

**Psalters (full text on next page):** 424:1,3 - 302:1,2 - 183:1 - 124:1,2,4 - 58:1,2,3

**Scripture:** Acts 1:1-12

## **THE ASCENSION OF CHRIST**

### **1. The circumstances surrounding Christ's ascension**

- After resurrection Jesus taught His disciples many things (Lk. 24:27):
  - The work He *had* done.
  - To prepare them for what He *was going to do*.
- The disciples still have wrong thinking.
- Faith is entrusting yourself to God.

### **2. The reality of Christ's ascension**

- Ascension of Christ:
  - Fulfilling Scripture (Ps 68);
  - A miracle;
  - Witnessed by men;
  - Explained by angels;
  - To the throne room of God.

### **3. The meaning of Christ's ascension;**

- Ascension is to His glory.
  - The angels welcome Him;
  - The Father welcomes Him (Acts 1:2,9; cf. Heb. 1:8-9).
- The labour He is doing in Heaven is to benefit His Church (Jn. 16:7; HC18:46,49; Eph. 4:8-12).
  - As High Priest (Heb. 4:14);
  - As King (Ps 45:4);
  - As Prophet (Deut. 18:18; Jn. 17:6-8).

### **4. The return following Christ's ascension**

- He returns in glory and every knee shall bow before Him (Mat. 13:40-43, 49-50; Mat. 24:30-31; Gen. 41:43; Isa. 45:23).
- How shall we stand there?
- Consider the fruit of Christ's ascension is to live by faith:
  - Heaven is opened.
  - Jesus is the Way to the Father
  - Joy in the heart (Lk 24:52b).

### **Psalter 424**

1. Sing, sing a new song to Jehovah  
For all the wonders He has wrought;  
His right hand and His arm most holy  
The victory to Him have brought.  
The Lord has published His salvation,  
His righteousness has He made known;  
He showed to every heathen nation  
That judgment issues from His throne.

3. Join to the harp your glad rejoicing,  
A psalm of adoration bring,  
With trumpet and the cornet voicing  
A joyful noise to God, the King.  
Let oceans roar with all their fullness,  
The world and they that dwell therein;  
Proclaim Jehovah's power with boldness,  
Exalt Him ever and again.

### **Psalter 302**

1. The Lord unto His Christ hath said,  
In glory I enthrone Thee  
Till all Thy foes, in triumph led,  
Their sov'reign King shall own Thee;  
From Zion shall Jehovah send  
Thy scepter, till before Thee bend  
The knees of proud rebellion.

2. Thy people will be gladly Thine  
When Thou shalt come victorious,  
In holy beauty Thou shalt shine,  
Like morning fair and glorious;  
The word of God shall not depart:  
The King of Righteousness Thou art,  
A Royal Priest forever.

### **Psalter 183**

1. O Lord, Thou hast ascended  
On high in might to reign;  
Captivity Thou leadest  
A captive in Thy train.  
Rich gifts to Thee are offered  
By men who did rebel,  
Who pray that now Jehovah  
Their God with them may dwell.

### **Psalter 124**

1. My heart doth overflow,  
A goodly theme is mine;  
My eager tongue with joyful song  
Doth praise the King Divine.

2. Supremely fair Thou art,  
Thy lips with grace o'erflow;  
His richest blessings evermore  
Doth God on Thee bestow.

4. Triumphantly ride forth  
For meekness, truth, and right;  
Thy arm shall gain the victory  
In wondrous deeds of might.

### **Psalter 58**

1. Ye gates, lift your heads, the  
glad summons obey,  
Ye doors everlasting, wide open  
the way;  
The King of all glory high honors  
await,  
The King of all glory shall enter in  
state.

2. What King of all glory is this  
that ye sing?  
The Lord, strong and mighty,  
the conquering King.  
Ye gates, lift your heads and  
His summons obey,  
Ye doors everlasting, wide  
open the way.

3. The King of all glory high honors  
await,  
The King of all glory shall enter in  
state.  
What King of all glory is this that ye  
sing?  
Jehovah of Hosts, He of glory is  
King.