

ORDER OF CELEBRATION FOR

# The Ascension of the Lord

## The Introductory Rites

PRELUDE

“Alléluias sereins d’une âme qui désire le ciel” from *L’Ascension*  
“Serene alleluias from a soul longing for heaven” from *The Ascension*  
Olivier Messiaen (1908-1992)

ENTRANCE

*A Hymn of glory let us sing*  
LASST UNS ERFREUEN

1. A hymn of glo - ry let us sing! New hymns through - out  
2. The ho - ly ap - os - tol - ic band Up - on the Mount  
3. To whom the shin - ing an - gels cry, “Why stand and gaze

the world shall ring: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
of Ol - ives stand. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
up - on the sky?” Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Christ, by a road be - fore un - trod. As - cends un - to  
And with his faith - ful fol - l’wers see Their Lord as - cend  
“This is the Sav - ior!” Thus they say, “This is his glo -

the throne of God. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
in maj - es - ty. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
rious tri - umph day!” Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

GREETING

ENITENTIAL ACT

*St. James Mass for Peace*  
Herbolsheimer

1. & 3. Ky - - - ri - e e - le - i - son.

2. Chri - ste e - le - - - i - son.

GLORIA

*Congregational Mass*  
Lee

*Cantor:* *ALL:*

Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and on earth peace to peo - ple of good will.

We praise you, we bless you, we a - dore you,

we glo - ri - fy you, we give you thanks for your great glo - ry,

Lord God, heav'n-ly King, O God, al-might-y Fa - ther. Lord Je - sus Christ,

On - ly Be - got - ten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther,

you take a-way the sins of the world, have mer-cy on us. you take a-way the sins of the world,

re - ceive our prayer; you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther,

have mer-cy on us. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,

in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

COLLECT (OPENING PRAYER)

*The Liturgy of the Word*

FIRST READING

Acts 1:1-11

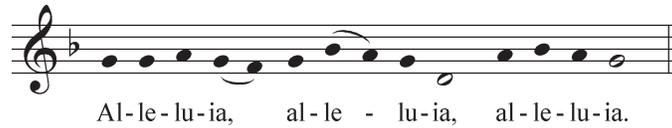
RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 47  
Schiaivone

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trum-pets for the Lord.

ALLELUIA

chant, *O filii et filiae*



GOSPEL

Matthew 28:16-20

HOMILY

**Archbishop Paul D. Etienne** (8:30am)  
**Father Michael G. Ryan** (10:30am)

PROFESSION OF FAITH (Apostles' Creed)

I believe in God,  
 the Father Almighty,  
 Creator of heaven and earth,  
 and 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;  
 on 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 Catholic Church,  
 the communion of Saints,  
 the forgiveness of sins,  
 the resurrection of the body,  
 and life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Berthier



*Lord, we ask you, hear our prayer.*

*The Liturgy of the Eucharist*

PREPARATION OF THE ALTAR AND THE GIFTS

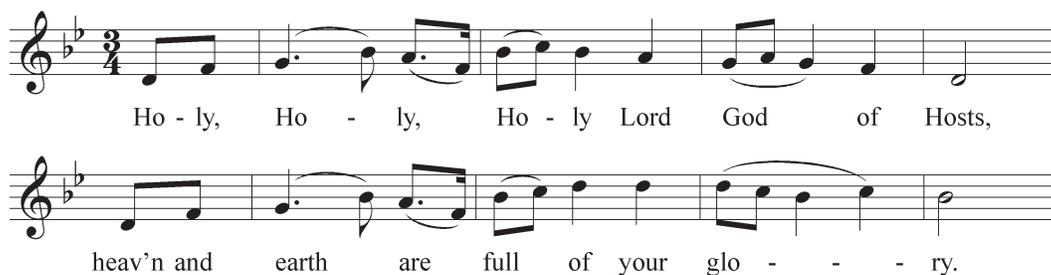
Offertory

*Behold now, praise the Lord*  
 William H. Harris (1883–1973)

Behold now, praise the Lord, all ye servants of the Lord;  
 Ye that by night stand in the house of the Lord, even in the courts of the house of our God.  
 Lift up your hands in the sanctuary, and praise the Lord.  
 The Lord that made heaven and earth give thee blessing out of Zion.

SANCTUS

*Compostela Mass*  
 Holst, adapt. Ryan



Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.  
 Blest is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
 Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - - - est.

MYSTERY OF FAITH

Holst, adapt. Ryan

We pro - claim your death, O Lord and pro - fess your res - sur -  
 rec - tion un - til you come, un - til you come a - gain.

AMEN

Holst, adapt. Ryan

A - men, a - men, a - - - - men.

LORD'S PRAYER

AGNUS DEI

Vatican XVIII

Cantor: *ALL:*  
*A-gnus De - i, \* qui tol-lis pec-ca-ta mun-di: 1, 2. mi-se-re-re no - bis. 3. do-na no-bis pa - cem.*

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER

**My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.  
 I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.  
 Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,  
 come at least spiritually into my heart.  
 I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.  
 Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.**

COMMUNION

All power has been given to me in heaven and on earth, alleluia;  
 go therefore and teach all the nations, baptizing them  
 in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, alleluia, alleluia.

*Data est mihi*  
 chant, Mode I

Communion

*The Lord ascendeth up on high*  
Michael Prætorius (1571–1621)

The Lord ascendeth up on high,  
The Lord hath triumphed gloriously,  
In power and might excelling;  
The grave and hell are captive led.  
Lo! he returns, our glorious Head,  
To his eternal dwelling.

Arthur T. Russell (1806–1874)

HYMN OF PRAISE

*Love divine, all loves excelling*  
HYFRYDOL



1. Hail the day that sees him rise Al - le - lu - ia!  
2. There for him high tri - umph waits; Al - le - lu - ia!  
3. High - est heav'n its Lord re - ceives, Al - le - lu - ia!



To his throne a - bove the skies; Al - le - lu - ia!  
Lift your heads, e - ter - nal gates; Al - le - lu - ia!  
Yet he loves the earth he leaves; Al - le - lu - ia!



Christ, a - while to mor - tals given, Al - le - lu - ia!  
He has con - quered death and sin; Al - le - lu - ia!  
Though re - turn - ing to his throne, Al - le - lu - ia!



Re - as - cends his na - tive heaven. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Take the King of glo - ry in. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Still he calls the world his own. Al - le - lu - ia!

## BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

### VOTIVE ANTIPHON TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

*Regina celi*  
chant

Re - gi - na cæ - li læ - tá - re, al - le - lu - ia,  
*O Queen of hea - ven, be joy - ful, al - le - lu - ia,*

Qui - a quem me - ru - í - sti por - tá - re, al - le - lu - ia,  
*For he whom you have hum - bly borne for us, al - le - lu - ia,*

Re - sur - ré - xit, si - cut di - xit, al - le - lu - ia:  
*Has a - ris - en, as he pro - mised, al - le - lu - ia:*

O - ra pro no - bis De - um, al - le - lu - ia.  
*Of - fer now our prayer to God, al - le - lu - ia.*

### POSTLUDE

“Transports de joie d’une âme devant la gloire du Christ qui est la sienne”  
“Outburst of joy from a soul before the Glory of Christ which is its own glory”  
from *L’Ascension* — The Ascension  
Olivier Messiaen (1908-1992)

*Music Notes:* Olivier Messiaen was arguably the most important composer in 20th century France, if certainly the most individual voice. He wrote a large number of works for orchestra, piano, and organ. A fervent Catholic, he was organist of the Church of the Trinity (La Trinité) in Paris from 1931 until his death sixty-one years later. *L’Ascension* was originally written as a four movement work for orchestra in 1933; a year later, Messiaen adapted it for organ, discarding the original third movement and replacing it with a completely new piece (“Transports de joie”).