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God has
ASCENDED

amid shouts
of **JOY!** (Ps. 47:5)

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Hymn: *Draw Us to Thee*

1 Draw us to Thee, For then shall we Walk in Thy
 2 Draw us to Thee, Lord, lov - ing - ly; Let us de -
 3 Draw us to Thee; O grant that we May walk the
 4 Draw us to Thee That al - so we Thy heav'n - ly
 5 Draw us to Thee Un - ceas - ing - ly, In - to Thy

steps for - ev - er And has - ten on Where Thou art
 part with glad - ness That we may be For - ev - er
 road to heav - en! Di - rect our way Lest we should
 bliss in - her - it And ev - er dwell Where sin and
 king - dom take us; Let us for - e'er Thy glo - ry

gone To be with Thee, dear Sav - ior.
 free From sor - row, grief, and sad - - ness.
 stray And from Thy paths be driv - en.
 hell No more can vex our spir - it.
 share, Thy saints and joint heirs make us.

Hymn: *O Christ, Our Hope, Our Hearts' Desire*

1 O Christ, our hope, our hearts' de - sire, Cre -
 2 How vast Your mer - cy to ac - cept The
 3 But now the bonds of death are burst, The
 4 O let Your might - y love pre - vail To

a - tion's might - y Lord, Re - deem - er of the
 bur - den of our sin And bow Your head in
 ran - som has been paid; You now as - cend the
 purge us of our pride That we may stand be -

fall - en world, By ho - ly love out - poured:
 cru - el death To make us clean with - in.
 Fa - ther's throne In robes of light ar - rayed.
 fore Your throne By mer - cy pu - ri - fied.

5 Christ Jesus, be our present joy,
 Our future great reward;
 Our only glory, may it be
 To glory in the Lord!

△ 6 All praise to You, ascended Lord;
 All glory ever be
 To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost
 Through all eternity!

Invocation:

P: In the name of God the Father:

C: Praise to our creating God!

P: In the name of His Son, Jesus:

C: Praise to our redeeming God!

P: In the name of God the Spirit:

C: Praise to our renewing God!

P: Let us join our thankful voices,

C: Amen! Amen! Praise the Lord!

Responsive Reading of Psalm 47 and singing of hymn:

P: Oh, clap your hands, all you peoples!

C: Shout to God with the voice of triumph!

A hymn of glory let us sing!

New hymns throughout the world shall ring:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ, by a road before untrod,

Ascends unto the throne of God.

**Refrain:**

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

P: For the LORD Most High is awesome;

C: He is a great King over all the earth.

P: He will subdue the peoples under us,

C: And the nations under our feet.

The holy apostolic band

Upon the Mount of Olives stand,

Alleluia, alleluia!

And with His faithful foll'wers see

Their Lord ascend in majesty. (Refrain)

Prayer: (unison)

C: Almighty God, as Your only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, ascended into the heavens, so may we also ascend in heart and mind and continually dwell there with Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Benediction:

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: Amen.


Sermon: Luke 24:44-53

WHY LEAVE?


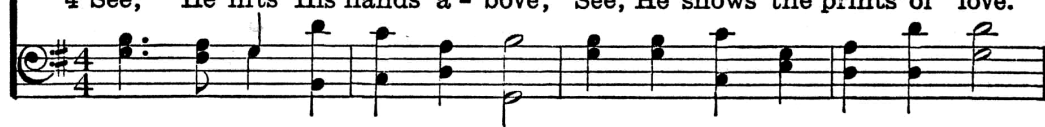
- I. To reign as King of kings
- II. To be with us always
- III. To prepare a home

Prayer and Lord's Prayer

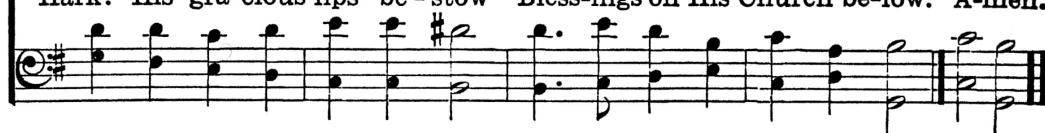
Hymn 213: Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise



1 Hail the day that sees Him rise To His throne a - bove the skies!
2 There the glo-rious tri-umph waits: Lift your heads, e - ter - nal gates.
3 See, the heav'n its Lord re - ceives, Yet He loves the earth He leaves;
4 See, He lifts His hands a - bove; See, He shows the prints of love.



Christ, the Lamb for sin - ners giv'n, Re - as - cends His na - tive heav'n.
He hath conquered death and sin; Take the King of Glo - ry in!
Though re - turn - ing to His throne, Still He calls man - kind His own.
Hark! His gra - cious lips be - stow Bless - ings on His Church be - low. A - men.



5 Still for us He intercedes;
His prevailing death He pleads,
Near Himself prepares our place,
Harbinger of human race.

6 There we shall with Thee remain
Partners of Thy endless reign,
There Thy face unclouded see,
Find our heaven of heavens in Thee.

P: He will choose our inheritance for us,
C: **The excellence of Jacob whom He loves.**

P: God has gone up with a shout,
C: **The LORD with the sound of a trumpet.**

P: Sing praises to God, sing praises!
C: **Sing praises to our King, sing praises!**

*To them the shining angels cry,
"Why stand and gaze upon the sky?"
Alleluia, alleluia!
"This is the Savior," thus they say;
"This is His glorious triumph day!" (Refrain)*

P: For God is the King of all the earth;
C: **Sing praises with understanding.**

P: God reigns over the nations;
C: **God sits on His holy throne.**

*"You see Him now, ascending high
Up to the portals of the sky."
Alleluia, alleluia!
"Hereafter Jesus you shall see
Returning in great majesty." (Refrain)*

P: The princes of the people have gathered together, the people of the God of Abraham.
C: **For the shields of the earth belong to God; He is greatly exalted!**

*Be now our joy on earth, O Lord,
And be our future great reward.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Then, throned with You forever, we
Shall praise Your name eternally. (Refrain)*

*O risen Christ, ascended Lord,
All praise to You let earth accord:
Alleluia, alleluia!
You are, while endless ages run,
With Father and with Spirit one. (Refrain)*

Scripture Lesson: Acts 1:1-11; Ephesians 1:15-23

Confession of Faith:

Colossians 1:15-20 (EHV)

[Jesus Christ] is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation, for in him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, things seen and unseen, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. He is before all things, and all things hold together in him. He is also the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that in all things he might have the highest rank. For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile all things to himself (whether things on earth or in heaven) by making peace through the blood of his cross. Amen.



Hymn: *Alleluia! Sing to Jesus*

1 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; His the scep-ter, His the throne;
2 Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of heav-en, Here on earth our food, our stay;
3 Al - le - lu - ia! Not as or-phans Are we left in sor - row now;

Al - le - lu - ia! His the tri-umph, His the vic - to - ry a - lone.
Al - le - lu - ia! Here the sin - ful Flee to You from day to day.
Al - le - lu - ia! He is near us; Faith be-lieves, nor ques-tions how.

Hark! The songs of peace-ful Zi - on Thun - der like a might-y flood:
In - ter - ces - sor, Friend of sin-ners, Earth's Re-deem-er, hear our plea
Though the cloud from sight re-ceived Him When the for - ty days were o'er,

"Je - sus out of ev - 'ry na - tion Has re-deemed us by His blood."
Where the songs of all the an - gels Sweep a - cross the crys-tal sea.
Nev - er shall we lose His pro-mise: "I am with you ev - er-more!"