

Gospel Reflection

The Ascension of the Lord

Great feast that Easter is, one day (nor even three days!) is insufficient to celebrate the fullness of the mystery of the resurrection. So, as Christians, we keep a fifty-day-long festival, punctuated by the Solemnity of the Ascension of our Lord – the fortieth day of Easter. The feast of the Ascension, like a prism, helps us focus the wondrous colors of the Easter spectrum.

These images from the Ascension liturgy give us a sense of the hope and joy that color this feast: “Christ’s ascension is our glory and hope.” “The joy of the resurrection and the ascension renews the whole world.” “Where Christ has gone, we hope to follow.” “Christ has passed beyond our sight, not to abandon us, but to be our hope.” “Christ was taken up to heaven to claim for us a share in his divine life.”

If we have been united with Christ through baptism in his death and resurrection, we are surely united with him in the transformation and redemption of his humanity. What we celebrate, however, is not only a past or future event. We are given glimpses of our glorious destiny even now. So, feet firmly planted on earth, the community gathers to rejoice in the life we already share with the risen Lord.

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Matthew 28:16-20

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

Find these words from the Gospel passage.

BAPTIZING	DISCIPLES	DOUBT
EARTH	ELEVEN	FATHER
GALILEE	HEAVEN	HOLY SPIRIT
JESUS	MOUNTAIN	NATIONS
POWER	SON	WORSHIP

Disciple's Reflection & Questions of the Week

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Questions of the Week*



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Call to Prayer

We begin by calling upon God:

**In the Name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the
Holy Spirit, Amen.**

*We then pause for a moment to listen with
our hearts to this week's Gospel passage...*

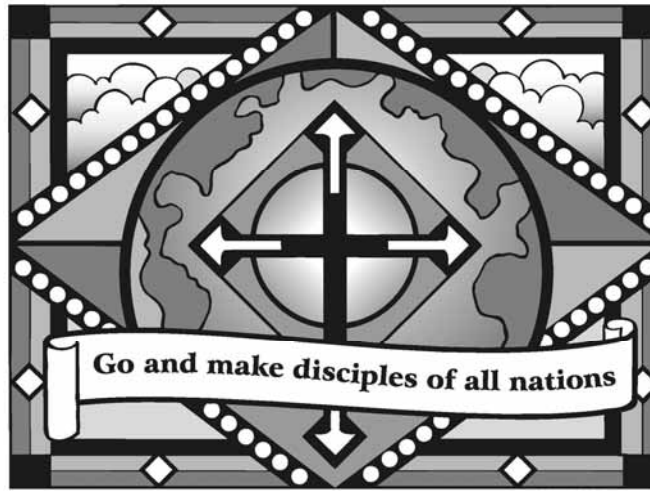
The Word of God: *Matthew 28:16-20*

The Gospel according to Matthew

The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had ordered them. When they saw him, they worshipped, but **they doubted**. Then Jesus approached and said to them, "All the power in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold I am with you always until the end of the age.

***The Gospel of
the Lord***



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Gospel Glossary

The eleven: The disciples who remained after the defection of Judas Iscariot.

They doubted....: Sometimes translated as "some doubted".

All that I have commanded you....: The moral teachings found in the Gospels.

Faith Sharing

Questions of the Week

- The Gospel says of the disciples, "they worshipped, but they doubted. Have I ever felt that way? When?"
- In what ways do I answer the call to "go and make disciples" in my daily life?
- How have I experienced the truth of Jesus' promise to be with me always?

Closing Prayer

Father in Heaven,

Our minds were prepared for the coming of your kingdom when you took Christ beyond our sight so that we might seek him in his glory. May we follow where he has led and find our hope in his glory, for he is Lord for ever and ever.

Amen

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