

HYMN 39

Formerly Hymn 31

The Lord Ascended Up on High

Der Du allein

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The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of a single melodic line on a treble clef staff. The lyrics are: 1. The Lord as-cend-ed up on high, the Lord has tri-umphed glo-rious-ly, in power and might ex-cel-ling. The grave and hell are cap-tive led when He went up, our glo-rious Head, to His e-ter-nal dwell-ing.

2. The heavens with joy received their Lord,
by saints, by angel hosts adored.
O day of exultation!
O earth, adore your glorious King!
Let us of His ascension sing
with joy and adoration.
3. Our great High Priest is present now
where all before God's glory bow:
the Father's throne in heaven.
There He still has our human flesh,
and we as counterpledge possess
the Spirit He has given.

4. We lift our hearts to Christ on high,
for He who laid His glory by
is King of all creation.
Appearing as His church's Head,
He rules the living and the dead
and judges every nation.

5. From heaven He sent His Spirit down
who gives rich gifts to us His own,
gifts from His treasure taken.
Protecting us from Satan's lure,
Christ keeps us by His power secure;
we'll never be forsaken.