My heart is ready, O God, my heart is ready. I will sing and make music in my glory.

EPISTLE (*Acts 1:1-12*)

ALLELUIA, TONE 2

verse: God ascended amid shouts of joy; the Lord at the sound of the trumpet.

verse: Clap your hands, all you nations; shout to God with the voice of joy.

GOSPEL (*Luke 24: 36-53*)

INSTEAD OF IT IS TRULY RIGHT...

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

O Mother of God,* you transcended both mind and word,* and in time, ineffably bore the Timeless

One:* it is you who, with one accord,* we, the faithful, magnify.

COMMUNION VERSE God ascended amid shouts of joy; the Lord at the sound of the trumpet.

Alleluia (3)

Instead of *We have seen the true light and Let our mouths be filled we sing:* Be exalted, O God, above the heavens, above all the earth be Your glory.