

Vigil Divine Liturgy Propers
Ascension of Our Lord, God, and Savior, Jesus Christ

Supplement for The Divine Liturgies of our holy fathers John Chrysostom and Basil the Great, 2006

*The Vigil Divine Liturgy begins on page 104 in the **Divine Liturgies** book. The beginning verses of the Lamp-lighting Psalms ("O Lord, I have cried") are sung in Tone 6 (page 149). At the Psalm verse "on 3" toward the bottom of page 116, continue as follows:*

Tone 6 samohlasen

(on 3)

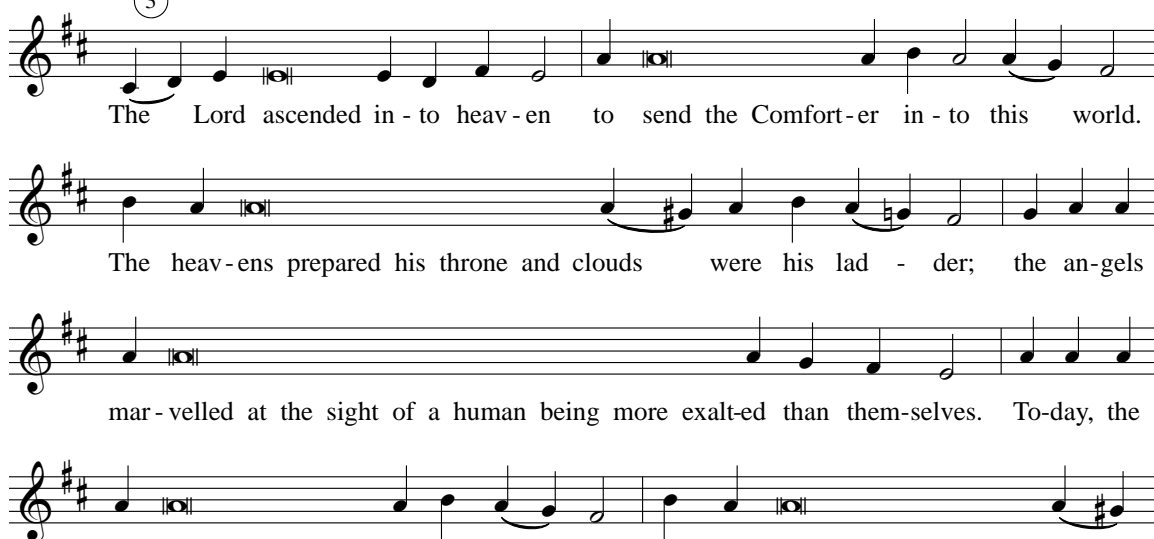
Cantor



Be - cause with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemp-tion,
Is - rael indeed he will re - deem from all its in - i - qui - ty.

Stichera of the Ascension - Tone 6 samohlasen

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The Lord ascended in - to heav - en to send the Comfort - er in - to this world.
The heav - ens prepared his throne and clouds were his lad - der; the an - gels
mar - velled at the sight of a human being more exalt - ed than them - selves. To - day, the
Fa - ther receives again in his bos - om the One who was in him from all

e - ter - ni - ty, and the Ho - ly Spirit gives a command to all the an - gels:

Lift up your lin-tels, O you gates! O you nations of the earth, clap your hands,

for Christ as-cends to the place where he had been from all e - ter - ni - ty.

(on 2)
Cantor Praise the Lord, all you na-tions, ac-claim him all you peo - ples!

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O Lord, the Cherubim were amazed at your As-cen-sion: they were seized with

wonder as they beheld you, O God, ris-ing up-on the clouds, for you are the One

who is seat - ed a - bove the clouds. We sing a hymn of praise to you:

Glo - ry to you for your ten - der mer - cy.

(on 1)
Cantor Strong is the love of the Lord for us; he is faith-ful for - ev - er.

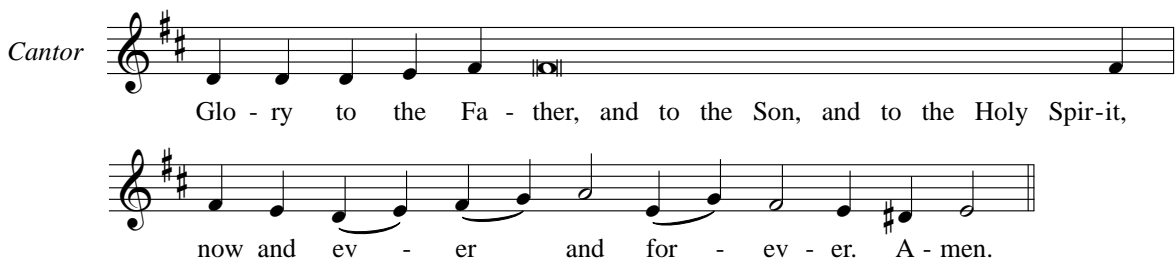
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O Christ, splendor and glory of the Fa-ther, when we behold your Ascension on
 your ho - ly moun - tain, we sing a hymn of praise to the beau - ty of your
 coun - te - nance. We bow down to your Pas - sion, we venerate your holy
 Res - ur - rec - tion, and we glo - rify your no - ble As - cen - sion.
 O Lord, have mer - cy on us.

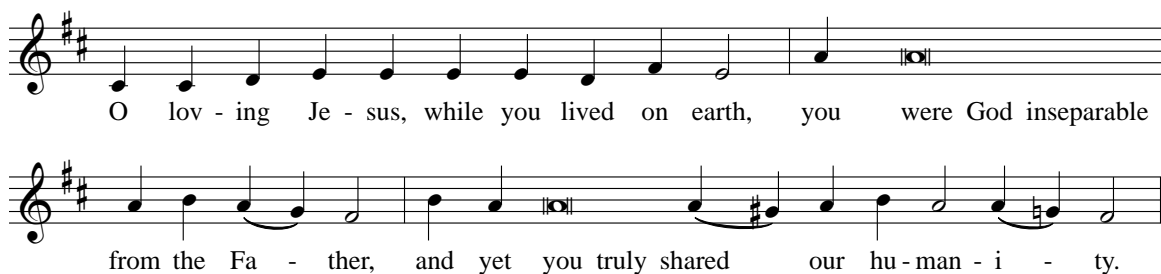
Tone 6 samohlasen

Cantor

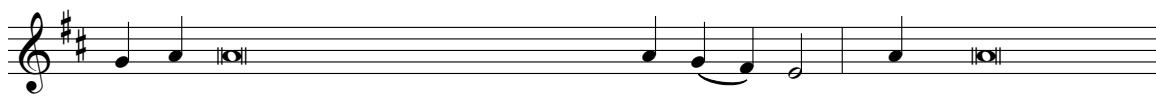


Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spir-it,
 now and ev - er and for - ev - er. A - men.

Doxastikon of the Ascension - Tone 6 samohlasen



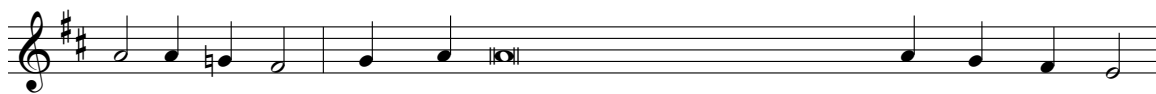
O lov - ing Je - sus, while you lived on earth, you were God inseparable
 from the Fa - ther, and yet you truly shared our hu - man - i - ty.



As-cend-ing in glory today from the Mount of Ol - ives, through your great love



you lifted up our fall - en na - ture and en-throned it with the



Fa-ther on high. There - fore, the bodiless powers were amazed and filled with awe



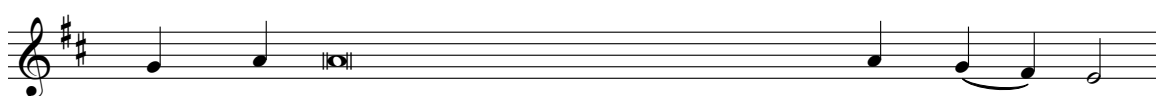
at see - ing your great love for all. To - geth - er with them,



we who live on earth are glo - rifying your conde-scen - sion to us



and your ascen-sion a-way from us. Now we im-plore you, say - ing:



Through your Ascension you have filled your apostles and your moth - er



with a joy that surpasses ev - 'ry oth - er joy, and through their



in - ter - ces - sion make us wor - thy of the joy of your e - lect,

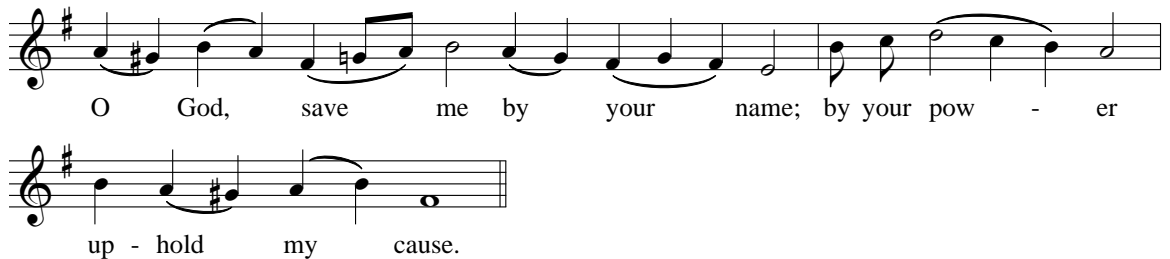


for you are rich in mer - - - cy.

As the doxastikon is sung, the clergy enter the Holy Place with the gospel book and censer.

*The service continues on page 117 with the singing of the Hymn of the Evening, "O Joyful Light".
The prokeimenon of Wednesday evening is sung:*

Vespers prokeimenon for Wednesday evening - Tone 5 (Psalm 53:3,4):



O God, save me by your name; by your pow - er
up - hold my cause.

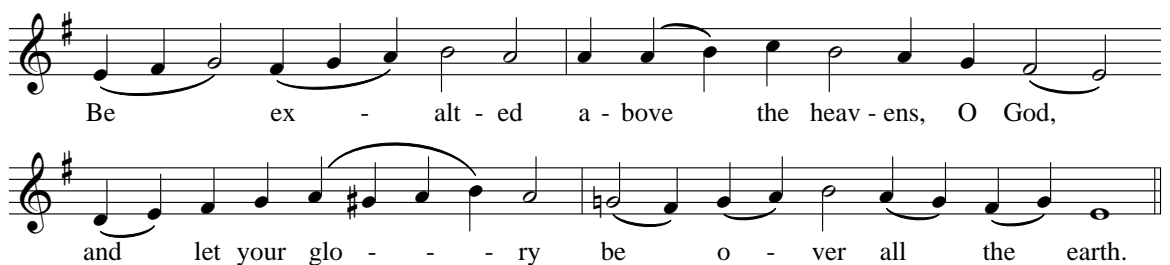
Deacon: O God, hear my prayer; listen to the words of my mouth.

Then the following readings may be chanted:

Readings: Isaiah 2: 2 - 3 (EOT pp. 300-301)
Isaiah 62: 10 - 12 and 63: 1 - 9
Zechariah 14: 1, 4, 8 - 11

*After the Small Litany (page 122), the Divine Liturgy continues with the Thrice-Holy Hymn ("Holy God") on page 27 of the **Divine Liturgies** book.*

Prokeimenon of the Ascension – Tone 7 (Psalm 56:6,8):



Be ex - alt - ed a - bove the heav - ens, O God,
and let your glo - - - ry be o - ver all the earth.

Verse: My heart is ready, O God, my heart is ready. I shall sing, I shall sing your praise.

Alleluia of the Ascension - Tone 2 (Psalm 46:6,2):

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - - - - le - lu - - - ia!

Al - - - - le - lu - ia!

Verse: God ascends amid shouts of joy; the Lord amid trumpet blasts.
Verse: All you peoples clap your hands, shout to God with cries of gladness.

Instead of "It is truly proper . . ."

Magnification:

Ex - tol, ex - tol, O my soul, O my soul, the Lord who

was tak - en up bod - i - ly with glo - ry in - to heav - en.

Irmos:

Tone 6 Irmos, simple setting

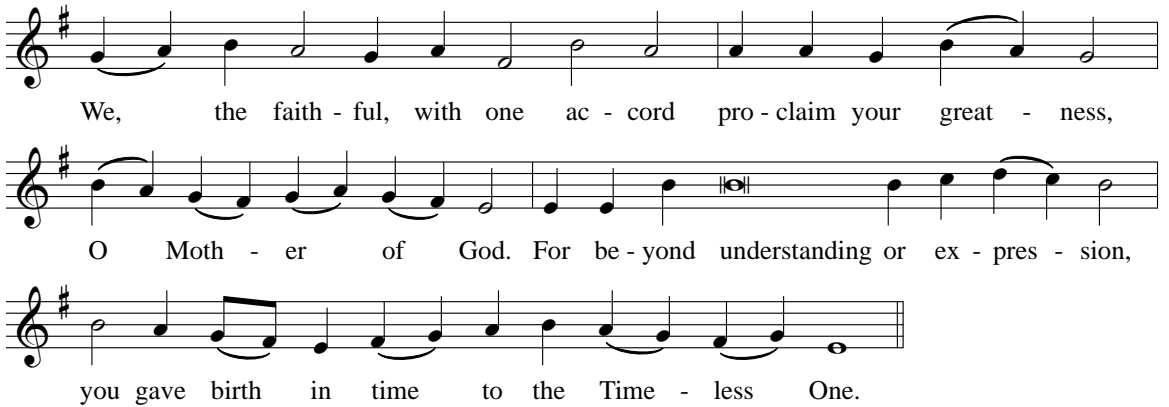
We, the faith - ful, with one ac - cord pro - claim your great - ness, O Mother of God.

For be - yond un - der - stand - ing or ex - pres - sion, you gave birth in

time to the Time - less One.

OR:

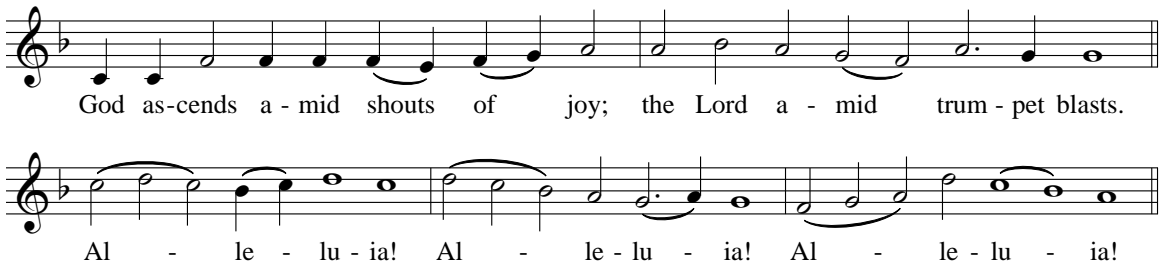
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We, the faith - ful, with one ac - cord pro - claim your great - ness,
O Moth - er of God. For be - yond understanding or ex - pres - sion,
you gave birth in time to the Time - less One.

Communion Hymn (Psalm 46:6):

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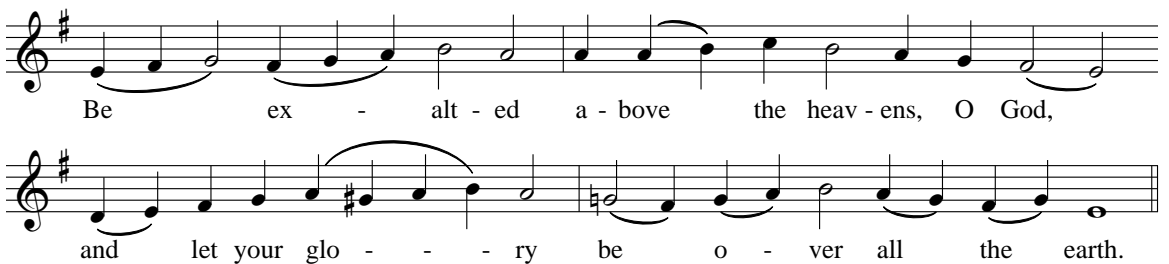


God as - cends a - mid shouts of joy; the Lord a - mid trum - pet blasts.
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

On Ascension Thursday and on all days of its post-feast, the Prokeimenon of the Ascension

“Be exalted above . . .” is sung once in place of: “We have seen the true light; . . .” and “May our mouth be filled . . .”:

Prokeimenon of the Ascension – Tone 7 (Psalm 56:6,8):



Be ex - alt - ed a - bove the heav - ens, O God,
and let your glo - - - ry be o - ver all the earth.

The following hymn may be sung at the end of the Divine Liturgy if desired, either after the Ambon Prayer (if bread is blessed) or after the dismissal.

Troparion of the Ascension – Tone 4

You were tak - en up in glo - ry, O Christ our God; you glad - dened the disciples
with the promise of the Ho - ly Spir - it. By bless - ing them you con - firmed
that you are the Son of God, the Re - deem - er of the World.