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The Ascension Message:.....Luke 24:44-53

(44) Then He said to them, "These *are* the words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things must be fulfilled which were written in the Law of Moses and *the* Prophets and *the* Psalms concerning Me." (45) And He opened their understanding, that they might comprehend the Scriptures. (46) Then He said to them, "Thus it is written, and thus it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day, (47) "and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. (48) "And you are witnesses of these things. (49) "Behold, I send the Promise of My Father upon you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high." (50) And He led them out as far as Bethany, and He lifted up His hands and blessed them. (51) Now it came to pass, while He blessed them, that He was parted from them and carried up into heaven. (52) And they worshiped Him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, (53) and were continually in the temple praising and blessing God. Amen.

The A, B, C's of Christ's Victory: Ascension, Blessing, Commission

Hymn:.....TLH 213: Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise

Offering, Prayers, Benediction:

Hymn:.....WS 796: The Day Is Ended



1. The day You gave us, Lord, is end - ed;
 2. We thank You that Your Church, un - sleep - ing
 3. As o - ver con - ti - nent and is - land
 4. So be it, Lord; Your throne shall nev - er,



The dark - ness falls at Your re - quest.
 While earth rolls on - ward in - to light,
 Each dawn leads to a - noth - er day,
 Like earth's proud king - doms, pass a - way.



To You our morn - ing hymns as - cend - ed;
 Through all the world her watch is keep - ing
 The voice of prayer is nev - er si - lent,
 Your king - dom stands and grows for - ev - er



Your praise shall sanc - ti - fy our rest.
 And nev - er rests by day or night.
 Nor do the prais - es die a - way.
 Un - til there dawns Your glo - rious day.



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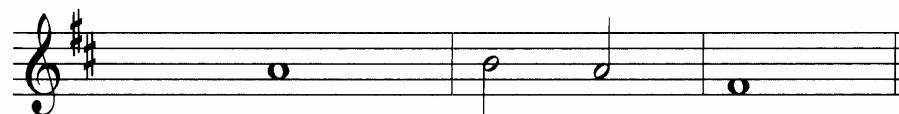
† The ORDER OF ASCENSION WORSHIP †

Entrance:.....WS 738, st. 1: Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

Hymn:.....TLH 221: Hark! Ten Thousand Harps and Voices

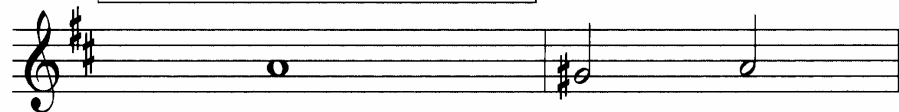
Opening Liturgy:.....TLH, p. 32 ff., The ORDER OF MASSES

P: O Lord, open Thou my lips.

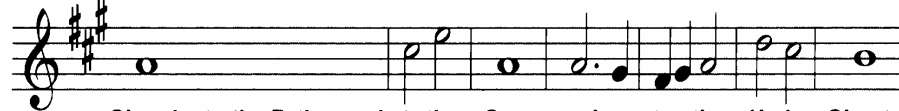


C: And my mouth shall show forth Thy praise.

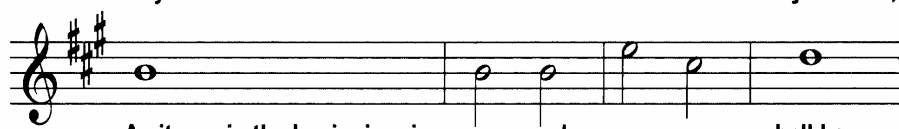
P: Make haste, O God, to deliver me.



C: Make haste to help me, O Lord.



Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;

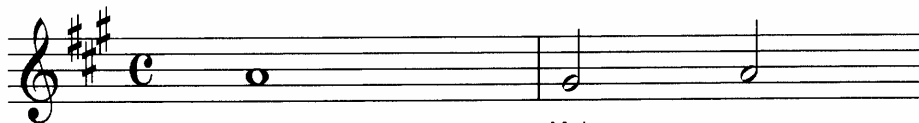


As it was in the beginning, is now, and ev - er shall be,



world with-out end. A - men. Hal-le - lu - jah!

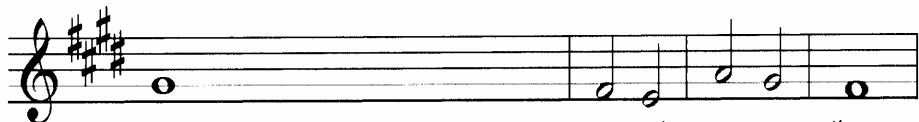
P: Oh, come, let us worship the Lord:



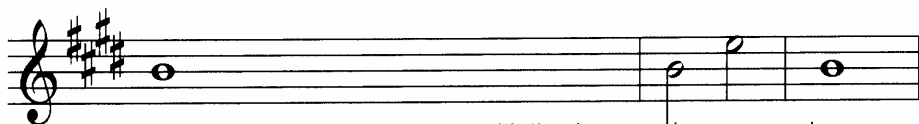
C: For He is our Mak - er.



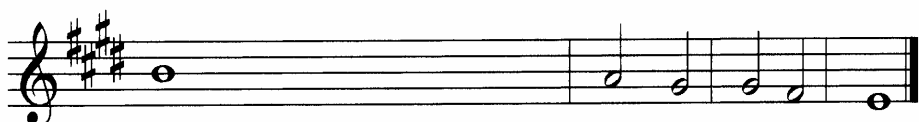
1. Oh, come, let us sing unto the Lord:
2. For the Lord is a great God:
3. The sea is His, and He made it:
5. Glory be to the Father and to the Son:



1. let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of our sal - va - tion.
2. and a great King a - bove all gods.
3. and His hands form-ed the dry land.
5. and to the Ho - ly Ghost;



1. Let us come before His presence with thanks - giv - ing:
2. In His hand are the deep places of the earth:
3. Oh, come, let us worship and bow down:
4. For He is our God:
5. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,



1. and make a joyful noise unto Him with psalms.
2. the strength of the hills is His al - so.
3. let us kneel before the Lord, our Mak - er.
4. and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.
5. world with - out end. A - men.

Responsive Psalm:.....Psalm 47

P: Oh, clap your hands, all you peoples!

C: Shout to God with the voice of triumph!

P: For the LORD Most High is awesome;

C: He is a great King over all the earth.

P: He will subdue the peoples under us,

C: And the nations under our feet.

P: He will choose our inheritance for us,

C: The excellence of Jacob whom He loves.

P: God has gone up with a shout,

C: The LORD with the sound of a trumpet.

P: Sing praises to God, sing praises!

C: Sing praises to our King, sing praises!

P: For God is the King of all the earth;

C: Sing praises with understanding.

P: God reigns over the nations;

C: God sits on His holy throne.

P: The princes of the people have gathered together, The people of the God of Abraham.

C: For the shields of the earth belong to God; He is greatly exalted.



First Reading:.....Acts 1:1-11

Jesus ascends into heavenly glory.

Second Reading:.....Ephesians 1:16-23

God's Son is exalted above all things, giving us great hope.

Choir:.....US 737: Up Through Countless Ranks of Angels

Ascension Creed:.....Article 3, Augsburg Confession

I believe that God the Son became man, born of the virgin Mary, and the two natures, divine and human, are so inseparably united in one person that there is one Christ, true God and true man, who was truly born, suffered, was crucified, died, and was buried in order to be a sacrifice not only for original sin but also for all other sins and to propitiate God's wrath. The same Christ also descended into hell, truly rose from the dead on the third day, ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of God, that He may eternally rule and have dominion over all creatures, that through the Holy Spirit he may sanctify, purify, strengthen, and comfort all who believe in Him, that He may bestow on them life and every grace and blessing, and that He may protect and defend them against the devil and against sin. The same Lord Jesus Christ will return openly to judge the living and the dead, as stated in the Apostolic Creed.

Hymn:.....TLH 223: We Thank Thee, Jesus, Dearest Friend