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The Ascension of the Lord

May 29, 2022

God mounts his throne amid shouts of joy;
the Lord, amid trumpet blasts.

SENT FORTH

Today we celebrate Jesus' return to heaven. If we struggle to know how to feel about this event, we take our cue from Jesus' disciples. These disciples are first-hand witnesses to the Ascension, returning afterward to Jerusalem, where "they were continually in the temple praising God." Long-time companions of the Lord, they surely feel the pain of physical separation from Jesus. Yet they praise God continually. They accept God's plan, looking forward to the day when Christ will come again. As our reading from Hebrews affirms, Christ will return to "bring salvation to those who eagerly await him." This Good News is almost too much to take in; the Acts of the Apostles explains that an angel has to wake the disciples from their stupor, reminding them to start the Lord's work. Today's readings are our own angel, sending us forth in joyful hope.

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PRAYER OF THE WEEK

The Ascension of the Lord

At the Mass during the Day

Gladden us with holy joys, almighty God,
and make us rejoice with devout thanksgiving,
for the Ascension of Christ your Son
is our exaltation,
and, where the Head has gone before in glory,
the Body is called to follow in hope.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Jesus tells the disciples that they will be witnesses to the ends of the earth (Acts 1:1-11).

Psalm — God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord (Psalm 47).

Second Reading — God seated Jesus at his right hand in the heavens (Ephesians 1:17-23) *or Hebrews 9:24-28; 10:19-23.*

Gospel — As Jesus blessed his disciples he parted from them and was taken up to heaven (Luke 24:46-53).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab;
Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday: Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16;
Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6; Lk 1:39-56

Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30, 33-36ab;
Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11;
Jn 17:20-26

Friday: Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab;
Jn 21:15-19

Saturday: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4, 5, 7;
Jn 21:20-25

Sunday: Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or
Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5;
Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35,
27-30; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39
Day: Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34;
1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Rom 8:8-17;
Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 14:15-16, 23b-26

UNITED IN FAITH

Commitment Weekend is
June 11th and 12th.

Reflection question:

Why is the Ascension a cause for joy?

**OFFICE WILL CLOSED MONDAY
MAY 30**

Deacon Moss has started his new class
on **May 17th**, from 10:00 to 11:30.

Everyone is invited to join these books
are always so interesting This one is
titled "The Apostle" by Pope Benedict

JUNE 5th

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ANITA & ANN

WEEKLY OFFERING

MAY 22ND, 2022

\$565.00

Catholic Relief

\$10.00