

Sunday by Sunday on the web
Musical resources for Ascension Day



Common Worship Lectionary Readings

The reading from Acts must be used as either the first or second reading.

Acts 1.1-11 or Daniel 7.9-14

Psalm 47 or Psalm 93

Ephesians 1.15-23 or Acts 1.1-11

Luke 24.44-53

(Roman Lectionary: Year A, Matthew 28.16-20; Year B, Mark 16.15-20; Year C, Luke 24.46-53)

Comment

The ascension of Jesus marks the ascension of humanity. Jesus goes to the place which is rightfully his and he prepares places for all of us. His kingship is founded on love and, in generous love, he yearns for our presence with him and our knowledge of his ways.

Singing the Psalm

Psalm 47 MCWI, PFSI, PFEI, CWP, PAME, SP, NPCW, LHON, CRP, FGP, NEH, ESRP

Inwood *A blare of trumpets* PS2

Bell *Clap your hands all you nations* MCWI, PPP, CG, SG, SPR (OCP)

Brown *God goes up* PS2#

Ramirez *God mounts his throne* CH4

King *King of all* MM2#

Psalm 93 MCWI, PFE2, PAME, CRP, NEP, SP, CWP, NPCW

Wellicome *The Lord is King* PS2#

Hymns and songs

	pos	rdg	AMNS	CFE	CH4	CP	H&P	HON	HTC	MP	NEH	R&S	SG	SOF	SPR	TS
All hail the power of Jesus' name		s	140	19	457	163	252	16	587	13	332		24	9		7
All heaven declares	gr	s		20	426			17		14			420	10	75	8
All praise to thee/Christ		s	337			372	253	22	204		335	750				
Alleluia! Sing to Jesus	of	s	262	37	445	278	592	12	170	207	271		458	153		616
Ascended Christ, who gained		s							171				429		84	

	pos	rdg	AMNS	CFE	CH4	CP	H&P	HON	HTC	MP	NEH	R&S	SG	SOF	SPR	TS
At the name of Jesus		s	148	59	458	380	74	54	172	41	338	261	317	32		33
Blessing and honour (<i>Bonar</i>)		o			441											
Blessing and honour (Ancient of days)		o			442					976			106	675		54
Christ, above all glory seated		a				164	189									
Christ bids us break the bread	cm	a,g													216	
Christ high-ascended, now in glory seated (COP 23)	pc	a														
Christ is the King! O friends, rejoice	pc	s	345			165			492		345	571	31			
Christ triumphant, ever reigning	ga/pc	s		113	436	398		104	173	77	613		319	62	267	655
Clap your hands all you nations		lps											79		85	
Come, see the Lord	ga	s											433	1207	86	1174
Come, let us join our cheerful songs	ga	s	144			401	810	120	206	93	349	382	33	70		
Crown him with many crowns		s	147	139	459	166	255	137	174	109	352	262	321	77		77
Fling wide the gates		s													11	
Hail the day that sees him rise	ga	s	87	240		167	197	255	176	202	130	252	434			
Hail thee, festival day (<i>Ascension</i>)		s						256			109					
Hail, thou once despised Jesus!		s				168	222	258		203				149		
Hark how the adoring hosts above		s			744											
He is exalted		s			437			273		217			117	164		156
Holy forever and ever is God	gr/pc	s													87	
I will be with you		a		289												
Jesu, our hope, our heart's desire		s	86			169			178							
Jesus is King, and I will extol him		s								366				289		283
'Jesus is Lord' – the cry that echoes		s								1078				1387		1367
Jesus shall reign where'er the sun	pc	s	143		470	490	239	359	516	379	388	269	45	301		1376
Jesus shall take the highest honour		s						360		378			123	302		296
King of kings, majesty		s								1000				1404		309
Lift up your hearts, believers!		s			446											
Look, ye saints, the sight is glorious		s			439	171	201		179	426				349		

	pos	rdg	AMNS	CFE	CH4	CP	H&P	HON	HTC	MP	NEH	R&S	SG	SOF	SPR	TS
Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour	of	s	263	379		311	616	408	416	431	296		52	352		870
Make way, make way for Christ the King	ga	s		479	279			438		457		141		384	51	349
Meekness and majesty		s		487	356			448		465			395	390	294	353
My Jesus, my Saviour	gr			895	531			461		1003			129	935	295	367
Name of all majesty		s				525		465	218	481			324	939		
Now is eternal life		e	402			152	203	470			114	432				
Rejoice! The Lord is King	pc	s	139	619	449	563	243	580	180	575	443	657	440	482		948
See the Conqueror mounts in triumph		s	88					591	181		132					
Sing alleluia forth ye saints on high		s				568					446					
Sing to the world of Christ		s		658	447											
The head that once was crowned with thorns	pc	s	141	696	438	172	209	644	182	647	134	257	442	531		979
The Lord ascendeth up on high		s			440	173	210				135					
The Lord is King! Lift up thy voice		s	107		129	592	58	650	183	656		76	98			
The Lord reigns clothed in strength and power		2ps									266					
To the King eternal		s														1023
We sing the praise of Jesus (STF 315)		s														
You're the Lion of Judah		s								1021				1142		606

Taizé, Iona and world music

Jesu redemptor omnium CLM

Laudate Dominum T1, SPT, TSFP

Psallite Deo T2, SPT, TSFP

Clap your hands all you nations PPP, CG, MCWI

Come, Holy Spirit CAYP

For yours is the kingdom LFB, CAYP

Forsaking chariots of fire EOA

God who is everywhere present on earth HSNW

Holy forever and ever is God TCSN

Lo, I am with you EOA, TIOAU
 We're going to shine like the sun EOA
 You are the God of new beginnings OITB
 Amen siakudumisa! IECS, MAG, C, CG, WP
 Nzamuranza! (We worship Christ) WWHW

Children's songs

Come and join in the song KS31, RGS45
 He is Lord! CAHON274, CH4 443, JU p92, JP75, RGS120
 He is the King of kings CAHON818, CH80
 We want to see Jesus lifted high JP608, KS365

Anthems and vocal music

Title	Composer	Voices	E/M/D	Book source	Single sheet publisher
UNISON/TWO PART/ HIGH VOICES					
Alleluia to the end of time	Inwood	U#	E		OCP
Ascension Carol	Oxley	U	E	FAB2; FAB4 (SATB)	
God has gone up with a shout of rejoicing	Lee	U	E	SBSE	
God is ascended (from <i>An Easter Sequence</i>)	Leighton	U	D		OUP
O clap your hands	Marsh	SS	M	WOF	
Rejoice, the Lord is King	Weaver	2 part	M	CFAP	
The heavenly aeroplane	Rutter	2 part	M		OUP
The Lord ascendeth up on high	Praetorius	2 part/SATB	E	OBFA	
THREE / FOUR PARTS					
Ascendens Christus	Handl	SATB unacc	M	ETAS	
Ascendens Christus in altum	Gant	SATB unacc	M/D		OUP
Ascension	Moore	SATB	M		Ramsey/Banks
Christ whose glory fills the skies	Darke	SATB	M	SBSI	RSCM
Do not be worried or upset	Taylor arr Barnard	SATB	E	SBSE	

Forsaking chariots of fire	Ives	SATB	M	LOL	
Give laud unto the Lord	Kelly arr Bullock	SATB	E	OEAB	
Glorious and powerful God	Wood	SATB	E/M	SC	
Go forth in peace	L'Estrange & Forbes	SATB	E	VFLS2	
Go forth and tell!	Ogden	SATB	E/M	SBS2	RSCM
God is gone up	Finzi	SATB	M/D		B&H
God is gone up	Hutchings	SATB unacc	M	MTP	Novello
God is gone up on high today	Harper	SATB	E	SBSE	
God omnipotent reigneth	Wood	SATB	E	SBSI	
Hail the day that sees him rise	Bullard	SATB	M	ABA, ETAS	
I am with you always	Rutter	SATB	M		OUP
I will not leave you comfortless	Joule	SATB	M/D		RSCM
In the city of the Lord	Harper	SATB	M	LOL	RSCM
Most glorious Lord of life	Harris	SATB	E/M	AWTE	OUP
O clap your hands	Greene	SATB	M/D		Novello
O clap your hands	Rutter	SATB	M/D	AC4	OUP
O clap your hands	Vaughan Williams	SATB	M/D	AC4	S&B
Rejoice, the Lord is King	Archer	SATB	E/M	SBSE, TAMA	Mayhew
Rejoice, the Lord is King	Kelly	SATB	E/M	MTHI	
Rejoice, the Lord is King	Weaver	SATB	M	SC	
The Lord ascendeth up on high	Praetorius	SATB	E	ETAS	
The Lord goes up	Archer	SATB	M	NOEAB	
Vox Christi	Wilby	SATB	M	TWR	RSCM
Worthy is the Lamb (<i>Messiah</i>)	Handel	SATB	M		Novello
FIVE OR MORE PARTS					
Ascendit Deus	Leech	SSAATTBB unacc	M		Parish
Ascendit Deus	Phillips	SSATB unacc	M/D	OBTA, ECM	OUP
Ascendo ad Patrem meum	Handl arr Barnes	AATTBB unacc	M		Cathedral
Coelos ascendit hodie	Stanford	SATB + SATB unacc	M/D	ASA, ECM	B&H

God is gone up	Croft	SSAATB	E/M		Novello
Non vos relinquam orphanos	Byrd	SSATB unacc	M/D		Chester
O clap your hands	Gibbons	SSAATTBB unacc	D	OBTA, ECM, TAN	OUP
O Lord, arise into thy resting place	Weelkes	SSAATBB unacc	M/D	TAN	
Viri Galilaei	Byrd	SSATB unacc	M		Cathedral
Viri Galilaei	Gowers	SATB + SATB	D		RSCM
Viri Galilaei	Sweelinck	SSATB	M		CMS

Organ music

Composer	Title	Source	E/M/D
BEFORE			
Archer	Llanfair	In <i>25 Hymn Preludes: A Year of Praise</i> (Mayhew)	E/M
Archer	St Magnus	In <i>100 Hymn Preludes</i> (Mayhew)	E/M
J.S.Bach	Werde munter, mein Gemüte BWV 1118	In <i>Neumeister Chorale Preludes</i> (Bärenreiter)	E/M*
Böhm	Vater unser im Himmelreich	No.19 in <i>Complete Works</i> (Breitkopf)	M
Durufié	Méditation 'Cum jubilo'	(Durand)	M
Karg-Elert	Herr, wie du willst	No.36 from <i>Choral-Improvisationen Op.65 Vol.4</i> (Breitkopf)	M/D
Messiaen	Prière du Christ montant vers son Père	No.4 of <i>L'Ascension</i> (Leduc)	M/D
Peeters	Jesu, nostra redemptio	No.7 of <i>Ten Chorale Preludes on Gregorian Hymns Bk.2 Op.76</i> (Peters)	M
Piutti	Chorale Prelude 'Heut triumphiret Gottes Sohn'	From Op.34 in <i>Leipziger Orgelmusik des 19 C</i> (Breitkopf)	E
Scheidemann	Chorale Prelude 'Vater unser in Himmelreich'	In <i>Early Organ Music Bk.11</i> (Faber)	M
Telemann	Chorale Prelude 'Vater unser in Himmelreich'	In <i>Seasonal Chorale Preludes for Manuals Bk.2</i> (OUP)	E*
Walther	Jesus meine Zuversicht	In <i>80 Chorale Preludes</i> (Peters)	M
Whitlock	Fidelis, from <i>Plymouth Suite</i>	In <i>Whitlock: Complete Shorter Works</i> (OUP)	E/M

DURING			
J.S.Bach	Chorale Prelude 'Vater unser in Himmelreich' BWV683	In Novello Vol.16, Peters Vol.5 and Bärenreiter Vol.4	E/M*
Göttsche	Erd und Himmel sollen singen	In <i>Jazz Inspirations 2</i> (Bärenreiter)	E/M
de Klerk	Salutis humanae sator	No.4 of <i>Octo Fantasiae</i> (Zengerinck)	E*
Du Mage	Tierce en Taille	From <i>Première Livre d'Orgue</i> (Kalmus)	E/M
Mawby	Salutis humanae sator II	In <i>Gregorian Calendar</i> (Mayhew)	E/M
Nixon	Albano	In <i>Hymn Tune Preludes</i> (Fagus)	E/M
Peeters	Deck thyself with joy and gladness	In <i>Hymn Preludes for the Liturgical Year Op.100 Bk.9</i> (Peters)	E
Ridout	Air	From <i>Canticle of the Rose</i> (Mayhew)	E/M
Scheidt	Vater unser im Himmelreich	In <i>Choralvorspiele alter Meister</i> (Peters)	E/M
AFTER			
Ashdown	Trumpet Voluntary on 'Llanfair'	In <i>An Album of Trumpet Tunes</i> (Warner)	E/M
J.S.Bach	Heut' triumphiret Gottes Sohn BWV630	In the <i>Orgelbüchlein</i> (many editions)	
Bédard	Variations sur 'Lasst uns erfreuen'	(Cheldar)	E/M
Benoit	Fugue sur 'Ascendit Deus'	No.2 of <i>Sept Pièces</i> (Consortium)	E/M(*)
Callahan	St Magnus	In <i>Six Postludes on English Hymn Tunes</i> (MorningStar)	E/M
G.Cavazzone	In Ascensione Domini	In <i>Organ Book 2</i> (Kalmus)	E/M
Choveaux	Toccata 'Lasst uns erfreuen'	No.3 of <i>Three Pieces</i> (Lengnick)	M/D
Coleman	Prelude on 'Hyfrydol'	In <i>Hymn Tune Voluntaries</i> (OUP)	E/M
Edwards	Fanfare for Ascension	(Fagus)	M
Faulkes	Festal Postlude on the Easter Hymn 'Alleluya'	(Novello)	M/D
Groves	Lasst uns erfreuen	In <i>12 Hymn-Tune Preludes Set 2</i> (Novello)	E/M(*)
Hand	Miles Lane	In <i>100 Hymn Preludes and Hymn Preludes for the Church Year Bk.2</i> (both Mayhew)	E/M

Harwood	Short Postlude for Ascensiontide Op.15/4	In <i>Complete Works</i> Vol.2 (Stainer)	M
Langlais	Canzona (Deo gracias)	From <i>Folkloric Suite</i> (FitzSimons)	M
Marsh	Christ triumphant	In <i>The Organist's Liturgical Year</i> (Mayhew)	E/M
Peeters	Lasst uns erfreuen	In <i>Hymn Preludes for the Liturgical Year</i> Op.100 Bk.3 (Peters)	M
Piutti	Chorale Prelude 'Heut triumphiret Gottes Sohn'	In <i>Choralvorspiele</i> Op.34 Vol.2 (Bärenreiter) and <i>Leipziger Orgelmusik des 19 C</i> (Breitkopf)	E
Rawsthorne	Alleluias (Lasst uns erfreuen)	In <i>Twelve Miniatures for Festive Occasions</i> (Mayhew; manuals-only edition also available)	E(*)
Redford	Glorificamus	In <i>The Mulliner Book</i> (Stainer)	E*
Slater	Easter Alleluia ('Lasst uns erfreuen')	(OUP)	M/D
Thiman	Postlude on 'Llanfair'	No.6 of <i>Six Pieces Set 2</i> (Curwen)	E/M
Willan	Prelude on 'Deo gracias'	In <i>Ten Hymn Preludes Set 2</i> (Peters)	M
Willan	Postlude on 'Miles Lane'	In <i>36 Short Preludes and Postludes Set 1</i> (Peters)	M

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