



**THE ASCENSION OF THE  
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**29 May 2022**

**LITURGY AND BULLETIN**



**OPENING PRAYER**

*God our Father,  
make us joyful in the ascension of your Son, Jesus Christ.  
May we follow him into the new creation,  
for his ascension is our glory and our hope.  
Amen.*

**FIRST READING:** A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is,' he had said, 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

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

1. All peoples, clap your hands,  
cry to God with shouts of joy!  
For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear,  
great king over all the earth.

2. God goes up with shouts of joy;  
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.  
Sing praise for God, sing praise,  
sing praise to our king, sing praise.

3. God is king of all the earth.  
Sing praise with all your skill.  
God is king over the nations;

God reigns on his holy throne.

**SECOND READING:** A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of Him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet, and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

### **Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Go and teach all people my gospel.

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

Alleluia!

**GOSPEL: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 24:46-53**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.

'And now I am sending down to you what the Father has promised. Stay in the city then, until you are clothed with the power from on high.' Then he took them out as far as the outskirts of Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. Now as he blessed them, he withdrew from them and was carried up to heaven. They worshipped him and then went back to Jerusalem full of joy; and they were continually in the Temple praising God.



**Reflection on the Gospel of Luke 24:46-53 by Dianne Bergant CSA**

The Feast of the Ascension is really a kind of liminal moment in the Easter season. It is a time between times; a moment when we have left one place, but have not yet arrived at a second. While the narratives that describe the Ascension fit well into the unfolding story of redemption, the feast celebrates the exaltation of Jesus. The readings allow us to focus on this theological point while we commemorate a turning point in the life of the church. We do this by considering the enthronement of Christ in the heavens and the new body of Christ on earth.

Many of the Easter accounts have directed our attention to the appearances of Jesus which were intended to strengthen the Christians' belief in his bodily resurrection.

Today we stand awestruck, watching Jesus ascend into the clouds of heaven, there to be enthroned at the right hand of God. Today is a day to be overwhelmed by the reality of the divinity of the one whom we have known in his humanity.

Christ who ascended into heaven in his body carries on what he began on earth through his new body, the community of believers. He teaches through its apostles and evangelists. He ministers through its prophets and pastors. We have not been left alone; we have his power, the same

power with which he performed marvels when he walked the earth. We have not been left alone; we have each other. Together we make up the new body of Christ.

## **PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL**

For all teachers of wisdom, that they will open the eyes of humankind to the glory of creation, that we take responsibility for our earthly home. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

For peace-keeping personnel deployed in violent places; that they will succeed in protecting the vulnerable and be kept safe themselves. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

For the nation of Australia, that the whole community will work together to foster a fair, respectful and compassionate society. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

For the First Nations people of the land, that the 30th anniversary of the Mabo decision (3 June) will hasten acceptance of the Uluru Statement from the Heart. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

For young people and those struggling to afford housing, that leaders will have the wisdom and courage to adopt policies to redress this inter-generational injustice. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

For one another, that we will help each other know the power of Christ to change our lives. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for all who suffer in mind, body or spirit, especially especially Ian Vardanega, Ross Lawless, Bob Haigh, Richie Simpson, Paul Fa'Oa, Rongo Tee Peeti, Helen Montgomery, Judy Nielson, Tony Riley, Val Biggers and all who need our prayers: that they will be cared for by loving family, friends and community (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord..

For the recently deceased Rod Coady, Rupert Ermet, Barry Bevege and Elva McMillan. . . and for those whose anniversary of death occurs around this time, that they will inherit the rich glories promised to the saints. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

## **CONCLUDING PRAYER**

*Father, we touch the divine life you give to the world.*

*Help us to follow Christ with love to eternal life*

*where he is Lord for ever and ever.*

*Amen.*

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**PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Tuesdays: 9.30am – 3.30pm; Fridays: 9.30am – 12.30pm**

**Weekday Mass: Tuesdays at 10.00am in the Church.**

**Meditation: Thursdays at 10.30am in the Presbytery.**

**Social Justice Group: Tuesday 7 June 2022 at 10.30am, at the Presbytery**

**Krawarree Mass: 29 May 2022 at 11am.**

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**Dear Parishioners,**

**Sad news to impart:** Rod Coady passed away on Monday, around 5pm, after suffering a bleed on the brain. We send our sympathy and prayers to Pauline and the family. He will be missed by so many people and groups.

**Markets in Ryrie Park: 9am - 2pm this Saturday** Produce; Crafts; Plants; Antiques & collectibles; Trash & Treasure; Monthly Raffle; Donations of cooking etc gratefully accepted at the Parish table. Enquiries to Jenni Miller on 0436 339293

**Enrolments** now open for 2023 at St Bede's Primary School. If you know of any parents who may be interested, please take a brochure from the back table, to give them.

**Vinnies Winter Appeal** will now be held on 4 June. Please help our local Conference help our companions in need.

**Ecumenical celebration of Pentecost** to be held in the National Theatre on Sunday 5 June, commencing at 10am. Please put this date in your diary. It was a huge success last year so we hope for bigger and better this time.

**Readings for Mass:** 1<sup>st</sup>: Acts 1:1-11. 2<sup>nd</sup>: Eph. 1:17-23. Gospel: Luke 24:46-53

**Readings for next week Pentecost:** 1<sup>st</sup>: Acts 2:1-11. 2<sup>nd</sup>: Romans 8:8-17. Gospel: John 14:15-16,23-26.

### Ministry Rosters for our Masses

<u>Date</u>	<u>Acolyte</u>	<u>Welcomer</u>	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Music/PP</u>
28 May	James	Geraldine	Wendy H/Germaine	Helen H
4 June	Felix	Helen P	Wendy M-B/Ann T	Helen H
11 June	Geoff	Cathy F	Michael/Cathy F	Helen H
18 June	James	Geraldine	Bobbie/Brian	Helen H

<u>Ministries of Service:</u>	<u>20 May</u>	<u>27 May</u>	<u>3 June</u>
Altar Decorating:	Margaret	Joy	Cathy F
Cleaners:	Helen P & Judith		Wendy M-B

Please advise if you are unable to fulfil your roster, so alternative arrangements may be made.

Take care of each other,

Helen Hart