

Melody for the Feast of the Ascension

Glory and honor be to God
Who has risen on the third day
He appeared to His holy disciples
Many times though they shut the gates

He spoke to them with precious words
About the kingdom of heaven and its mystery
He gave them power and authority
To baptize in the name of the Trinity

He ate with them broiled fish
And pure honey of the bees
He explained the words He had spoken to them
Before He was nailed to the tree

This was on the fortieth day
From the day on which He rose
He appeared to His holy disciples
To explain the prophecies He alone knows

He blessed them and gave them peace
In heavenly peace they all gathered
By His pure mouth He commanded them
To await the promise of His holy Father

They asked Him to learn
If He will restore the kingdom of Israel
He told them it is not for them to know
What only the Father can tell

When he spoke these things
With his hands He blessed them all together
And He ascended to heaven with glory
And sat at the right of the Father

As the disciples stared at Him
Two angels stood by and glowed
Spoke to them, "Men of Galilee
This is Jesus the Lord of Lords

This same Jesus who ascended
To heaven on the clouds
Shall in the same manner return

All shall worship Him without doubt

The pure disciples did return
In Jerusalem they did gather
In the upper room they awaited
The descent of the Spirit of the Father

He promised that the Paraclete
The Spirit of Comfort shall thunder
From the Father and grant them
Strength, power, and great wonders

The Lord ascended and illuminated heaven
And promised His disciples, indeed
To await the Holy Spirit
Of God the Father, the Paraclete

When He ascended to Heaven
All principalities worshipped Him with calm
His sitting at the right of the Father
Was as David proclaimed in the psalm

The Lord said to my Lord,
“Sit at My right hand”
The Son said to the Father
Glorify Me with the glory I had

Our Lord Jesus ascended
Peace and grace then Adam had
He ascended with the sound of the trumpet
At the Father’s right hand He sat

All glory and honor be to Him
The earth, His power felt
Rose from the dead and ascended
All His promises, He fulfilled