



The Ascension, by Dosso Dossi, 16th century.

ASCENSION DAY

THURSDAY, 26 MAY 2022
ST PETER'S EASTERN HILL

Prelude: Jules Massenet (1842-1912) *Prelude in C*

Mass setting: Palestrina *Missa Brevis*

Entrance hymn:

NEH 130a. Hail the day that sees him rise Alleluya!

INTROIT

Viri Galilaéi, quid admirámini aspiciéntes
in coelum? allelúia: quemádmódu
vidístis eum ascendéntem in coelum, ita
véniét, allelúia, allelúia, allelúia.

*Men of Galilee, why are you gazing in
astonishment at the sky? alleluia; just as
you have seen him ascend into heaven, so in
like manner shall he return, alleluia,
alleluia.*

APOSTLES 1.1—11

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. “This,” he said, “is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.” So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

PSALM: 47 led by the Cantor. Please join in the Response.



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

Cl̄ap your hands, all you peoples;
shout to God with loud songs of joy.
For the Lord, the Most High, is awesome,
a great king over all the earth. **R.**

God has gone up with a shout,
the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.
Sing praises to God, sing praises;
sing praises to our King, sing praises. **R.**

For God is the king of all the earth;
sing praises with a psalm.
God is king over the nations;
God sits on his holy throne. **R.**

HEBREWS 9.24-28; 10.19-23

Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own; for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself. Just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that comes the judgment, so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him. Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful.

LESSER ALLELUIA

Allelúja, allelúja. Ascéndit Deus in
jubilatíone, et Dóminus in voce tubæ

*Alleluia, alleluia. God has gone up amidst
shouts of joy, the Lord to the sound of the
trumpet.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



LUKE 24.46—53

Jesus said to the disciples, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you — that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. “And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been 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 was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

OFFERTORY

Ascéndit Deus in jubilatióne, et
Dóminus in voce tubæ, allelúja.

*God has gone up a-midst shouts of joy, the
Lord to the sound of the trumpet, alleluia.*

Offertory hymn

NEH: 332. All hail the power of Jesu's name

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Psállite Dómino, qui ascéndit super
cælos cælórum ad Oriéntem, allelúja.

*Sing to the Lord who has ascended the highest
heavens, to-wards the East, alleluia.*

COMMUNION MOTET Philips: *Ascendit Deus*

God has ascended with jubilation, and the Lord with the sound of the trumpet. Alleluia.

The Lord has prepared his seat in heaven. Alleluia.

(Psalm 46: 5)

Post-communion hymn.

NEH: 443. Rejoice, the Lord is King

All are welcome to stay for refreshments which this evening will be served in the Vicarage