

# ASCENSION

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON *Acts 1: 11*

Viri Galilaei

Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens?  
This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven  
will return as you saw him go, alleluia.

∨ Psalm 46: All nations, clap your hands;  
shout unto God with a voice of joy.

*Option for the Vigil Mass, per the Roman Missal:*

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON *Ps 68 (67): 33, 35*

Regna terrae, cantate Deo, psallite Domino,

You kingdoms of the earth, sing to God;  
praise the Lord, who ascends above the highest heavens;  
his majesty and might are in the skies, alleluia.

The Gradual has only one antiphon and there is no “vigil,” while The Missal includes a separate antiphon for the Vigil Mass. Therefore, “Men of Galilee” can be used at the vigil or day Masses. In deference to tradition, we have not even adapted the vigil antiphon.

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- **The antiphon (introit) has been arranged as a hymn!**
- **Pick a tune from the box, or use the one provided in the organ score!**
- **Copy and paste the text below into your worship aid, or use the melody PDF/PNG provided.**
- **consider pasting original antiphon as well. Not to sing, but so people understand what’s going on!**

## Introit Hymn OPTION 1

1. O ye men of Galilee, Alleluia;  
Why gave heav’nward wond’ringly? Alleluia.  
Jesus, whom you saw ascend, Alleluia;  
Will return at ages’ end, Alleluia.

2. All you nations clap your hands, Alleluia;  
Shout to God with joy you lands, Alleluia.  
Praise the Father, and the Son, Alleluia;  
With the Holy Spirit, One, Alleluia.

**Pick one tune for Introit Hymn 7777:**

*EASTER HYMN: Jesus Christ is Ris’n Today*

*LLANFAIR: Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise*

*Text: Acts 1:11; Ps 47; Viri Galilaei; Introit, Ascension; adapted, Greg Heislman, © 2014.*

*Tune: EASTER HYMN; Lyra Davidica, 77 77 with Alleluias.*

## Introit Hymn OPTION 2

Ant. O men of Galilee, say why  
you gaze in wonder at the sky, Alleluia, Alleluia!  
This Jesus, whom you saw ascend,  
will come the same way at the end.  
O Praise Him, O Praise Him,  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

☩ All nations clap your hands and sing,  
Shout out in triumph to our King, Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise, Praise the Father, Praise the Son,  
And Praise the Spirit, with them One.  
O Praise Him, O Praise Him,  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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Tune: LASST UNS ERFREUEN, LM with Alleluias.*

**Use with LASST UNS ERFREUEN LM:**  
All Creatures of Our God and King.

*Or remove Alleluias and use with any other LM  
hymn tune*

This contains the verse and the doxology.  
Repeat the antiphon for verse '3.'

## Introit Hymn OPTION 3

1. Do not stand, and stare in wonder into the sky above.  
You have seen the wondrous glory of the risen Lord of Love.  
And just as you have seen him ascend into the skies  
So shall the living Savior return before your eyes.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! We praise our God and King!  
Alleluia, alleluia your people ever sing!

2. On His throne in highest heaven our Saviour takes His place,  
Now and always on the Mercy Seat, the source of endless grace.  
Though not only there we seek Him; never far from us is He.  
We know the Lord is with us, if we have faith to see.  
Neither staring up in wonder, nor hiding like the dead.  
We will find Him here together in breaking of the bread.

3. All you servants of the Most High now sing and clap your hands,  
For the Lord that once was crucified is Prince of all the Lands.  
Sound the trumpet, sing together, as our Saviour mounts His throne,  
And hear the voice that calls us a people of His own.  
Alleluia to the Father, and to his only Son.  
Alleluia to the Spirit, Eternal Three in One!

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**Use with THAXTED: O God Beyond  
All Praising. 13.13.13.13.13.13**

**This wonderful adaptation by Adam  
Wood includes the antiphon, verse,  
and doxology texts. It incorporates  
other beautiful theological poetry  
that makes it a great choice for  
Entrance.**