

May 21, 2009

Lectionary Readings

Acts 1:1-11 Jesus tells the disciples about the coming of the Holy Spirit and then ascends to heaven before their eyes.
 Psalm 47 Sing praises to God, who rules over all nations of the earth.
 or
 Psalm 93 The Lord is king, and the Lord's decrees are everlasting and sure.
 Ephesians 1:15-23 Paul gives thanks for the Ephesians and prays for their wisdom.
 Luke 24:44-53 Jesus recounts the fulfillment of Scriptures to his disciples, and he is carried away to heaven.

Call to Worship

Over all times and places, Christ has dominion.
Over all other powers and rulers, Christ is the head.
 Over all times and circumstances, Christ is the master.
Over all that humankind can create, Christ's love reigns.
 Over all that humankind has ruined, Christ's power redeems.
Over our lives, Christ is the guide.
 Over our failures, Christ is the redeemer.
Over our faith, Christ is the living example.
 Together let us worship the living and risen Christ.

Hymns for the Day

	PH	EH	ELW	UMH	NCH	VU	STF	SNC	TFBF	HFTG
Hymns of Praise										
Peoples, Clap Your Hands!	194							156		
Hail Thee, Festival Day (Ascension)	120	216	394	324	262	163				
Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise		214		312	260	189				
Old Testament										
Alleluia! Sing to Jesus	144	460, 461	392		257				182	
Ride On, King Jesus										
Crown Him With Many Crowns	151	494	855	327	301	211				
Epistle										
A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing	141	217, 218	393		259					
Come Christians Join to Sing	150			158		345				
Eternal Light, Shine in My Heart	340	465, 466				629				
Gospel										
Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor	154	307	475		258					
The Head that Once Was Crowned	149	483	432	32		190				
With Thorns										
God Has Gone Up with Shouts of Joy!						771		154		
Lift Up Your Hearts, Believers										69
Communion										
All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly			461			460	2126			
Alleluia! Sing to Jesus	144	460, 461	392		257					
Sending										
Hail! Thou Once Despised Jesus!		495		325						
Rejoice! the Lord Is King	155	481	430	715	303	213				
O Holy City, Seen of John	453	582, 583		726	613	709				
Important Hymns from Other Sources										
Why Stare at Heaven's Distant Blue, Thomas Troeger, <i>Borrowed Light</i> , Oxford										

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Prayer of Confession

King Jesus, on this day we remember with joy that you ascended and took your throne at God's right hand.
Amazed, we stand looking up to heaven, unable to trust your promises of power through your Spirit.
Lord of glory, forgive us.
Open us to your Spirit's power and enable us to share the good news.

Psalm Settings

Psalm 47 Metrical
 "Clap your Hands, O Faithful People" PCW 60
 "Peoples, Clap your Hands!" PH 194
Responsorial
 "Clap your Hands, O Faithful People" TPP 47
 "God Has Gone Up" PP1 35
 "God Has Gone Up to Shouts of Joy" PRCL 98
 "God Mounts His Throne" PCY10 21

Psalm 93 Metrical

"God, our Lord, a King Remaining" PH 213
 "Sing we Praise to God, the King" PsP 109
 "The Lord is Clad in Majesty" PCW 108

Responsorial

"The Lord is King" LP 193, PRCL 183, PS2 94

Contemporary Songs

"Alleluia" Norah Duncan IV *There Is One Among Us*
 "He Is Exalted" Twila Paris *Cokesbury Chorus Book*
 "God Mounts His Throne" (Psalm 47) Marty Haugen *Gather Comprehensive*
 "God Is Here" David Haas GIA, G-6687
 "You Are the God of New Beginnings" John Bell *One Is the Body*
 "You Are Called to Tell the Story" Ruth Duck/Marty Haugen *Gather Comprehensive*
 "The Savior Leaves" John Bell/Graham Maule *Enemy of Apathy*

Ascension of the Lord

Global Songs

"Psalm 47" (Korea) CLUW 438
 "Jesús Es Mi Rey Soberano" (Mexico) PH 157
 "Order My Steps" AAHH 333

Anthems for Larger Choirs

"Viri Galilaei" William Byrd, OXF 193953412, SATB
 "God Is Gone Up" Gerald Finzi, BH CCS 39, SATB
 "Achieved Is the Glorious Work" F.J. Haydn, from *Creation*, WAL W-6001, SATB

Anthems for Smaller/Youth Choirs

"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today/Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise" Wolff, MSM (50-4400), SAB, opt. keyboard
 "Sing to the Lord" Nelson, MSM (AE014), SAB, organ
 "Up Through Endless Ranks of Angels" Cherwien, Aug (978-0-8006-5881-6), SAB, organ, opt. trumpet and congregation

Anthems for Children's Choirs

"A Hymn of Glory Let us Sing" PH 141
 "Peoples, Clap Your Hands!" PH 194

Handbell Music

"Hail Thee, Festival Day" Valerie Stephenson, CGB488, 3-6 oct., opt. organ/trumpet/congr. and/or 3-5 oct. hand chimes, (L3+)
 "Diademata Festal" Bill Ingram, JHS9367/JHS9368, 2-3/3-5 oct., (L3-)
 "Ascension" Kevin McChesney, RW8188, 3-5 oct., with piano, (L3)

Organ Music

"Our Lord Ascended Up to Heaven" *Folk Hymn Sketches for Organ*, Emma Lou Diemer, SMP (E-M)
 "Christ's Ascension" Dan Locklair, *Windows of Comfort, Organbook II*, ECK (D)
 "On Christ's Ascension I Now Build" Max Reger, *Chorale Preludes for the Church Year*, Op. 67, Carl Fischer (E-M)
 "Partita on Mit freuden zart" Gerhard Krapf, CPH (E-M)