

## Evening Prayer – Ascension I

O God come to our aid.

O Lord make haste to help us.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

### Hymn

The Lord goes up with shouts of joy,  
While trumpets all his triumph tell;  
With him humanity is raised  
Above angelic worlds to dwell.

He sits with God at his right hand,  
Who is the Lord of everything;  
The Father's glory is his own:  
Christ Jesus, all creation's king.

And when he comes again in might  
to raise us on that splendid day  
we shall be gathered up to him,  
And every tear be wiped away.

O God, our Father, hear our prayer:  
with Christ, our Lord, your only Son,  
send forth the Spirit of your love  
To live in us and make us one.

### Psalm 112 (113)

*I came from the Father and have come into the world, and now I leave the world to go to the Father,  
alleluia.*

Praise, O servants of the Lord, \*  
praise the name of the Lord!  
May the name of the Lord be blessed \*  
both now and for evermore!  
From the rising of the sun to its setting \*  
praised be the name of the Lord!

High above all nations is the Lord, \*  
above the heavens his glory.  
Who is like the Lord, our God, \*  
who has risen on high to his throne  
yet stoops from the heights to look down, \*  
to look down upon heaven and earth?

From the dust he lifts up the lowly, \*  
from his misery he raises the poor  
to set him in the company of princes, \*  
yes, with the princes of his people.  
To the childless wife he gives a home \*  
and gladdens her heart with children.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

*I came from the Father and have come into the world, and now I leave the world to go to the Father.  
Alleluia.*

**Psalm 116 (117)**

*After he had spoken to his disciples, the Lord Jesus ascended into heaven, where he is seated at the right hand of the Father, alleluia.*

O praise the Lord, all you nations, \*  
acclaim him all you peoples!

Strong is his love for us; \*  
he is faithful for ever.

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as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

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**Canticle**

**Apocalypse 11**

*No-one has gone up to heaven except the one who came down from heaven, the Son of Man who is in heaven, alleluia.*

We give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty, \*  
who are and who were,  
that you have taken your great power \*  
and begun to reign.

The nations raged, \*  
but your wrath came,  
and the time for the dead to be judged, \*  
for rewarding your servants, the prophets and saints,  
and those who fear your name, \*  
both small and great.

Now the salvation and the power †  
and the kingdom of our God \*  
and the authority of his Christ have come,  
for the accuser of our brethren has been thrown down, \*  
who accuses them day and night before our God.

And they have conquered him \*  
by the blood of the Lamb  
and by the word of their testimony, \*  
for they loved not their lives even unto death.  
Rejoice, then, O heaven, \*  
and you that dwell therein.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

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**Short Reading**

**Eph 2:4-6**

God's mercy is so abundant, and his love for us is so great, that while we were spiritually dead in our disobedience, he brought us to life with Christ; it is by God's grace that you have been saved. In our union with Christ Jesus he raised us up with him to rule with him in the heavenly world.

**Short Responsory**

God ascends with shouts of joy, alleluia, alleluia.  
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The Lord goes up with trumpet blast.  
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**Magnificat**

*Father, I have made your name know to the men you gave me; now I pray for them, not for the world, since I am coming to you, alleluia.*

My soul glorifies the Lord,  
my spirit rejoices in God, my Saviour.  
He looks on his servant in her lowliness;  
henceforth all ages will call me blessed.

The Almighty works marvels for me.  
Holy his name!  
His mercy is from age to age,  
on those who fear him.

He puts forth his arm in strength  
and scatters the proud-hearted.  
He casts the mighty from their thrones  
and raises the lowly.

He fills the starving with good things,  
sends the rich away empty.

He protects Israel, his servant,  
remembering his mercy,  
the mercy promised to our fathers,  
to Abraham and his sons for ever.

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as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

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### **Prayers and intercessions**

Rejoicing let us pray to Christ who is seated at the right hand of the Father. *℟* You, Christ, are the king of glory.

King of glory, in you our mortal flesh has been lifted to the heights; deliver us from the corruption of sin and restore us to immortal life. *℟*

Following the path of love, you came down to us from heaven; let us follow that same path on our ascent to you. *℟*

You promised to draw all men and women to yourself; do not let any of us be separated from your body. *℟*

You have ascended into heaven; let us be there with you in our minds and hearts. *℟*

We await your coming in majesty on the great day of judgement; may we then gaze upon your glory, with all the faithful departed. *℟*

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.

Almighty God, fill us with a holy joy;  
teach us how to thank you with reverence and love  
on account of the ascension of Christ your Son.  
You have raised us up with him:  
where he, the head, has preceded us in glory,  
there we, the body, are called in hope.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.  
Amen.

The Lord bless us, and keep us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life. Amen.