

The New English Hymnal (1986)

A respected Protestant hymnal

THE CHRISTIAN YEAR
128 Second Tune
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ASCENSIONTIDE

OFFICE HYMN

Aeterne Rex altissime

ETERNAL Monarch, King most high,
Whose blood hath brought redemption nigh,
By whom the death of Death was wrought
And conquering grace's battle fought:

- 2 Ascending to the throne of might,
And seated at the Father's right,
All power in heaven is Jesu's own,
That here his manhood had not known.
- 3 Yea, angels tremble when they see
How changed is our humanity;
For flesh hath purged what flesh had stained,
And God, the flesh of God, hath reigned.
- 4 Be thou our joy and strong defence,
Who art our future recompense:
So shall the light that springs from thee
Be ours through all eternity.
- 5 O risen Christ, ascended Lord,
All praise to thee let earth accord,
Who art, while endless ages run,
With Father and with Spirit One. Amen.

Latin c 5th century
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For a procession in Ascensiontide see
109 Hail thee, festival day!
130 Hail the day that sees him rise