

He said to them, **“It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by His own authority. But you will receive Power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”**

And when He had said these things, as they were looking on, He was lifted up, and a cloud took Him out of their sight. And while they were gazing into heaven as He went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, and said, **“Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, Who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw Him go into heaven.”**

PSALM 47 *Setting by Thomas E. Lock*

Psalm 47; refrain: verse 5 KJV

REFRAIN

First time: Choir sings one time through, followed by the congregation

Thereafter: Sung one time through by congregation



Choir: O clap your hands, all ye people;
shout unto God with the voice of triumph.

For the LORD most high is terrible;
He is a great King over all the earth.

He shall subdue the people under us, and the nations under our feet.

He shall choose our inheritance for us, the excellency of Jacob whom He
loved. **REFRAIN**

Choir: God is gone up with a shout,
the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.

Sing praises to God, sing praises:
sing praises unto our King, sing praises.

For God is the King of all the earth:
sing ye praises with understanding.

God reigneth over the heathen:

God sitteth upon the throne of His holiness.

The princes of the people are gathered together, even the people of the God of Abraham:

for the shields of the earth belong unto God: He is greatly exalted.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen. **REFRAIN**

EPISTLE

Ephesians 1:15-23

For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of Glory, may give you a Spirit of Wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of Him, having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the Hope to which He has called you, what are the riches of His glorious inheritance in the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of His Power toward us who believe, according to the working of His great might that He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. And He put all things under His feet and gave Him as Head over all things to the Church, which is His body, the fullness of Him Who fills all in all.

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HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 24: 44-53

Then [Jesus] said to them, **“These are My words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about Me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.”**

Then He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, and said to them, **“Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in His name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And behold, I am sending the Promise of My Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with Power from on high.”**

Then He led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up His hands He blessed them. While He blessed them, He parted from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped Him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and were continually in the temple blessing God.

CHORAL RESPONSE: *We Thank Thee, Jesus, Dearest Friend*

*We thank Thee, Jesus, dearest Friend, That Thou didst into heaven ascend.
O blessed Savior, bid us live And strength to soul and body give. Hallelujah!*

*The man who trusts in Him is blest And finds in Him eternal rest;
This world's allurements we despise And fix on Christ alone our eyes. Hallelujah!*

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ON CHRIST'S ASCENSION I NOW BUILD

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LOOK, YE SAINTS, THE SIGHT IS GLORIOUS

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HYMN: SEE, THE LORD ASCENDS IN TRIUMPH

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Postlude: *The Head that Once Was Crowned with Thorns* by Charles Callahan

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