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**The Ascension of Our Lord**

**Third Finding of the Honorable Head of the Holy Glorious Prophet, Forerunner, and  
Baptist, John**

**The First Antiphon**

Oh, clap your hands, all you peoples. Shout to God with loud songs of joy! *(Ps. 46:1)*

*Refrain:* Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!

For the Lord, the Most High is terrible; a great God over all the earth. *(Ps. 46:2)*

*(Refrain)*

He subdued peoples under us, and nations under our feet. *(Ps. 46:3)*

*(Refrain)*

God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet! *(Ps. 46:5)*

*(Refrain)*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

*(Refrain)*

**The Second Antiphon**

Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised in the city of our God. *(Ps. 47:1a)*

*Refrain:* O Son of God, Who ascended in glory, save us who sing to Thee: Alleluia!

Mount Zion in the far north is the city of the Great King. *(Ps. 47:2)*

*(Refrain)*

Within her citadels God is known when He defends her. *(Ps. 47:3)*

*(Refrain)*

For lo, the kings assembled; they came on together. *(Ps. 47:4)*

*(Refrain)*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

*("Only-begotten Son and immortal Word of God...")*

### The Third Antiphon

Hear this, all peoples! Give ear, all inhabitants of the world! *(Ps. 48:1)*

**Troparion: Tone 4** *(Feast)*

Thou didst ascend in glory, O Christ our God, granting joy to thy disciples by the promise of the Holy Spirit. Through the blessing, they were assured that thou art the Son of God the redeemer of the world.

The earth-born and the sons of men, rich and poor together. *(Ps. 48:2)*

*Troparion of the Feast*

My mouth shall speak wisdom; the meditation of my heart shall be understanding. *(Ps. 48:3)*

*Troparion of the Feast*

I will incline my ear to a proverb; I will solve my riddle in psalmody. *(Ps. 48:4)*

*Troparion of the Feast*

#### Entrance Verse

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#### Kontakion **Tone 6**

When Thou hadst fulfilled the dispensation for our sake, and united earth to heaven, Thou didst ascend in glory, O Christ our God, not being parted from those who love thee, but remaining with them and crying: I am with you, and there is no one against you.

*The Trisagion is sung*

#### **Tone 7 Prokeimenon**

Be Thou exalted, O God, above the heavens; / and Thy glory be over all the earth! *(Ps. 56:14)*

*V. My heart is steadfast, O God, my heart is steadfast. I will sing and make melody. (Ps. 56:10)*

**Epistle: (1) Acts 1:1-12**

**Tone 2** Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

*V. God has gone up with a shout; the Lord with the sound of a trumpet! (Ps. 46:5)*

*V. Oh, clap your hands, all you peoples. Shout to God with loud songs of joy! (Ps. 46:1)*

**Gospel (114) Luke 24:36-53**

*(Instead of "It is truly meet" we sing the following)*

Magnify, O my soul, Christ the Giver of Life, who has ascended from earth to heaven.

We the faithful, with one accord, magnify thee, the Mother of God, who beyond reason and understanding, gave birth in time to the Timeless One.

**Communion Hymn**

God has gone up with a shout; the Lord with the sound of a trumpet! *(Ps. 46:5)*  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

*(Instead of “We have seen the True Light...,” we sing the Troparion of Ascension.)*

**Troparion: Tone 4**

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