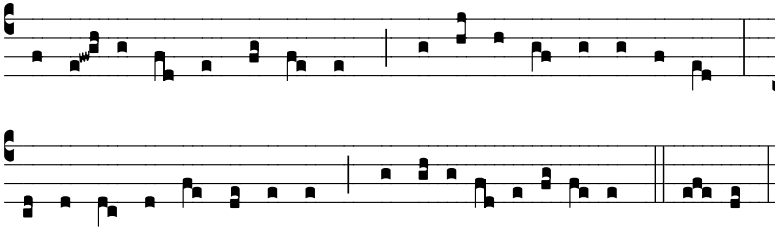


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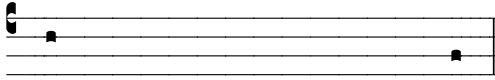
# FIRST EVENSONG

*Hymn at the entry of the ministers:*

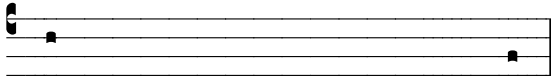


- 1 Jesus, our hope, our hearts' desire,  
redemption's source and love's true fire;  
God, working out creation' plan  
and in this earthly time made man.
- 2 What mercy here on us was shed,  
that took our sins upon your head,  
which pain and cruel death could bear,  
to set us free from death's despair.
- 3 Such love that beat down hell's dark door,  
and gave its captives life once more:  
O Lord, victorious in the fight,  
now seated at the Father's right.
- 4 May that great love, which led you there  
to suffer pain, our souls to spare,  
now raise us up around your throne  
to see your glory, yours alone.
- 5 Be all our joy, ascended Lord,  
as you will be our great reward;  
in you may all our glory be,  
both now and in eternity. Amen.

**Jesu nostra redemptio (9th Century)**  
tr. Composite

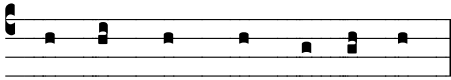


The Lord has gone up on high, allelu-ia.



**And has led captivity captive, allelu-ia.**

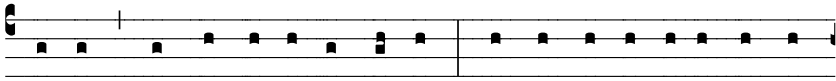
*COLLECT*



O God, make speed to save us



O Lord, make haste to help us. **Glo-ry to the Fa-ther, and to**



**the Son, and to the Ho-ly Spi-rit. As it was in the be-ginning,**



**is now, and shall be for e-ver. Amen. Al-le-lu-ia.**

*PROCESSION*

(t. NEH 130 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup>)

Hail the day that sees him rise, alleluia!  
Glorious to his native skies, alleluia!  
Christ, awhile to mortals given,  
Enters now the highest heaven, alleluia!

There the glorious triumph waits, alleluia!  
Lift your heads, eternal gates, alleluia!  
Christ hath vanquished death and sin;  
Take the King of glory in, alleluia!

See! The heavens its Lord receives, alleluia!  
Yet he loves the earth he leaves: alleluia!  
Though returning to his throne,  
Still he calls mankind his own, alleluia!

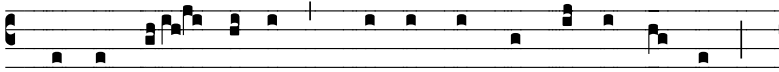
See! He lifts his hands above, alleluia!  
See! He shows the prints of love, alleluia!  
Hark! His gracious lips bestow  
Blessings on his Church below, alleluia!

Still for us he intercedes, alleluia!  
His prevailing death he pleads; alleluia!  
Near himself prepares our place,  
Harbinger of human race, alleluia!

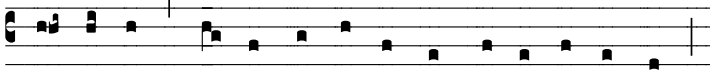
Lord, though parted from our sight, alleluia!  
Far above yon azure height, alleluia!  
Grant our hearts may thither rise  
Seeking thee beyond the skies, alleluia!

There we shall with thee remain, alleluia!  
Partners of thine endless reign, alleluia!  
There thy face unclouded see,  
Find our heaven of heavens in thee, alleluia!

Charles Wesley 1707-88 & Thomas Cotterill 1779-1823



Men of Ga - li - lee, \* why stand look-ing in- to hea- ven

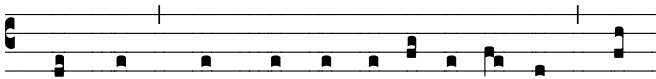


This Je- sus, who was ta- ken up from you in-to hea-ven,

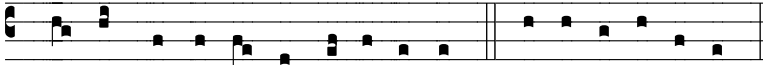


will come a-gain, al - le - lu - ia.

- 1 Lord, who may dwell in your tábernácle? \*  
who may abide upón your hóly hill?
- 2 Whoever leads a blameless life and does whát is right, \*  
who speaks the trúth from his heart.
- 3 There is no guile upon his tongue;  
he does no évil tó his friend; \*  
he does not heap contempt upón his néighbour.
- 4 In his sight the wicked ís rejécted, \*  
but he honours thóse who féar the Lord.
- 5 He has swórn to dó no wrong \*  
and does nótake báck his word.
- 6 He does not give his móney in hópe of gain, \*  
nor does he take a bribe against the ínnocent.
- 7 Whoéver dóes these things \*  
shall néver be óverthrown.



As they \* were look-ing up in - to hea-ven, lo,



Je - sus was ta-ken up, al- le -lu - ia.

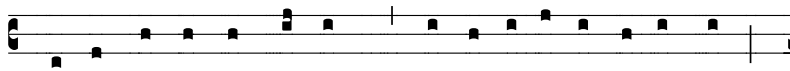
- 1 The Lord is king; lét the éarth rejoice; \*  
let the multítude óf the ísles be glad.
- 2 Clouds and darkness are róund abóut him, \*  
righteousness and justice  
are the foundátions óf his throne.
- 3 A fire góes befóre him \*  
and burns up his enemíes on évery side.
- 4 His líghtnings light úp the world; \*  
the earth sées it and ís afraid.
- 5 The mountains melt like wax at the présence óf the Lord, \*  
at the presence of the Lórd of the whóle éarth.
- 6 The heavens decláre his ríghteousness, \*  
and all the peoples sée his glóry.
- 7 Confounded be all who worship carved images  
and delíght in fálse gods! \*  
Bow down befóre him, áll you gods.
- 8 Zion hears and is glad and the cities of Júdáh rejoice, \*  
because of your júdgements, Ó Lord.
- 9 For you are the Lord: most hígh over áll the éarth; \*  
you are exalted fár abóve all gods.
- 10 The Lord loves thóse who hate évil; \*  
he preserves the lives of his saints  
and delivers them from the hánd of the wícked.
- 11 Light has sprung up fór the ríghteous, \*  
and joyfúl gladness for thóse who are true-héarted.

12 Rejoice in the Lórd, you ríghteous, \*  
and give thánks to his hóly name.

Psalm 99

*Dominus regnavit*

IVc



Je- sus, lift -ing up his hands \* was ta-ken up in-to hea-ven:

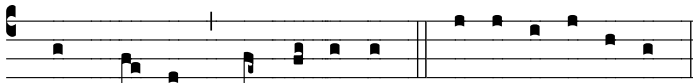


and he blessed them, al- le- lu - ia.

- 1 The Lord is king; let the péople trémble; \*  
he is enthroned upon the cherubim; lét the éarth shake.
- 2 The Lord is gréat in Zíon; \*  
he is high abóve all péoples.
- 3 Let them confess his name, which is gréat and áwesome; \*  
he ís the Hóly One.
- 4 “O mighty King, lover of justíce, †  
you have estáblished équity; \*  
you have executed justice and ríghteóusnéss in Jácob.”
- 5 Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God  
and fall down befóre his fóotstool; \*  
he ís the Hóly One.
- 6 Moses and Aaron among hís priests, †  
and Samuel among those who cáll upón his name, \*  
they called upon the Lórd and he ánswered them.
- 7 He spoke to them out of the píllar óf cloud; \*  
they kept his testimonies and the decreé that he gáve them.
- 8 “O Lord our God, you answered them îndeed; \* †  
you were a Gód who forgáve them,  
yet punished them fór their évil deeds.”
- 9 Proclaim the greatness of the Lord ôur God †  
and worship him upón his hóly hill; \*  
for the Lord our Gód is the Hóly One.



Ac-claim and ex- alt \* the King of kings: and to our God

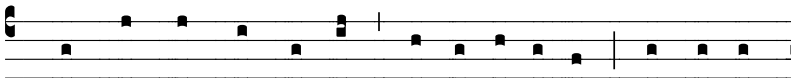


sing prais- es, al - le - lu - ia.

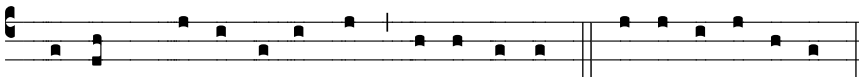
- 1 Be joyful in the Lórd, áll you lands; \*  
serve the Lord with gladness  
and come before his présence with a song.
- 2 Know this: The Lord himself îs God; \* †  
he himself has máde us and wé are his;  
we are his people and the shéep of his pásture.
- 3 Enter his gates with thanksgívîng; †  
go ínto his cóurts with praise; \*  
give thanks to him and cáll upón his name.
- 4 For the Lord is good; his mercy is éverlásting; \*  
and his faithfulness endúres from áge to age.

Canticle Rev. 11.17f, 12.10f

VIIIg



While they were look- ing on, \* he was ta- ken up: and a cloud



re- ceived him in- to hea- ven, al- le - lu - ia.

- 1 We give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty , †  
ever present ánd etérnal \*  
for you have taken your great pówer and begún to reign.

- 2 The nations raged, but the dáy of your wráth has come \*  
and the time for the déad to bé judged.
- 3 The time has come to rewárd your sérvants \*  
The prophets and saints; and those who fear  
your náme, both smáll and great.
- 4 Now the salvation of God hâs come, †  
his power and his glórious kíngdom \*  
Now has come the authórity óf his Christ.
- 5 For the accuser of our brothers hâs been thrówn down \*  
who accuses them day and níght befóre our God.
- 6 And they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb,  
and by their wórd of wítness. \*  
Rejoice then, O heaven, and yóu that dwéll therein.

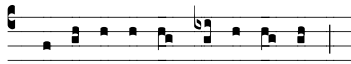
## READING

### MAGNIFICAT

Id<sup>2</sup>

Fa - ther, \* | have ma - ni - fest - ed your name un - to  
those whom you have gi - ven me: | am pray - ing on their be - half  
and not for the world, be - cause | am com - ing to you, al -  
le - lu - ia.

## Solemn Intonation



My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lôrd, †  
my spirit rejoices **in** Gód my Sáviour \*  
for he has looked with favour on his lówly sérvant.

From this day all generations **will** cáll me bléssed: \*  
the Almighty has done great things for me,  
and hóly ís his name.

He has mercy **on** thóse who féar him \*  
in every génerátion.

He has shown **the** stréngth of his arm, \*  
he has scattered the próud in théir conceit.

He has cast down **the** míghty fróm their thrones, \*  
and has lifted úp the lówly.

He has filled the **hú**ngry with góod things, \*  
and the rich he has sént away émpy.

He has come to the help of **his** sérvant Ísrael, \*  
for he has remembered his prómise of mércy,

the promise he **máde** to our fáthers, \*  
to Abraham and his children for éver.



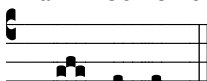
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those whom you have gi - ven me: I am pray - ing on their be - half



and not for the world, be - cause I am com - ing to you, al -



le - lu - ia.

LITANY

OUR FATHER

COLLECT

Grant, we pray, almighty God,  
that as we believe your only-begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ  
to have ascended into the heavens,  
so we in heart and mind may also ascend  
and with him continually dwell;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

## MATTINS

○ Lord, open our lips,  
**And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

○ God, make speed to save us.  
**○ Lord, make haste to help us.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now,  
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

**Alleluia.**

*Invitatory Antiphon:*

**Christ is ascended into heaven: come, let us worship, Alleluia**

*Psalm 100*

*Antiphon*

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands;  
serve the Lord with gladness  
and come before his presence with a song.

Know this: The Lord himself is God;  
he himself has made us and we are his;  
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

*Antiphon*

Enter his gates with thanksgiving;  
go into his courts with praise;  
give thanks to him and call upon his name.

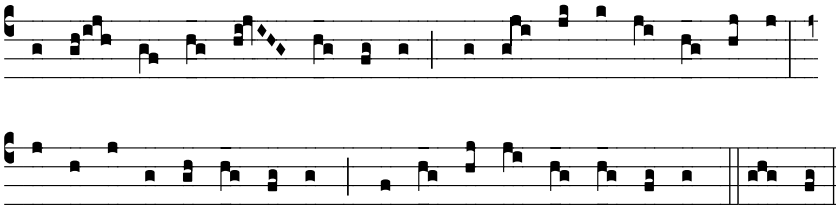
For the Lord is good;  
his mercy is everlasting;  
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

*Antiphon*

Glory ...

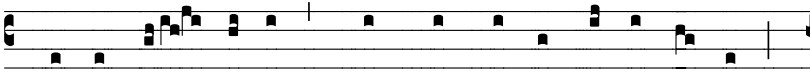
*Antiphon*

## HYMN



- 1 The Lord goes up with shouts of joy,  
while trumpets all his triumph tell;  
with him humanity is raised  
above angelic worlds to dwell.
- 2 He sits with God, at his right hand,  
who is the Lord of everything;  
the Father's glory is his own:  
Christ Jesus, all creation's King.
- 3 And when he comes again in might,  
to raise up on that splendid day,  
we shall be gathered up to him,  
and every tear be wiped away.
- 4 O God our Father, hear our prayer:  
with Christ our Lord, your only Son,  
send forth the Spirit of your love  
to live in us and make us one. Amen.

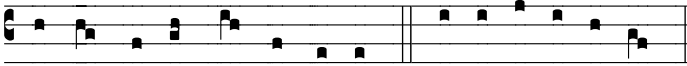
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Men of Ga - li - lee, \* why stand look-ing in-to hea-ven

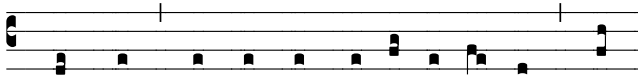


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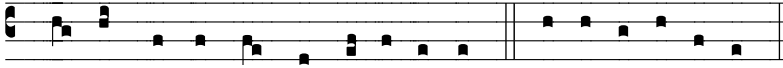


will come a-gain, al - le - lu - ia.

- 1 O Lórd our góvornor, \*  
how exalted is your náme in áll the world!
- 2 Out of the mouths of ínfants and children \*  
your majesty is praised abóve the héavens.
- 3 You have set up a stronghold agáinst your advérsaries, \*  
to quell the enemy and thé avénger.
- 4 When I consider your heavens, the wórk of your fingers, \*  
the moon and the stars you have sét in their cóurses,
- 5 What is man that you should be mindful ôf him? \* †  
the son of man that yóu should séek him out?
- 6 You have made him little lower than the angels; \*  
you adorn him with glóry and hónour.
- 7 You give him mastery over the wórks of yóur hands; \*  
and put all things únder hís feet,
- 8 All shéep and óxen, \*  
even the wíld beasts óf the field,
- 9 The birds of the air, the físh óf the sea, \*  
and whatsoever walks in the páths óf the sea.
- 10 O Lórd our góvornor, \*  
how exalted is your náme in áll the world!



As they \* were look-ing up in-to hea-ven, lo,

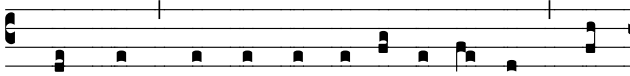


Je - sus was ta-ken up, al-le -lu - ia.

- 1 The king rejoices in your strength, O Lord; \*  
how greatly he exults in your victory!
- 2 You have given him his heart's desire; \*  
you have not denied him the request of his lips.
- 3 For you meet him with blessings of prosperity, \* †  
and set a crown of fine gold upon his head.
- 4 He asked you for life and you gave it to him; \*  
length of days, for ever and ever.
- 5 His honour is great, because of your victory; \*  
splendour and majesty have you bestowed upon him.
- 6 For you will give him everlasting felicity \* †  
and will make him glad with the joy of your presence.
- 7 For the king puts his trust in the Lord; \*  
because of the loving-kindness of the Most High, he will not fall.
- 8 Your hand will lay hold upon all your enemies; \*  
your right hand will seize all those who hate you.
- 9 You will make them like a fiery furnace \*  
at the time of your appearing, O Lord;
- 10 You will swallow them up in your wrath, \*  
and fire shall consume them.
- 11 You will destroy their offspring from the land \*  
and their descendants from among the peoples of the earth.
- 12 Though they intend evil against you  
and devise wicked schemes, \*  
yet they shall not prevail.

13 For you will put them to flight \*  
and aim your arrows at them.

14 Be exalted, O Lord, in your might; \*  
we will sing and praise your power.



As they were look-ing up in-to hea-ven, lo,



Je- sus was ta-ken up, al-le -lu - ia.

*Psalm 24*

*Domini est terra*

*IVc*



Je- sus, lift -ing up his hands \* was ta-ken up in-to hea-ven:



and he blessed them, al-le- lu - ia.

1 The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, \*  
the world and all who dwell therein.

2 For it is he who founded it upon the seas \*  
and made it firm upon the rivers of the deep.

3 "Who can ascend the hill of the Lord? \*  
and who can stand in his holy place?"

4 "Those who have clean hands and a pure heart, \*  
who have not pledged themselves to falsehood,  
nor sworn by what is a fraud.

5 They shall receive a blessing from the Lord \*  
and a just reward from the God of their salvation."

6 Such is the generation of those who seek him, \*  
of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.

- 7 Lift up your heads,  $\hat{\text{O}}$  gates; †  
lift them high, O éverlásting doors; \*  
and the King of glóry sháll come in.
- 8 “Who is this Kíng of glóry?” \*  
“The Lord, strong and mighty,  
the Lord, mighty in báttle.”
- 9 Lift up your heads,  $\hat{\text{O}}$  gates; †  
lift them high, O éverlásting doors; \*  
and the King of glóry sháll come in.
- 10 “Who is he, this Kíng of glóry?” \*  
“The Lord of hosts, he is the Kíng of glory.”

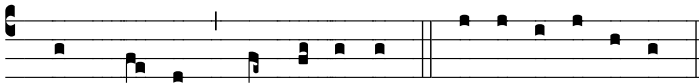
Psalm 149

*Cantate Domino*

VIIIg



Ac-claim and ex- alt \* the King of kings: and to our God



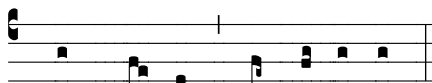
sing prais- es, al - le - lu - ia.

- 1 Hallelujah!  
Sing to the Lórd a nów song; \*  
sing his praise in the congregation óf the fáithful.
- 2 Let Israel rejóice in his máker; \*  
let the children of Zion be jóyful ín their king.
- 3 Let them praise his náme ín the dance; \*  
let them sing praise to him with tímbrel ánd harp.
- 4 For the Lord takes pleasure ín his péople \*  
and adorns the póor with víctory.
- 5 Let the faithful rejóice in tríumph; \*  
let them be jóyful ón their beds.

- 6 Let the praises of Gód be in their throat \*  
and a two-edged swórd in théir hand;
- 7 To wreak vengeance ón the nátions \*  
and punishment ón the péoples;
- 8 To bínnd their kíngs in chains \*  
and their nobles with línk of íron;
- 9 To inflict on them the judgement dêcreed; \* †  
this is glory for all his fáithful péople.  
\_ Hállélújah!



Ac-claim and ex- alt the King of kings: and to our God

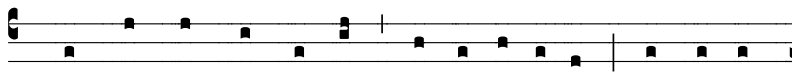


sing prais- es, al - le - lu - ia.

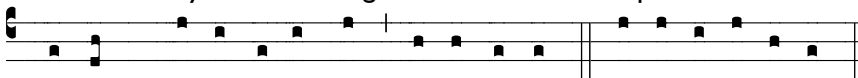
*Canticle*

*Isaiah 42.10-16*

*VIIIg*



While they were look-ing on, \* he was ta-ken up: and a cloud



re- ceived him in-to hea-ven, al- le - lu - ia.

- 1 Sing to the Lórd a néw song \*  
his praise to the énd of thé earth.
- 2 Let the sea roar and áll that fills it \*  
the islands and thóse who inhábit them.
- 3 Let the desert and its cities líft úp their voice \*  
the villages that Kédar inhábits.

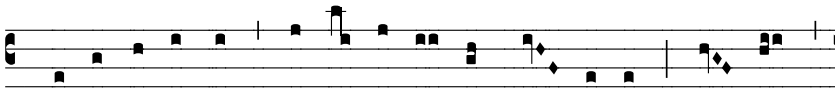
- 4 Let the inhabitants of Séla sing for joy \*  
let them shout from the tóps of the móuntains.
- 5 Let them give glóry tó the Lord \*  
and declare his práise in the cóastlands.
- 6 The Lord goes forth líke a míghty man \*  
like a man of war he stírs up his fúry.
- 7 He cries óut, he shóuts aloud \*  
he shows himself míghty agáinst his foes.
- 8 I will lay waste mountains ând hills, †  
and shrivel áll their gréen herbs \*  
I will turn rivers into desert wastes, and drý up áll the pools.
- 9 Then will I lead blínd men ón their way \*  
and guide them by páths they dó not know.
- 10 I will turn darkness befóre them ínto light \*  
the rough places ínto lével ground.

## READING

### BENEDICTUS

*Ascendo (AM 510)VI*

*1a*



I am ascending \* to my Father and your Father, my God



and your God, al-le - lu - ia.

Blessed be the Lord, **the** Gód of Ísrael; \*  
he has come to his peóple and sét them free.

He has raised up for us a míghty Sáviour, \*  
born of the house of his sérvant Dávid.

Through his holy prophets he promised of old, †  
that he would save **us** from our enemies, \*  
from the hands of all who hate us.

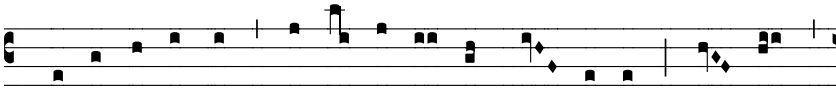
He promised to show **mercy** to our fathers \*  
and to remember his holy covenant.

This was the oath he swore to **our** father Abraham, \*  
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,  
free to **worship** him without fear, \*  
holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.

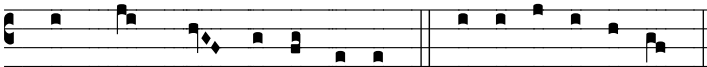
You, my child, shall be called the **prophet** of the Most High, \*  
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,  
to give his people **knowledge** of salvation \*  
by the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender **compassion** of our God \*  
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

to shine on those who dwell in darkness and **the** shadow of death, \*  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.



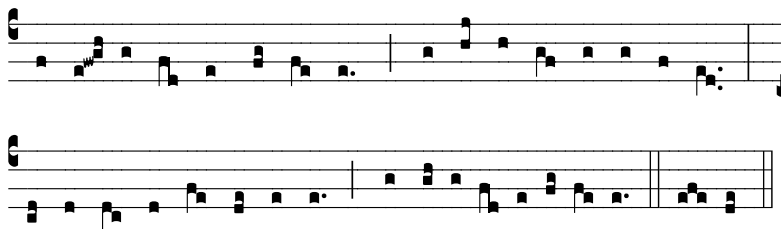
I am ascending \* to my Father and your Father, my God



and your God, al-le - lu - ia.

# SECOND EVENSONG

## Hymn



- 1 Jesus, our hope, our hearts' desire,  
redemption's source and love's true fire;  
God, working out creation' plan  
and in this earthly time made man.
- 2 What mercy here on us was shed,  
that took our sins upon your head,  
which pain and cruel death could bear,  
to set us free from death's despair.
- 3 Such love that beat down hell's dark door,  
and gave its captives life once more:  
O Lord, victorious in the fight,  
now seated at the Father's right.
- 4 May that great love, which led you there  
to suffer pain, our souls to spare,  
now raise us up around your throne  
to see your glory, yours alone.
- 5 Be all our joy, ascended Lord,  
as you will be our great reward;  
in you may all our glory be,  
both now and in eternity. Amen.

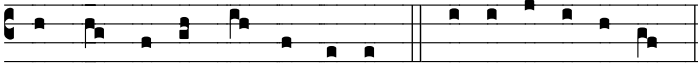
Jesu nostra redemptio (9th Century)  
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Men of Ga - li - lee, \* why stand look-ing in-to hea-ven



This Je - sus, who was ta - ken up from you in-to hea-ven,

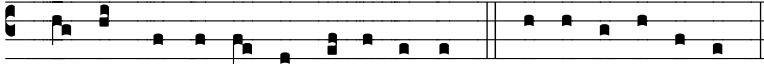


will come a-gain, al - le - lu - ia.

- 1 Clap your hands, áll you péoples; \*  
shout to Gód with a crý of joy.
- 2 For the Lord Most Hígh is tó be feared; \*  
he is the great k<sup>í</sup>ng over áll the earth.
- 3 He subdues the péoples únder us, \*  
and the nátions únder óur feet.
- 4 He chooses our inhéritance fór us, \*  
the pride of Jácob whóm he loves.
- 5 God has góne up wíth a shout, \*  
the Lord with the sóund of the rám's-horn.
- 6 Sing praises to Gód, sing práises; \*  
sing praises to our k<sup>í</sup>ng, sing práises.
- 7 For God is k<sup>í</sup>ng of áll the earth; \*  
sing práíses wíth áll your skill.
- 8 God reigns over the nátions; \*  
God sits upón his hólý throne.
- 9 The nobles of the peoples have gáthered together \*  
wíth the people of the Gód of Ábraham.
- 10 The rulers of the éarth belóng to God, \*  
and he is h<sup>í</sup>ghly exáted.



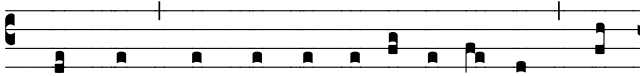
As they \* were look-ing up in-to hea-ven, lo,



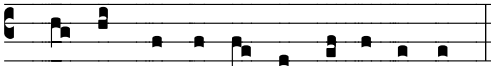
Je - sus was ta-ken up, al-le -lu - ia.

- 1 Great is the Lord and highly tó be praised; \*  
in the city of our Gód is his hóly hill.
- 2 Beautiful and lofty, the joy of all the earth,  
is the hill of Zion, \*  
the very centre of the world and the city óf the gréat king.
- 3 God is in her cítadels; \*  
he is known to bé her sure réfuge.
- 4 Behold, the kings of the éarth assémbled \*  
and marched fóward togéther.
- 5 They looked and wére astóunded; \*  
they retreated and fléd in térror.
- 6 Trembling seized thém there; \* †  
they writhed like a wóman in childbirth,  
like ships of the sea when the éast wind shátters them.
- 7 As we have heard, so have we seen,  
in the city of the Lord of hosts, in the city of óur God; \*  
God has established hér for éver.
- 8 We have waited in silence on your loving-kíndness, Ó God, \*  
in the mídst of your témples.
- 9 Your praise, like your name, O God,  
reaches tó the wórd's end; \*  
your right hand is fúll of jústice.
- 10 Let Mount Zion be glad  
and the cities of Júdáh rejoice, \*  
because of your júdgements.

- 11 Make the circuit of Zion; walk round about her; \*  
count the number of her towers.
- 12 Consider well her bulwarks; examine her strongholds; \*  
that you may tell those who come after.
- 13 This God is our God for ever and ever; \*  
he shall be our guide for evermore.



As they were look-ing up in-to hea-ven, lo,



Je - sus was ta-ken up, al-le -lu - ia.

*Psalm 110 Dixit Dominus*

*IVc*



Je- sus, lift -ing up his hands \* was ta-ken up in-to hea-ven:



and he blessed them, al-le- lu - ia.

- 1 The Lord said to my lord, “Sít at my right hand, \*  
until I make your enemies your footstool.”
- 2 The Lord will send the sceptre of your power out of Zion, \*  
saying, “Rule over your enemies round about you.
- 3 Princely state has been yours from the day of your birth, \* †  
in the beauty of holiness have I begotten you,  
like dew from the womb of the morning.”
- 4 The Lord has sworn and hé will nót recant: \*  
“You are a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek.”

- 5 The Lord who is at your right hand  
will smite kings in the day of his wrâth; \* †  
he will rule óver the nátions.
- 6 He will heap high the corpses; \*  
he will smash heads óver the wíde earth.
- 7 He will drink from the bróok beside the road; \*  
therefore he will lift hígh his head.

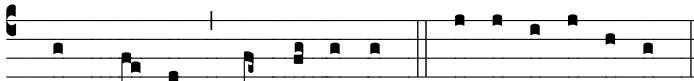
Psalm 117

*Laudate Dominum*

VIIIg



Ac-claim and ex- alt \* the King of kings: and to our God



sing prais- es, al - le - lu - ia.

- 1 Praise the Lord, áll you nátions; \*  
laud him, áll you péoples.
- 2 For his loving-kindness towárd ús is great, \*  
and the faithfulness of the Lord endures for ever.  
Hállélújah!

Canticle

VIIIg



While they were look-ing on, \* he was ta-ken up: and a cloud



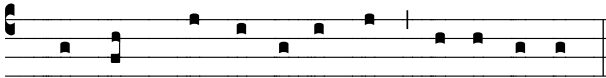
re- ceived him in-to hea-ven, al-le - lu - ia.

- 1 There is one God, and there is one mediator  
betwéen Gód and man, \*  
Christ Jésus, himsél<sup>f</sup> man,

- 2 who sacrificed himself to win fréedom for áll mankind, \*  
the testimony to which was bórne at the próper time.
- 3 He was manifésted ín the flesh, \*  
vindicated ín the Spírit,
- 4 seen by angels, preached amóng the nátions, \*  
believed on in the world, taken úp in glóry.
- 5 This will be made manifest át the próper time \*  
by the blessed and only Sovereign,  
the King of kíngs and Lórd of lords,
- 6 who alone has immortality and dwells in unapproachablê light, †  
whom no one has ever séen or cán see. \*  
To him be honour and eternal domínion. Ámen.



While they were look-ing on, he was ta-ken up: and a cloud

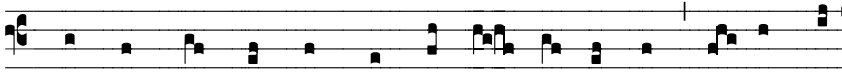


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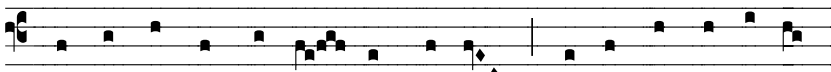
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heavn's: do not leave us, we pray, com-fort - less, but send



the promise of the Fa - ther on us, e-ven the Spi - rit of



truth, al-le - lu - ia.

### Solemn Intonation



My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lórd,  
my spirit rejoices **in** Gód my Sáviour \*  
for he has looked with favour on his lówly sérvant.

From this day all generations **will** cáll me bléssed: \*  
the Almighty has done great things for me,  
and hóly ís his name.

He has mercy **on** thóse who féar him \*  
in every g<sup>e</sup>nerátion.

He has shown **the** stréngth of hís arm, \*  
he has scattered the próud in théir conceit.

He has cast down **the** mighty from their thrones, \*  
and has lifted up the lowly.

He has filled the **hú**ngry with good things, \*  
and the rich he has sént away émpy.

He has come to the help of **his** sérvant Ísrael, \*  
for he has remembered his prómise of mércy,

the promise he **má**de to our fáthers, \*  
to Abraham and his chíldrén for éver.



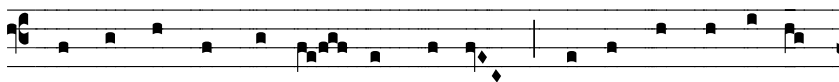
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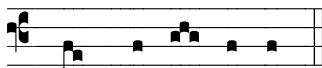
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*LITANY*

*OUR FATHER*

*COLLECT*

Grant, we pray, almighty God,  
that as we believe your only-begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ  
to have ascended into the heavens,  
so we in heart and mind may also ascend  
and with him continually dwell;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.