

GRACE AT HOME



ASCENSION SUNDAY

HE SHALL COME AGAIN

This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven. – Acts 1:11b

In today's readings the risen Christ ascends into heaven and his followers are assured that the Spirit will empower them to be witnesses throughout the earth. The disciples are told to not gaze up into heaven to look for Jesus (Acts 1:11); we find his presence among us as we proclaim the word and share the Easter feast. We too long for the Spirit to enliven our faith and invigorate our mission.



Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; His the scep - ter, his the throne;
 Al - le - lu - ia! Not as or - phans Are we left in sor - row now;
 Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of heav - en, Here on earth our food, our stay;
 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, Lord om - ni - po - tent we own;

Al - le - lu - ia! His the tri - umph, His the vic - to - ry a - lone.
 Al - le - lu - ia! He is near us; Faith be - lieves, nor ques - tions how.
 Al - le - lu - ia! Here the sin - ful Flee to you from day - to day.
 Al - le - lu - ia! Born of Mar - y, Earth your foot - stool, heav'n your throne.

Hark! The songs of peace - ful Zi - on Thun - der like a might - y flood:
 Though the cloud - from sight re - ceived him When the for - ty days were o'er,
 In - ter - ces - sor friend of sin - ners, Earth's re - deem - er, hear our plea
 As with - in the veil you en - tered, Robed in flesh, our great high priest,

"Je - sus out of ev - 'ry na - tion Has re - deemed us by his blood."
 Shall our hearts for - get his prom - ise: "I am with you ev - er - more?"
 Where the songs of all the sin - less Sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.
 Here on earth both priest and vic - tim In the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.

PSALM FOR THE WEEK

Psalm 47

READING FOR THE WEEK

Acts 1:1-11

QUESTIONS TO TALK ABOUT AT HOME

1. What do you think it means to be baptized by the Holy Spirit?
2. Why do you think the disciples asked Jesus if He was to restore the kingdom to Israel now? What does that mean?
3. How are we supposed to be thinking about Jesus coming again?
4. Where are the disciples supposed to go as witnesses?
5. How is Jesus going to return?

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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We will not hide them from their children, but tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the LORD, and his might, and the wonders that he has done. – Psalm 78:4

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Classes resume in September!



CATECHISM CORNER

ON CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Which sins are these?

Here reflect on your walk of life in light of the Ten Commandments: whether you are father, mother, son, daughter, master, mistress, servant; whether you have been disobedient, unfaithful, lazy, whether you have harmed anyone by word or deed; whether you have stolen, neglected, wasted, or injured anything.

GOD'S WORD BY HEART

It will be said on that day, "See, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation." – **Isaiah 25:9**

DAILY READINGS

Mon. – Ezra 7; Acts 20:1-16
Tues. – Ezra 8; Acts 20:17-38
Wed. – Neh. 1; Acts 21:1-16
Thur. – Neh. 2; Acts 21:17-36
Fri. – Neh. 4; Acts 21:37-22:21

Gone Up With a Shout!

Find the 39 **bold** words from Psalm 47 (ESV)

M V P T S H P F E H G O N E D
V P E D A E T R U M P E T J E
G E R N E S G A I I J G J I R
F A D A I T B A S D C D A D A
T S T T I R L N T L E S C E E
A D S H A S O A O I N R O U F
E O N H E I E V X G R F B D K
R G A U T R E S I E H E Y B P
G M L A O S P E W M I N H U R
M J N O K S R G O M G L J S I
J O Y T U O H S L C H O S E N
H A L E S D T A G T L R G S C
S D L E I H S V R N Y D N I E
C L A P V P T A Y L O H I N S
T H R O N E E H G I H S K G V

Clap your **hands**, all peoples! **Shout** to **God** with **loud songs** of **joy**! For the **LORD**, the **Most High**, is to be **feared**, a **great king** over all the **earth**. He **subdued** peoples under us, and **nations** under our **feet**. He **chose** our **heritage** for us, the **pride** of **Jacob** whom he **loves**. **Selah** God has **gone** up with a shout, the **LORD** with the **sound** of a **trumpet**. Sing praises to God, sing praises! **Sing** praises to our King, sing praises! For God is the King of all the earth; sing **praises** with a **psalm**! God **reigns** over the nations; God **sits** on his **holy throne**. The **princes** of the peoples **gather** as the people of the God of **Abraham**. For the **shields** of the earth belong to God; he is **highly exalted**!