

PREFACE I OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

The mystery of the Ascension

V. The Lord be with you. R. And with your spir-it.

V. Lift up your hearts. R. We lift them up to the Lord.

V. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. R. It is right and just.

It is truly right and just, our duty and our sal-va-tion, al-ways and

everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and e-

-ter-nal God. For the Lord Jesus, the King of glory, conqueror of

sin and death, ascended (today) to the high-est heav-ens, as the

An-gels gazed in won-der. Me-diator between God and man,

judge of the world and Lord of hosts, he ascended, not to distance

himself from our low-ly state but that we, his members, might be

confident of fol-low-ing where he, our Head and Founder, has gone

be-fore. There-fore, o-vercome with pas-chal joy, every land,
eve-ry peo-ple ex - ults in your praise and even the heavenly
Powers, with the an - gel-ic hosts, sing together the unending hymn
of your glo - ry, as they ac-claim:

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