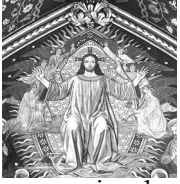


THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

MAY 21, 2023



Weekly Reflection—Christ’s work on earth did not end with his ascension into heaven. He made it very clear that there was more to be done. He charged his disciples to continue the work he had begun. The disciples spread the teaching they had received from Jesus. Generation after generation has continued to pass on these teachings. Now it is our turn. We spread the Gospel through our daily lives. We reveal God’s love in our respect for others and care for the poor and outcast. What Gospel message is your life proclaiming?

Know that I am with you always, until the end of the world.

~ *Matthew 28:20*

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GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

READING I

Acts 1:1-11

In the first book, Theophilus, I dealt with all that Jesus did and taught until the day he was taken up, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. He presented himself alive to them by many proofs after he had suffered, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While meeting with them, he enjoined them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for “the promise of the Father about which you have heard me speak; for John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.”

When they had gathered together they asked him, “Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?” He answered them, “It is not for you to know the times or seasons that the

READING 1*Continued*

Father has established by his own authority. But you will power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” When he had said this, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight. While they were looking intently at the sky as he was going, suddenly two men dressed in white garments stood beside them. They said, “Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking at the sky? This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven will return in the same way as you have seen him going into heaven.”

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God**RESPONSORIAL PSALM***Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9*

R. God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

READING II*Eph 1:17-23*

Brothers and sisters: May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a Spirit of wisdom and revelation resulting in knowledge of him. May the eyes of your hearts be enlightened, that you may know what is the hope that belongs to his call, what are the riches of glory in his inheritance among the holy ones, and what is the surpassing greatness of his power for us who believe, in accord with the exercise of his great might, which he worked in Christ, raising him from the dead and seating him at his right hand in the heavens, far above every principality, authority, power, and dominion, and every name that is named not only in this age but also in the one to come. And he put all things beneath his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fullness of the one who fills all things in every way.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God**ALLELUIA***Mt 28:19a, 20b*

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Go and teach all nations, says the Lord;

I am with you always, until the end of the world. **R.**

GOSPEL

Matthew 28:16-20

The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had ordered them. When they saw him, they worshiped, but they doubted. Then Jesus approached and said to them, "All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age."

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

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I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, *and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man*. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL
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Please respond, *“Lord, hear our prayer.”*

That through the Church’s faithful announcement of the Gospel, God’s Word may spread throughout the world and redeem all pain and suffering.
We pray to the Lord

That people in need may find help, and that peace and security may be firmly established everywhere.
We pray to the Lord

For our sister parish, that together we may grow in faith, hope, and love.
We pray to the Lord

For the disheartened: that they find consolation and peace in the love of Jesus.
We pray to the Lord

For those who are struggling in their faith: that they gain a renewed conviction of the truth that we have eternal life in Jesus Christ.
We pray to the Lord

For the success of our parish projects as we continue our Inspired by the Spirit Campaign.
We pray to the Lord.

For the grace this week to rejoice even when we share in the sufferings of Christ, and to glorify God in all that we say and do.
We pray to the Lord

For the intentions inscribed in our book of prayer, in our prayer baskets, and lifted to Jesus in the quiet of our heart...
We pray to the Lord

For all of our beloved dead, especially...

4:00 p.m.: Chuck & Chad Walport

6:00 p.m.: John Torpy

8:30 a.m.: Parishioners of St. Stephen & St. Joseph

10:30 a.m.: Ronald Berna

We pray to the Lord