



Liturgy Cycle A

Ascension Of The Lord

Jesus Becomes Lord Of Creation

Introduction

Today, the feast of Christ's ascension, we celebrate the crowing of his Easter victory over sin and death. It is a joyous day, a day to look upwards at where Christ, our Brother, sits in glory at the right hand of the Father.

First Reading (Acts 1: 1-11)

This describes the ascension of Jesus into heaven, and his promise to send the Holy Spirit on the disciples.

Second Reading (Ephesians 1: 17-23)y

Paul describes the meaning of the ascension which is that God raised Christ above all earthly powers, and made him, not only head of the Church, but Lord of creation.

Gospel (Matthew 28: 16-20)

Jesus commissions the apostles to make disciples of all nations, and he promises to remain with them always.

Prayer Of The Faithful

With joy in our hearts at the victory of Christ, our Leader and Friend, let us pray to him who sits at the right hand of the father in glory.

R: Lord, intercede for us with the Father.

For the followers of Christ: that amid all the attractions of this world they may keep their hearts fixed on the things of heaven where Christ reigns in glory. We pray to the Lord.

R: Lord, intercede for us with the Father.

For the leaders of the country that they may realize that in Christ they have an unfailing guide and friend. We pray to the Lord.

R: Lord, intercede for us with the Father.

For all those who are striving to live Christian lives: that they may be strengthened by the Holy Spirit. We pray to the Lord.

R: Lord, intercede for us with the Father.



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That by the power of the ascension Christ may deliver us from all evil, and help us to live our faith joyfully and generously. We pray to the Lord.

R: Lord, intercede for us with the Father.

Communion Reflection

**'Go, preach the gospel to all nations.'
This was the farewell command of Christ.
He has no body now on earth but ours.**

**He has no hands but ours
to raise up the fallen.
He has no feet but ours
to seek out the lost.**

**He has no eyes but ours
to see the silent tears of the suffering.
He has no ears but ours
to listen to the lonely.**

**He has no tongue but ours
to speak a word of comfort to the sad.
He has no heart but ours to love the unloved.**

**Christ often picks the little unknown people
to do his greatest work.**