The Ascension of our Lord
Stichera of the Praises
Tone 1, Special Melody "Joy of the Ranks of Heaven..."

(4) Reader: In the 1st Tone, Special Melody "Joy of the ranks of heaven":

Praise Him for His mighty acts,

Praise Him according to the multitude of His greatness.

Let us on earth celebrate like the angels, crying out in hymnody to God Who is upborne on the throne of glory:

Holy art Thou, O heavenly Father, O Co-e-ternal Son;

and holy art Thou, O most Holy Spirit.

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(3) Reader: Praise Him with the sound of trumpet,

Praise Him with psaltery and harp.

The princes of the angels, beholding Thy strange ascent,

O Savior, were at a loss, and cried one to another:

"What is this that we see? He who appear-eth in human form

as God ascendeth in the flesh higher than the heavens!"
(2) Reader: Praise Him with timbrel and dance,

Praise Him with strings and flute.

Beholding Thee upborne in the body

from the Mount of Olives, O Word, the Galileans

heard angels who cried unto them: "Why stand ye gazing?"

He will come again in the flesh, in the same manner as ye have seen."
Let every breath praise the Lord.

Reader: Praise Him with tuneful cymbals, praise Him with cymbals of jubilation.

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