



THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD C

SUNDAY 29 MAY 2022

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Loss is part of the human condition, and the physical death of a loved one is among the most painful experiences of loss. Today's Feast of the Ascension invites us to face the experience of loss in a transformative way. In Ordinary Time, we celebrate the life and ministry of Jesus. Over the period of Lent and Easter, we have been re-mem-bering his death and resurrection. As we approach the end of the Easter season, the liturgy draws us into another aspect of the Mystery, that of the presence and absence of Jesus who has been raised.

The Lukan Ascension stories as found in the gospel and in today's first reading (Acts 1:1-11) presuppose a pre-scientific, three-tiered understanding of the structure of the world. In this ancient view, God is in the heavens above and the prophet Jesus, like the prophet Elijah of old, is caught up into God's realm from whence the Holy Spirit will "descend" upon God's people. This vertical (up and down) movement is balanced by a horizontal movement. We must begin to use language in prayer and liturgy that recognises God's presence everywhere, not only in the "heavens" above.

In Acts, Jesus' family and friends who grieve the loss of their loved one are told not to keep looking up to the heavens. They have work to do: they must return to Jerusalem for the present and be empowered by the Holy Spirit to continue the prophetic ministry of Jesus ("clothed with power from on high"), to be his witnesses to the ends of the earth. They have to face the fact that the physical loss of Jesus means a new and different sort of presence and that they have a role to play in making him present in their world. Like us, the early Christians needed time to grasp each dimension of the one great mystery of God's presence among them.

In the gospel account, the disciples gathered in Jerusalem are to be witnesses to the death and resurrection of Jesus. They are to proclaim a gospel of "repentance and forgiveness". In the gospel (Luke 24:47) their audience is "all peoples", while in Acts 1:8, they are commissioned to be witnesses to Jesus "in all Jerusalem, in Judaea, Samaria, and to the ends of the earth". In other words, the good news is not only for the earth's human inhabitants but for the earth itself. Pope Francis, in calling us to be attentive to the cry of the poor, insists that the earth itself is "among the most maltreated and abandoned of our poor" (*Laudato Si'* 2).

Joy, peace, prayer and blessing have the final word in Luke's gospel. They have permeated Luke's story from the outset. As we prepare for the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, we might pray that the spirit of joy that animated the earliest Christians will fill our hearts so that the entire planetary community might know the blessing of God.

PRAYER FOR NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK

We pray
That the wrongs of the past may be recognized,
That our awareness of the journey so far be awakened,
And that the Spirit move us to walk the talk and see
through what has been started.
We ask this in the name of the
Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
AMEN

National Reconciliation Week (NRW) is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia.

The dates for NRW are the same each year; **27 May to 3 June**. These dates commemorate two significant milestones in the reconciliation journey.

27 May 1967 On this day, Australia's most successful **referendum** saw more than 90 per cent of Australians vote to give the Australian Government power to make laws for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and recognise them in the Census.

3 June 1992 On this day, the Australian High Court delivered the Mabo decision, the culmination of Eddie Koiki Mabo's challenge to the legal fiction of 'terra nullius' (land belonging to no one) and leading to the legal recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the Traditional Owners and Custodians of lands. This decision paved the way for Native Title. Reconciliation must live in the hearts, minds and actions of all Australians as we move forward, creating a nation strengthened by respectful relationships between the wider Australian community, and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. National Reconciliation Week (NRW) started as the Week of Prayer for Reconciliation in 1993 (the International Year of the World's Indigenous Peoples) and was supported by Australia's major faith communities. In 1996, the Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation launched Australia's first National Reconciliation Week. In 2001, Reconciliation Australia was established to continue to provide national leadership on reconciliation.

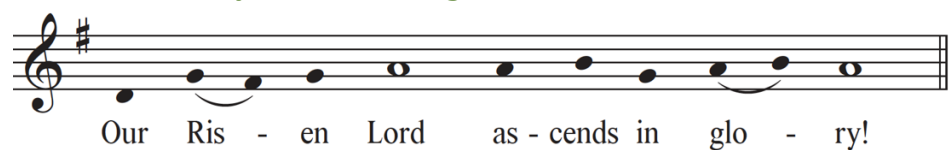
For more information please go to website;
<https://nrw.reconciliation.org.au/about-nrw/>



TODAY’S LITURGY—YEAR C

Entrance Antiphon

Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens?
This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven
will return as you saw him go, alleluia.



Entrance Hymn CWBII 372 v1,2,3,4

A hymn of glory let us sing;
New hymns throughout the world shall ring:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Christ, by a road before untrod,
ascends unto the throne of God.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The holy apostolic band
upon the Mount of Olives stand;
Alleluia! Alleluia!
And with the virgin mother see their
Lord ascend in majesty.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

To whom the shining angels cry,
“Why stand and gaze upon the sky?”
Alleluia! Alleluia!
“This is the Savior,” thus they say.
“This is his glorious triumph day!”
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

O risen Christ, ascended Lord,
all praise to you let earth accord:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
You are, while endless ages run,
with father and with spirit one
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Text: Hymnum canamus gloriae; Venerable Bede 673-735;
trans. Elizabeth Rundle Charles (1858) alt. :*

1st Reading Acts 1:1-11

Why are you standing here looking into the sky? Jesus has been taken into heaven.

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 Ps 66:2-3, 5-6.8

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. (R)
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. (R)
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. (R)

2nd Reading Eph: 1:17-23

He made Jesus to sit at his right hand in heaven.

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 MT: 28:19-20

Alleluia, alleluia!
Go and teach all people my gospel.
I am with you always, until the end of the world.
Alleluia!

Gospel LK: 24:46-53

While blessing them, he was taken to heaven.

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.

Communion Hymn CWBII 509 v1,2,3,4,5

I am the bread of life.

You who comes to me shall not hunger;

and who believe in me shall not thirst.

No-one can come to me, unless the Father beckons.

*And I will raise him up, and I will raise him up,
and I will raise him up on the last day.*

The bread that I will give
is my flesh for the life of the world,
and he who eats of this bread,
you shall live for ever, you shall live for ever.

*And I will raise him up, and I will raise him up,
and I will raise him up on the last day.*

Unless you eat of the flesh of the Son of Man
and drink of his blood, and drink of his blood,
you shall not have life within you.

*And I will raise him up, and I will raise him up,
and I will raise him up on the last day.*

I am the resurrection

I am the life. If you believe in me,

even though you come into the world.

*And I will raise him up, and I will raise him up,
and I will raise him up on the last day.*

Yes, Lord, I believe that

you are the Christ, the Son of God,

Who has come into the world.

*And I will raise him up, and I will raise him up,
and I will raise him up on the last day.*

Based on John 6; Suzanne Toolan RSM b. 1927

Music: I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE – Irregular with refrain;

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Sunday 11.00am - Ascendit Deus - Jacobus Gallus

Sunday 6.30pm - Communion antiphon:
Psallite Domino

Hymn after Communion/Recessional Hymn

Rejoice the Lord of King CWBII 377 v1,2,3

Rejoice, the Lord is King!

Your Lord and King adore;

Rejoice, give thanks, and sing,

And triumph evermore;

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;

Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Jesus, the Savior, reigns,

The God of truth and love;

When He had purged our stains

He took His seat above;

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;

Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

His kingdom cannot fail,

He rules o'er earth and Heav'n,

The keys of death and hell

Are to our Jesus giv'n;

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;

Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Organ Recessional

Sunday 9.30am - Heut"triumphiret Gottes Sohn
(BWV630) - J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Sunday 11.00am and 6.30pm - Transports de joie (from
L'Ascension) - Olivier Messiane (1908-1992)

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**We welcome with joy through the
sacrament of Baptism this weekend .**

Xavier Nicholas Nesvanulica,
Rosabelle Charlotte Melton-Hare
Niklaus Riley Yasana

CATHEDRAL MASS TIMES

Monday to Friday: 7.00am and 1.00pm

(1.00pm live streamed - Link: www.youtube.com/user/archmelb)

Saturday 8.00am and 6.00pm. (Vigil)

Sunday 8.00am, 9.30am, 11.00am and 6.30pm.

(11.00am televised on C31. and live streamed on CAM)

Link: www.youtube.com/user/archmelb

Reconciliation will be held Monday to Friday at 1.30pm
(After 1.00pm Mass) and on Saturday mornings at 8.30am
(After the 8.00am Mass)

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Tuesday 31 May -

The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Feast)

Wednesday 1 June - St Justin (Memorial)

Thursday 2 June - Sts Marcellinus and Peter

Friday 3 June - St Charles Lwanga and Companions
(Memorial)

Sunday 5 June - Pentecost Sunday (Solemnity)

St Patrick's Cathedral Young Adult Group (SPCYAG)
SOCIAL NIGHT on Sunday 29 May 2022 from 6pm till late
Rosary at 6pm at the Lady Chapel, St Patrick's Cathedral,
followed by 6:30pm Sunday Mass and dinner and drinks
after that.

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I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.

Archbishop

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St Patrick's Cathedral Young Adult Group (SPYAG)

Every 2nd & 4th Wednesday at
Albert Room, CKC Centre,
383 Albert St, East Melbourne.

Last Sunday of each month:
6pm Rosary, 6:30pm mass,
followed by meal.

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PRAYER FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE IN UKRAINE

God of peace and justice,
who change the hardened heart
and break the power of violence,
we entrust the people of Ukraine to you.

Protect them in this time of peril;
let them know not death but life,
not slavery but freedom.

You are Father of all;
we are brothers and sisters.

Give us the strength
to live that truth in love,
choosing peace not war.

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.



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INTERCESSORY PRAYER

We pray for the sick of our parish and for all who have asked for our prayers.
We pray for all those who have died recently, especially Brendan Cooke and
Fr Eric Hodgins and those whose anniversaries we remember at this time
especially, Lupo Gugliotti, Monica Egan and Margaret Nicholls
May God reward their faith and lead them to the fullness of eternal life.