

Hymns and Readings for Thursday 2nd June 2022

The Ascension of Our Lord and God and Saviour Jesus Christ

FIRST ANTIPHON

[Green Book page 100]

Clap your hands all ye peoples. Shout to God with loud songs of joy.

Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Saviour, save us!

For the Lord, the Most High is terrible; a great God over all the earth.

Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Saviour, save us!

He subdued peoples under us, and nations under our feet.

Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Saviour, save us!

God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet!

Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Saviour, save us!

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Saviour, save us!

SECOND ANTIPHON

[Green Book page 101]

Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised in the city of our God.

O Son of God, Who ascended in glory, save us who sing to Thee: Alleluia!

Mount Zion in the far north, the city of the Great King.

O Son of God, Who ascended in glory, save us who sing to Thee: Alleluia!

Within her citadels God is known when He defends her.

O Son of God, Who ascended in glory, save us who sing to Thee: Alleluia!

For lo, the kings assembled; they came on together.

O Son of God, Who ascended in glory, save us who sing to Thee: Alleluia!

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

both now and ever and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

O only-begotten Son and Word of God. O Thou Who art Immortal, yet for our salvation didst deign to be incarnate of the holy Mother of God and Ever-Virgin Mary; and without change wast made man; Who also wast crucified for us; and by death didst overcome death: save us, O Christ, our God; one Person of the Holy Trinity, glorified together with the Father and the Holy Spirit.

THIRD ANTIPHON

Reader: Hear this, all peoples! Give ear, all inhabitants of the world!

Troparion - Tone 4

[Green Book page 103]

All: O Christ God Thou hast ascended in glory,
granting joy to Thy disciples by the promise of the Holy Spirit.
Through the blessing, they were assured
that Thou art the Son of God, //
the Redeemer of the world!

Reader: The earth-born and the sons of men, rich and poor together.

All: O Christ God Thou hast ascended in glory ...

Reader: My mouth shall speak wisdom; the meditation of my heart shall be understanding.

All: O Christ God Thou hast ascended in glory ...

Reader: I will incline my ear to a proverb; I will solve my riddle in psalmody.

All: O Christ God Thou hast ascended in glory ...

ENTRANCE HYMN

Reader: God has gone up with a shout; the Lord with the sound of a trumpet!

Choir: O come, let us worship and fall down before Christ. O Son of God, **Who rose in glory to the heavens**, save us who sing to Thee: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

TROPARION AND KONTAKION

Troparion - Tone 4

[Green Book page 103]

O Christ God Thou hast ascended in glory,
granting joy to Thy disciples by the promise of the Holy Spirit.
Through the blessing, they were assured
that Thou art the Son of God, //
the Redeemer of the world!

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
Both now and ever, and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

Kontakion - Tone 6

[Green Book page 103]

When Thou didst fulfil the dispensation for our sake,
and unite earth to heaven,
Thou didst ascend in glory, O Christ our God,
not being parted from those who love Thee,
but remaining with them and crying: //
"I am with you, and no one will be against you!"

PROKEIMENON

Reader: The Prokeimenon in the Seventh Tone.

Reader: Be Thou exalted, O God, above the heavens; and Thy glory over all the earth!

Choir: Be Thou exalted, O God, above the heavens; and Thy glory over all the earth!

Reader: My heart is steadfast, O God, my heart is steadfast. I will sing and make melody in my glory.

Choir: Be Thou exalted, O God, above the heavens; and Thy glory over all the earth!

Reader: Be Thou exalted, O God, above the heavens;

Choir: and Thy glory over all the earth!

EPISTLE

The Reading from the Acts of the Holy Apostles.

In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, until the day when He was taken up, after He had given commandment through the Holy Spirit to the Apostles whom He had chosen. To them He presented Himself alive after His passion by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days, and speaking of the kingdom of God. And while staying with them He charged them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, He said, "You heard from Me; for John baptized with water, but before many days you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit." So when they had come together, they asked Him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has fixed by His own authority. But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the end of the earth." And when He had said this, as they were looking on, He was lifted up, and a cloud took Him out of their sight. And while they were gazing into heaven as He went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, 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." Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. [Acts 1:1-12]

ALLELUIA

Reader: And to thy spirit. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Choir: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Reader: God has gone up with a shout; the Lord with the sound of a trumpet!

Choir: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Reader: Clap your hands all ye peoples. Shout to God with loud songs of joy.

Choir: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

At that time: After rising from the dead, Jesus Himself stood among His Disciples and said to them, "Peace be with you." But they were startled and frightened, and supposed that they saw a spirit. And He said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do questionings rise in your hearts? See My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself; handle Me, and see; for a spirit has not flesh and bones as you see that I have." When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His feet. And while they still disbelieved for joy, and wondered, He said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave Him a piece of broiled fish, and He took it and ate before them. Then He said to them, "These are My words which 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." Then He opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And behold, I send the promise of My Father upon you; but stay in the city, until you are clothed with power from on high." Then He led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up His hands He blessed them. While He blessed them, He parted from them, and was carried up into heaven. And they returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and were continually in the temple blessing God. [Luke 24:36-53]

THE ZADOSTOYNIK

[Green Book page 105]

Magnify, O my soul, Christ the Giver of Life,
Who has ascended from earth to heaven!
We magnify the Mother of God,
who beyond reason and understanding
gave birth in time to the Timeless One.

COMMUNION HYMNS

God has gone up with a shout; the Lord with the sound of a trumpet! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

AFTER COMMUNION

Instead of "We have seen the True Light...", we sing the Troparion of the Ascension.