

**K COMMUNION
ANTIPHON**

Psallite Domino, qui
ascendit super caelos caelorum ad
Orientem, alleluia.

*Sing to the Lord, who ascends
above the highest heavens
towards the East, alleluia.*

**Communion Motet
“O Rex Gloriae”**

by Luca Marenzio (1533/4 –
1599)

*O King of Glory, Lord of hosts,
who hast this day mounted in
triumph above all the heavens,
leave us not orphans; but send
unto us the Promise of the Fa-
ther, the Spirit of truth. Alleluia.*



AVADO · PARARE
VOBIS · LOCVM

L POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Praesta nobis, quaesumus, omnipotens et
misericors Deus : ut, quae visibilibus
mysteriis sumenda percepimus, invisibili
consequamur effectui. Per Dominum....

*Grant us, we beseech Thee, O almighty
and merciful God, that what we have
received in visible mysteries may profit
us by its invisible effect. Through our O
Lord.*

Organ Voluntary:

“Heut’ triumphiret Gottes Sohn” (Today triumphs God’s Son)
by Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

YOU ARE WELCOME TO TAKE THIS SHEET HOME
PLEASE DO NOT REMOVE THE MASS BOOK

THE SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD’S ASCENSION



The Ascension of Our Lord to the right side of His Father in heaven, is the climax of His earthly existence. After His resurrection He said to Mary Magdalene, ‘I have not yet ascended to My Father.’ Now the time has come for the glory that is His right as Lord of all creation, and conqueror of sin and death, to be given to Him. Of course, Our Lord has never ceased to be God, but throughout His earthly life His divinity has been hidden beneath His visible human nature. Now that human nature, too, is taken up into heaven to share in divine glory for all eternity. Hence the prayer of the Collect, that ‘where the glory of the Head has gone before, the hope of the Body (that is, the Church) may be called to join Him.’ We also take to mind the words of the angels in today’s Introit, that He will return one day to the earth even as the Apostles have watched Him go, that is, “in glory, to judge the living and the dead”, as we say in the Creed.

*As the Procession enters the Church, the Organist plays the chorale:
“Ich wunder grosser Siegesheld”*

The Mass setting is the “Little Organ Mass”
by Franz Joseph Haydn (1732—1809)

A INTROIT

Viri Galilaei, quid admiramini aspicientes in caelum? alleluia: quemadmodum vidistis eum ascendentem in caelum, ita veniet, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Ps. Omnes gentes laudate manibus: jubilate Deo in voce exultationis.

Men of Galilee, why are you gazing in astonishment at the sky? alleluia; just as you have seen Him ascend into heaven, so, in like manner, shall He return, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Ps. All nations clap your hands; shout to God with a voice of joy.

Please note that the large letters by the Proper texts of the Mass given below correspond to the same letter in the Ordinary of the Mass Book.

B COLLECT

Concede, quaesumus, omnipotens Deus: ut, qui hodierna die Unigenitum tuum caelos ascendisse credimus, ipsi quoque mente in caelestibus habitemus. Per eundem Dominum....

Grant, we beseech Thee, almighty God, that we who believe Thine only-begotten Son, our Redeemer, to have this day ascended into heaven, may ourselves dwell in spirit amid heavenly things. Through the same Lord...

C The Epistle is taken from the Acts of the Apostles.

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day He gave his instructions to the apostles He had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days He had continued to appear to them and tell them about the Kingdom of God. When He had been at table with them, He had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. "It is," He had said, "what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit." Now having met together, they asked Him, "Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by His own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth." As He said this He was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took Him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, "Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen Him go there."

D GRADUAL

Alleluia Ascendit Deus in jubilatione, et Dominus in voce tubæ.

Alleluia. God has gone up amidst shouts of joy, the Lord to the sound of the trumpet. Alleluia.

E GOSPEL ALLELUIA

Dominus in Sina in sancto, ascendens in altum, captivam duxit captivitatem.

Alleluia. The Lord is in Sinai, in the holy place, ascending on high, He has led captivity captive. Alleluia.

F GOSPEL. A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.

At that time Jesus appeared to the eleven as they were at table: and He upbraided them with their incredulity and hardness of heart, because they did not believe them who had seen Him after He had risen again. And He said to them : Go ye into the whole world and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptised shall be saved: but he that believeth not shall be condemned. And these signs shall follow them that believe: In My name they shall cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; and if they shall drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them ; they shall lay their hands upon the sick, and they shall recover. And the Lord Jesus, after He had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God. But they going forth preached everywhere, the Lord working withal, and confirming the word with signs that followed.

The Paschal Candle is extinguished as a sign that after His Ascension, Our Lord is no longer visibly present on the earth

CREDO IV—see page 34.

Offertory Motet "Ascendit Deus" by Jacobus Clemens (Clemens non Papa) c.1510-1556
"Alleluia God has gone up with shouts of joy, the Lord to the sound of the trumpet, Alleluia"

G OFFERTORY ANTIPHON

Ascendit Deus in jubilatione, et Dominus in voce tubæ, alleluia.

God is ascended with jubilee, and the Lord with the sound of a trumpet, alleluia.

H THE SECRET PRAYER

Suscipe, Domine, munera, quæ pro Fili tui gloriosa Ascensione deferimus : et concede propitius ut a praesentibus periculis liberemur, et ad vitam perveniamus aeternam. Per eundem.....

Accept, O Lord, the gifts we offer Thee in memory of Thy Son; and graciously grant that being delivered from present dangers, we may attain unto eternal life. Through the same Lord....

J PREFACE

Vere dignum et justum est, æquum et salutare, nos tibi semper et ubique gratias agere: Domine, sancte Pater, omnipotens æterne Deus: per Christum Dominum nostrum.

It is truly meet and right and incumbent upon us for our salvation that we should always and everywhere give thanks to Thee, O Lord, holy Father almighty everlasting God, through Christ Our Lord.

Qui post resurrectionem suam, omnibus discipulis suis manifestus apparuit, et ipsis cernentibus est elevatus in cælum, ut nos divinitatis suæ tribueret esse participes.

Who, after His resurrection, showed Himself openly to all His disciples and in their sight ascended into heaven that He might grant us to be partakers of His divinity.

Et ideo, cum Angelis et Archangelis, cum Thronis et Dominationibus, cumque omni militia caelestis exercitus, hymnum tuæ gloriæ canimus, sine fine dicentes:

And therefore with Angels and Archangels, with Thrones and Dominations, and with all the heavenly hosts, sing a hymn to Thy glory, saying without ceasing:

The Sanctus and Agnus Dei are from the "Little Organ Mass" by Franz Josef Haydn (1732-1809)

