



This same Jesus...

*will come back in
the same way you
have seen him go
into heaven (Acts 1:11)*



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Ascension Day Service

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Oh for a Shout of Sacred Joy

AZMON

Isaac Watts, 1674–1748

Carl G. Gläser, 1784–1829



1 Oh for a shout of sa - cred joy To
2 Je - sus, our God, as - cends on high; His
3 While an - gels shout and praise their King, Let
4 Re - hearse His praise with awe pro - found, Let



God the sov - 'reign King! Let ev - 'ry land their
heav'n - ly guards a - round At - tend Him ris - ing
mor - tals learn their strains; Let all the earth His
knowl - edge guide the song; Nor mock Him with a



tongues em - ploy, And hymns of tri - umph sing.
through the sky, With trum - pets' joy - ful sound.
hon - ors sing; O'er all the earth He reigns.
sol - emn sound Up - on a thought - less tongue.

5 In Israel stood His ancient throne,
He loved that chosen race;
But now He calls the world His own,
And heathens taste His grace.

6 The Gentile nations are the Lord's,
There Abr'ham's God is known;
While pow'rs and princes, shields and swords,
Submit before His throne.

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 493: *A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing*

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)*

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; Luke 24:44-53

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 491: *Up Through Endless Ranks of Angels*

Sermon: Ephesians 1:15-23

JESUS' GRADUATION DAY

- I. The work finished*
- II. The new beginning*
- III. The ultimate goal*



Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Hymn 494: *See, the Lord Ascends in Triumph*

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.

Closing hymn 492: *On Christ's Ascension I Now Build*

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