

ASCENSION



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.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

RESPONSE: *Psalm 104*

Send us your spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth!

Verse:

May your glory last forever. May you rejoice in all we do!



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

“Go out to the world,
proclaim the Good News,
proclaim the Good News.”
Alleluia!

GOSPEL: *Mark 16:14a, 15-17, 18a*

This is a reading from the Gospel of Mark.

Jesus appeared to the apostles and said to them,

“Go to every part of the world,
and tell everyone the Good News!
Everyone who believes and is baptized will be saved.
Those who refuse to believe, will be condemned.
And those who believe
will have the power to do these things:
they will destroy evil in my name,
they will speak new languages,
and they will heal those who are sick.”

After saying this,
the Lord Jesus was taken up into heaven
and took his place with God.
The apostles went out and preached everywhere.
The Lord worked with them
and proved their message was true
by the miracles they did.

This is the Good News of the Lord.