

OFFERTORY MOTET

T. L. da Victoria, 1548 -1611
Ascendens Christus in altum, alleluia. Captivam duxit captivitatem, alleluia. Dedit dona hominibus, alleluia. Ascendit Deus in jubilatione, et Dominus in voce tubae, alleluia. Dedit dona hominibus, alleluia.

Christ rose up, alleluja. And took captivity prisoner, alleluja. He gave gifts to the men, alleluja. God rose in jubilation, and the Lord with the sound of the trumpet, alleluja. He gave gifts to the men, alleluja.

HYMN 134

The head that once was crowned with thorns

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Accept, O Lord, we pray thee, the oblations which, in remembrance of the glorious ascension of thy Son, we do offer unto thee: and mercifully grant that we, being delivered from all perils in this life present, may attain in the end unto life everlasting.

COMMUNION MOTET

Peter Phillips, 1561-1628
Ascendit Deus in jubilatione, et Dominus in voce tubae. Dedit dona hominibus. Alleluia. Dominus in caelo paravit sedem suam. Alleluia.

God is gone up with a merry noise, and the Lord with the sound of the trumpet. He gave gifts to men. Alleluia. The Lord hath prepared his seat in heaven. Alleluia.

AFTER COMMUNION

Grant, we beseech thee, Almighty and merciful God: that we which have outwardly received these holy mysteries, may inwardly be made partakers of the benefit of the same.

What, then, is the meaning of Christ's "ascension into heaven"? It expresses our belief that in Christ human nature, the humanity in which we all share, has entered into the inner life of God in a new and hitherto unheard of way. It means that man has found an everlasting place in God. Heaven is not a place beyond the stars; rather, it is something much greater, something that requires far more audacity to assert: heaven means that man now has a place in God. The basis for this assertion is the interpenetration of humanity and divinity in the crucified and exalted man Jesus. Christ, the man who is in God and eternally one with God, is at the same time God's abiding openness to all men. Thus Jesus himself is what we call "heaven"; heaven is not a place, but a person, the person of him in whom God and man are forever and inseparably one. And we go to heaven and enter into heaven to the extent that we go to Jesus Christ and enter into him. In this sense, "ascension into heaven" can be something that happens in our everyday lives.

Benedict XVI, Dogma & Preaching, 2011.

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THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD



'Be consoled, flesh and blood, for in Christ you have taken possession of heaven and of God's kingdom'

De carne Christi, Tertullian, 160-220

Welcome to St Mary's

The Order of Mass (except for the Intro Rite) is found in the white High Mass booklet for Eastertide.

The Propers of the Mass are found overleaf.

Please join us for refreshments after High Mass.

The Ordinary of the Mass is sung to Missa Ascendens Christus In Altum by T. L. da Victoria, 548 -1611

HYMN 130

Hail the day that sees him rise (omit vv)*

ANTROIT *Viri Galilaei*

Acts 1. 48 & Psalm 47

O ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? Alleluia: in like manner as ye have seen him going up into heaven, so shall he come again: alleluia. O clap your hands together, all ye people: O sing unto God with the voice of melody.

INTRODUCTORY RITE

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. **Amen.**
The Lord be with you. **And with thy spirit.**

Brethren, to prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries, let us call to mind our sins.

CONFITEOR

confess to almighty God and to you, brethren, that I have sinned exceedingly in thought, word and deed: (each strikes his breast thrice, saying:) through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault. Therefore I ask blessed Mary, ever-virgin, all the angels and saints and you, brethren, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

The Absolution is given.

COLLECT

Grant, we beseech thee, Almighty God, that like as we do believe thy only-begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ to have ascended into the heavens; so we may also in heart and mind thither ascend, and with him continually dwell.

FIRST READING

Acts 1.1-11

The former treatise have I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach, Until the day in which he was taken up, after that he through the Holy Ghost had given commandments unto the apostles whom he had chosen: To whom also he shewed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God: And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me. For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence. When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel? And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power. But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both

in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth. And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight. And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.

ALLELUIA I *Ascendit Deus*

Psalm

God is gone up with a merry noise: and the Lord with the sound of the trumpet.

EPISTLE

Ephesians 1.15

Dearlly Beloved, I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus, and love unto a multitude of saints, cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers; That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him: The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of glory of his inheritance in the saints, And what is the exceeding greatness of his power unto us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power, Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places, Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and any name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come: And hath subjected all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church, Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all.

ALLELUIA II *Dominus in Sina*

Psalm

The Lord in the holy place of Sinai, ascending up on high, hath led captivity captive.

GOSPEL

St Matthew 28.16

At that time: the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, into a mountain where Jesus had appointed them. And when they saw him, they worshipped him: but some doubted. And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

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Credo III, De Angelis p.6 in the white High Mass book

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