

# The Ascension of our Lord: Divine Liturgy

## The Prokimenon

*Reader:* The Prokimenon in the **7th Tone**: Be Thou exalted above the heavens, O God, and Thy glory above all the earth.

*Choir:*

Znamenny

S  
A  
T  
B

Be Thou ex - alted above the heavens, O God,  
and Thy glo - ry a - bove all — the earth.

The musical score is written for four voices: Soprano (S), Alto (A), Tenor (T), and Bass (B). It is in the 7th tone, indicated by a sharp sign on the F line of the staff. The melody is a Znamenny style, characterized by its stepwise motion and lack of traditional rhythmic notation. The lyrics are: "Be Thou ex - alted above the heavens, O God, and Thy glo - ry a - bove all — the earth." The score is divided into two systems. The first system covers the first four notes of the melody, and the second system covers the remaining notes, including a long note for "all" and a final cadence.

*Reader:* Ready is my heart, O God, ready is my heart; I will sing and chant in my glory.

*Choir:* Be Thou exalted above the heavens, O God, and Thy glory above all the earth.

*Reader:* Be Thou exalted above the heavens, O God.

*Choir:* And Thy glory above all the earth.

*Reader:* The Reading from the Acts of the Holy Apostles:

[Acts 1:1-12]

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Alleluia

Reader: Alleluia, in the 2nd Tone.

Choir:

Znamenny

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - - - - le - lu - - - - ia.

Reader: God is gone up in jubilation, the Lord with the voice of the trumpet.

Choir: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Reader: Clap your hands, all ye nations; shout unto God with a voice of rejoicing.

Choir: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Gospel [Luke 24:36-53]

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