**SINGING:**  403 – 130 – 180: 7,8 – 59: 5,6,7

**READING:**  Psalm 47

 **THE ASCENSION OF CHRIST**

 *By the late Rev. J.D. Barth*

Text: Mark 16: 19

*So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, He was received*

*up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God.*

**Upon the Mount of Olives**

* He went out and abode in the mount called the Mount

of Olives.

* Blessed moments for these disciples.

Who can describe what these eleven presently

enjoyed?

* They are being prepared to receive the Holy Spirit.
* Now it is the hour that He will leave this world and

return to heaven from where He descended.

* God’s justice opens for Him the everlasting doors to

receive Him as the King of glory.

**Above the Mount of Olives**

* By the way of the covenant of works no sinner can be

saved.

* All the righteousness of the Divine law has been

fulfilled by Him.

* If Christ should have remained on earth, then the

Holy Spirit would not have come.

* The chariots of God are twenty thousand, even many

thousands.

The Lord is among them, as in Sinai, in the holy place.

* O, glorious day! What a magnificence above the Mount of Olives.

**Behind the Mount of Olives**

* Of this Jesus had spoken to His disciples: “If I go and

prepare a place for you, I will come again, and

receive you unto Myself.

* To God’s people of ancient days were given, gifts of

the Spirit, necessary to life and salvation.

* To be sure, how is it by nature? Then we are of the

earth, earthy. We have no eye for heavenly things.

* Thus by His Spirit He is the glory of His entire Church

and He shall not rest until He has fulfilled all things.

**Application**

* Do consider the things which belong unto thy eternal

peace. This same Christ Who ascended from the top of

Mount Olivet shall return.

* No matter how many infirmities cleaved to them, He

did not reject them.

He saw their ways and He cured them.

* The Comforter, the Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Truth;

He will guide you into all truth.