

The Solemnity of the Ascension
THE ORDER OF CELEBRATION

Prelude

500 & 830 (*Organ*) **Festal Prelude on Lasst uns erfreuen**

William Faulkes
(1863-1933)

1100 (*Organ*) **Improvisation on the Introit "Viri Galilaei"**

600 (*Organ*) **"Serene Alleluias" from The Ascension**

Olivier Messiaen
(1908-1992)

Introit

1100 (*Choir*) **Viri Galilaei**

Mode VII

Translation:

Men of Galilee, why do you gaze at the sky in astonishment? This same Jesus who was taken up from you into heaven, will come by the very way in which you saw him go into heaven, alleluia.

Processional Hymn

A Hymn of Glory

Last Uns Erfreuen

1. A hymn of glo - ry let us sing!
2. To whom the shin - ing an - gels cry,
3. O ris - en Christ, as - cend - ed Lord,

New hymns through - out the world shall ring:
"Why stand and gaze up - on the sky?"
All praise to you let earth ac - cord:

Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Christ, by a road be - fore un troad,
Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! "This is the Sa - vior!" Thus they say,
Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! You are, while end - less a - ges run,

As - cends un - to the throne of God. Al - le - lu - ia!
"This is his glo - rious tri - umph day!" Al - le - lu - ia!
With Fa - ther and with Spir - it one. Al - le - lu - ia!

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

Gloria

Organ *All*

Glo - ry to God in the
high - est, and on earth peace to peo - ple of good
will. We praise you, we bless you, we a - dore_ you, we
glo - ri - fy you, we give you thanks for your great glo - ry.

Cantor/Choir:

Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

All

For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the
Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus
Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit in the glo - ry of God the
Fa - ther. A - men, A - men.

1100 (*Choir*) **Mass VIII**

Gloria in excelsis Deo (Please see insert)

Plainsong

First Reading

Acts I:I-II

Psalms Response

God Mounts His Throne

Psalms 47

VII

God_ mounts his throne to shouts of joy:
a blare_ of trum - pets for the Lord.

Second Reading

Ephesians I:17-23

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Go and teach all nations, says the Lord; I am with you always, until the end of the world. Speak, O Lord, your servant is listening, You have the words of everlasting life.

Gospel

Matthew 28:16-20

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ,
his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting. Amen.

Music for the Preparation of the Gifts

The earth trembled

VIII c

The earth_ trem - bled, then all_ was_ still,
when God a - rose for judg - ment, al - le - lu - ia.

1100 (*Choir*) **Salutis humanae Sator**

Costanzo Festa
(1490 - 1545)

Translation:

Hail, you who are the redeemer of humankind, Jesus, the joy of every heart; Great Maker of the world's wide frame, and purest love's delight and flame. The realms of woe are forced by you, its captives from their chains set free; And you, amid your ransomed train, at God's right hand do reign as victor.

Preface Acclamation

Holy, Holy, Holy

(Please see insert)

Ronald Arnatt (b. 1930)

Memorial Acclamation

We Proclaim Your Death, O Lord