



ASCENSION OF THE LORD

FIRST READING: *Acts 1:3-5, 8-11*

This is a reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

After Jesus died and rose,
he appeared to his apostles many times
to show them that he was really alive.
They saw him, and he talked to them about the reign of God.
He told them not to leave Jerusalem
but to wait for the gift of the Holy Spirit. Jesus said,

“I have told you about this promise.
John baptized with water, but in a few days,
you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.
The Holy Spirit will give you power
to be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in Judaea,
in Samaria and all over the world.”

After he said this, Jesus was taken up to heaven.
And even though they couldn't see him any more,
the disciples stayed there staring into the sky.
Two men, dressed in white robes, appeared to them and said,

“Jesus has been taken up to heaven,
but he will come back to you.”

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSE: *Psalm 47*

1. Praise God with trumpets; praise God with songs.
Proclaim Good News to all of the earth!
2. Sing praise to Jesus, our Lord and God.
Proclaim Good News to all the earth!



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Sing alleluia, sing alleluia! Sing alleluia, sing alleluia!

(After Gospel, repeat Acclamation.)

GOSPEL: *Matthew 28:16-20*

This is a reading from the Gospel of Matthew.

The eleven disciples
went to the mountain in Galilee
where Jesus told them to meet him.
When Jesus met them there, he said,
“God has given me
all the power and authority of heaven and earth.
Now I am sending you out
to preach to all the nations.
I want you to make disciples
and baptize them
in the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.
Teach them to keep my commandments
and do all that I have taught you.
And I promise you that I am with you always —
yes, even to the very end of the world. ”

The Gospel of the Lord.