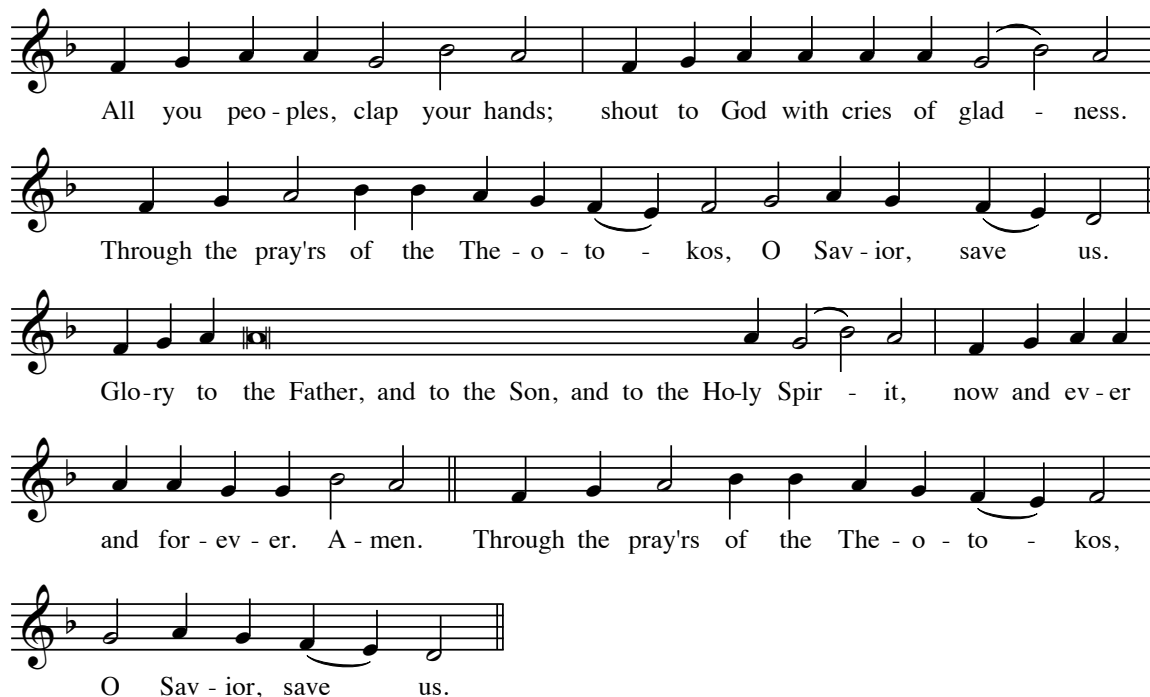


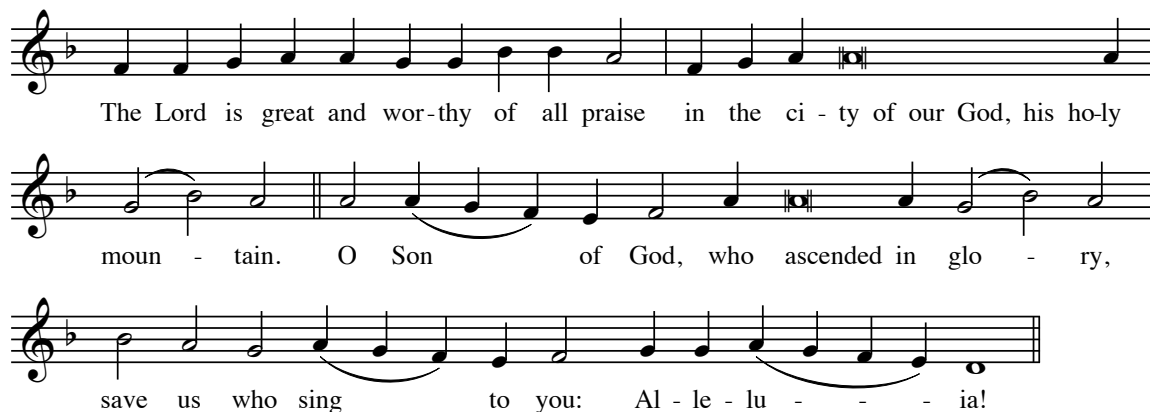
DIVINE LITURGY PROPER FOR THE LEAVE-TAKING OF THE ASCENSION¹

First Antiphon of the Ascension (Psalm 46:2):



All you peo - ples, clap your hands; shout to God with cries of glad - ness.
Through the pray'rs of the The - o - to - kos, O Sav - ior, save us.
Glo - ry to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it, now and ev - er
and for - ev - er. A - men. Through the pray'rs of the The - o - to - kos,
O Sav - ior, save us.

Second Antiphon of the Ascension (Psalm 47:2):



The Lord is great and wor - thy of all praise in the ci - ty of our God, his ho - ly
moun - tain. O Son of God, who ascended in glo - ry,
save us who sing to you: Al - le - lu - - - ia!

The Second Antiphon concludes with the Hymn of the Incarnation ("O only-begotten Son..").

Post-festive Third Antiphon (Psalm 94:1):



Come, let us sing joyful-ly to the Lord; let us ac-claim God our Sav - ior.



O Son of God, who ascended in glo - ry, save us who sing to you:



Al - le - lu - - - ia!

Post-festive Entrance Hymn (Psalm 94:6):



Come, let us wor - ship and bow be - fore Christ. O Son of God,



who ascended in glo-ry, save us who sing to you: Al-le-lu - ia!

Troparion of the Ascension – Tone 4



You were tak-en up in glo-ry, O Christ our God; you glad-dened the disciples



with the promise of the Ho - ly Spir - it. By bless-ing them you con-firmed



that you are the Son of God, the Re-deem - er of the World.

Cantor

Glo - ry to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it,
now and ev - er and for-ev - er. A - men.

Kontakion of the Ascension – Tone 6

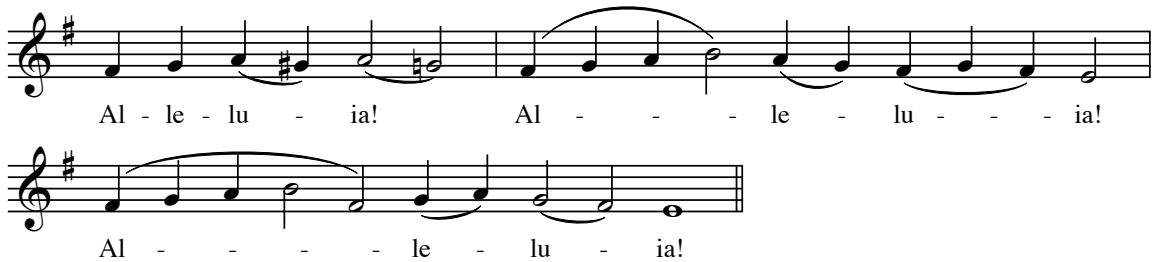
When you had fulfilled the plan of sal - va - tion for us and u - nit - ed the earthly
with the heav - en - ly, you were tak - en up in glo - ry, O Christ our God.
Nev - er part - ing from us but re - main - ing con - stant - ly, you pro - claim to those
who love you: I am with you and no one can be a - gainst you.

Prokeimenon of the Ascension – Tone 7 (Psalm 56:6,8):

Be ex - alt - ed a - bove the heav - ens, O God,
and let your glo - - - ry be o - ver all the earth.

Verse: My heart is ready, O God, my heart is ready. I shall sing, I shall sing your praise.

Alleluia - Tone 2 (Psalm 46:6,2):



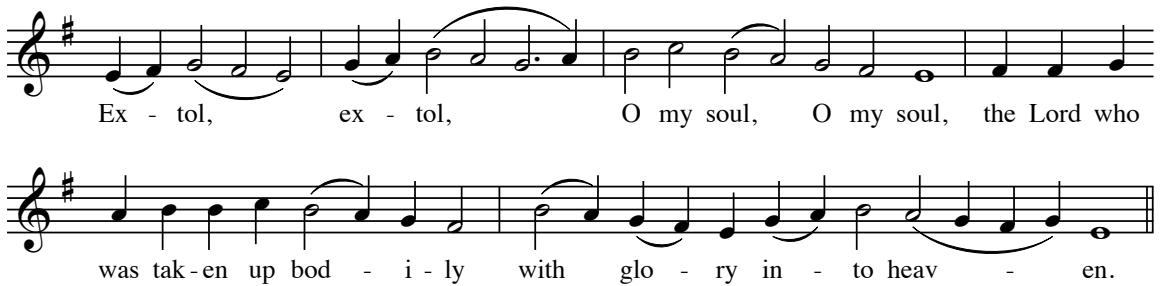
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - - - le - lu - - - ia!
Al - - - - le - lu - ia!

Verse: God ascends amid shouts of joy; the Lord amid trumpet blasts.

Verse: All you peoples clap your hands, shout to God with cries of gladness.

Instead of "It is truly proper . . ."

Magnification:



Ex - tol, ex - tol, O my soul, O my soul, the Lord who
was tak - en up bod - i - ly with glo - ry in - to heav - en.

Irmos:


Tone 6 Irmos, simple setting




We, the faith-ful, with one ac-cord pro - claim your great-ness, O Mother of God.
For be - yond un - der-stand-ing or ex - pres - sion, you gave birth in
time to the Time - less One.

Communion Hymn (Psalm 46:6):

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God as-cends a - mid shouts of joy; the Lord a - mid trum-pet blasts.




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

On Ascension Thursday and on all days of its post-feast, the Prokeimenon of the Ascension
“Be exalted above . . .” is sung once in place of: “We have seen the true light; . . .” and “May our mouth be filled . . .”:



Be ex - alt - ed a - bove the heav - ens, O God,



and let your glo - - - ry be o - ver all the earth.

¹ Format 13: Otdanije (Day of Dismissal) of a Feast of our Lord