

Thursday 18 May 2023 SOLEMNITY of the ASCENSION of the LORD

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 46(47):2-3,6-9

GOD GOES UP WITH SHOUTS OF JOY; THE LORD GOES UP WITH TRUMPET BLAST.

All peoples, clap your hands,
cry to God with shouts of joy!
For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear,
great king over all the earth.

*As an Easter people we celebrate Christ's ascension to proclaim God's greatness to the whole world
Christ returns to the Father's right hand and we celebrate God's rule over all history and all people.*

God goes up with shouts of joy;
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.
Sing praise for God, sing praise,
sing praise to our king, sing praise.

*Eastertime invites us to think how to celebrate our faith with joy
Let us simply praise God for being God in our lives and in creation.*

God is king of all the earth,
sing praise with all your skill.
God is king over the nations;
God reigns on his holy throne.

*The coronation of King Charles will have been a great celebration, but how much more should we celebrate
God as our King?*

Let us reflect on how the Ascension is the promise of God's triumph over the whole world