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Melody, ROBERT WILLIAMS, 1817,
har. by JOHN ROBERTS, 1837

Triumphantly

1 Hail the day that sees him rise,
2 There the glo-rious tri-umph waits; Al - - le - lu - ia!
3 See! he lifts his hands a - bove;

Glo-rious to his na-tive skies;
Lift your heads, e-ter-nal gates! Al - - le - lu - ia!
See! he shows the prints of love:

Christ, a-while to mor-tals giv'n,
Wide un-fold the ra-diant scene; Al - - le - lu - ia!
Hark! his gra-cious lips be-stow,

In unison
En-ters now the high-est heav'n!
Take the King of glo-ry in! Al - - le - lu - ia! A-men.
Bless-ings on his Church be-low.

4 Lord beyond our mortal sight, Alleluia!
Raise our hearts to reach thy height, Alleluia!
There thy face unclouded see, Alleluia!
Find our heav'n of heav'ns in thee. Alleluia! Amen.

CHARLES WESLEY, 1739, *alt.*

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Traditional Dutch Melody
harmonized by W. D., 1918

With breadth

1 See the Conqu'ror mounts in triumph; See the King in roy-al state,
2 He who on the cross did suf-fer, He who from the grave a-rose,
3 Thou hast raised our hu-man na-ture On the clouds to God's right hand:

Rid-ing on the clouds, his char-iot, To his heav'n-ly pal-ace gate!
He has vanquished sin and Sa-tan; He by death has spoiled his foes.
There we sit in heav'n-ly pla-ces, There with thee in glo-ry stand.

Hark! the choirs of an-gel voic-es Joy-ful al-le-lu-ias sing,
While he lifts his hands in blessing, He is part-ed from his friends;
Je-sus reigns, a-dored by an-gels; Man with God is on the throne;

And the por-tals high are lift-ed To re-ceive their heav'n-ly King.
While their ea-ger eyes be-hold him, He up-on the clouds as-cends.
Migh-ty Lord, in thine as-cen-sion, We by faith be-hold our own. A-men.

CHRISTOPHER WORDSWORTH, 1862, *alt.*

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FEAST OF THE ASCENSION

INTROIT Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens? This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven will return as you saw him go, alleluia. V. All you peoples, clap your hands, shout to God with cries of gladness. For the Lord, the Most High, the awesome, is the great king over all the earth.

COLLECT Gladden us with holy joys, almighty God, and make us rejoice with devout thanksgiving, for the Ascension of Christ your Son is our exaltation, and, where the Head has gone before in glory, the Body is called to follow 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.

FIRST READING *Acts 1:1-11*

In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commandment through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. To them he presented himself alive after his passion by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days, and speaking of the kingdom of God. And while staying with them he charged them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, "You heard from me, for John baptized with water, but before many days you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit." So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has fixed by his own authority. But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the end of the earth." And when he had said this, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, and said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

APPOINTED PSALM Psalm 47: 1-2, 5-8

℟. God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.

Clap your hands, all peoples!
Shout to God with loud songs of joy!
For the LORD, the Most High, is awesome,
a great king over all the earth. **℟.**

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! **℟.**

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

SECOND READING *Ephesians 1:17-23*

Brethren: May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power in us who believe, according to the working of his great might which he accomplished in Christ when he raised him from the dead and made him sit at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come; and he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fulness of him who fills all in all.

ALLELUIA

℟. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Go and teach all nations, says the Lord; I am with you always, until the end of the world.

℟. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL *Mark 16:15-20*

At that time: [Jesus appearing to the Eleven], said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to the whole creation. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned. And these signs will accompany those who believe: in my name they will cast out demons; they will speak in new tongues; they will pick up serpents, and if they drink any deadly thing, it will not hurt them; they will lay their hands on the sick, and they will recover. So then the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven, and sat down at the right hand of God. And they went forth and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the message by the signs that attended it. Amen

OFFERTORY VERSE God mounts his throne amid shouts of joy; the Lord, amid trumpet blasts, alleluia, alleluia. **℣.** All you peoples, clap your hands, shout to God with cries of gladness. For the Lord, the Most High, the awesome, is the great king over all the earth.

COMMUNION VERSE Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age, alleluia.