

The Living Word

The Ascension of the Lord, Year C

29 May 2022

First 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 46:2-3. 6-7. 8-9. R. v.6

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

or:

(R.) Alleluia.

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.)

Second Reading Eph 1:17-23

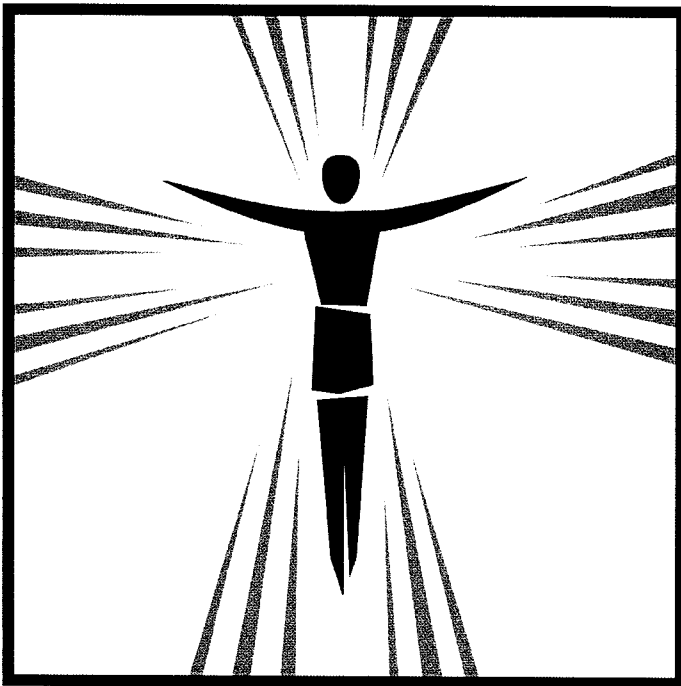
He made Jesus to sit at his right hand in heaven.

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.

or Heb 9:24-28. 10:19-23

Christ has entered heaven.

It is not as though Christ had entered a man-made sanctuary which was only modelled on the real one; but it was heaven itself, so that he could appear in the actual presence of God on our behalf. And he does not have to offer himself again and again, like the high priest going into the sanctuary year after year with the blood that is not his own, or else he would have had to suffer over and over again since the world began. Instead of that, he has made his appearance once and for all, now at the end of the last age, to do away with sin by sacrificing himself. Since men only die once, and after that comes judgement, so Christ, too, offers himself only once to take the faults of many on himself, and when he appears a second time, it will not be to deal with sin but to reward with salvation those who are waiting for him.



In other words, brothers, through the blood of Jesus we have the right to enter the sanctuary, by a new way which he has opened for us, a living opening through the curtain, that is to say, his body. And we have the supreme high priest over all the house of God. So as we go in, let us be sincere in heart and filled with faith, our minds sprinkled and free from any trace of bad conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us keep firm in the hope we profess, because the one who made the promise is faithful.

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.

Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Our Risen Lord knew that we are naturally, collectively human-centric. He withdrew His risen mode of appearance (what we call 'the Ascension') to make it clear that the whole Universe, including planet Earth, is filled with the presence and power radiating out from his Risen Humanity.

As St Paul wrote in the Epistle to the Romans: 'Creation still retains the hope of being freed from its slavery to decay, to enjoy the same freedom and glory as the children of God.' How is the Risen Lord beginning to fulfil this hope?

At Mass, fractions of creation – the Bread and Wine consecrated for Holy Communion – are transformed into the Real Presence of the Risen Lord.

Eucharistic Prayer III begins with: 'You are indeed Holy, O Lord, and all you have created rightly gives you praise...' How can all creation give God praise? As the ancient church used to teach: Each of you is a microcosm of the macrocosm, called to be a priest for the Cosmos. Through your enlightened mind and inflamed heart, the Cosmos knows that it exists and that it is loved by its Creator. It is beginning to share the freedom and glory of the children of God.

We could pause for a moment, stop staring into Heaven, and ready ourselves to receive the Holy Spirit so as to be what St Paul calls 'the Church which is His Body in whom the *fullness* of creation dwells'.

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WEEKEND MASS TIMES

BARWON HEADS: Saturday Vigil 6:00pm
 Sunday 9:30am, Mass for
 St Mary's Syro-Malabar
 Community (Malayalam
 language)
OCEAN GROVE: Sunday 9:00am
QUEENSCLIFF: Sunday 11:00am

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Please see below: Liturgy in our Parish this week

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

is available prior to each weekend Mass,
and also before or after weekday Masses if needed

BAPTISMS & WEDDINGS

Please visit our website or contact Parish office

Please send in bulletin notices by Thursday

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Anniversaries 29- May to 4- June:

Anne Edwards, Moira Hogan, Brian Andrews, Tim Kirkman, Leo Callanan, Kath Drew, Saveria Tarzzia, Ann Kerley, Sarah Guilfoil, Elizabeth Cross, Italo Tedoldi, Fr Brendan Smith, Sally Dilena, Mary Eileen Tregear, John Thom and Don Cousin.

Please pray for those who are Sick:

Peg Benham, Mary Blonk, Ron & Helen Carter, Sam & Yvonne Caruana, Carmel Conte, Connie D'Amico, Wellington D'Cruz, Benedict Darby, Jack Davin, Ian Downing, Robert Drummond & Patti Semler, Margaret Dyer, Isabel Fitzgerald, Nell Fraigneux, Kay Freyne, Ross Gilham, Jo Green, Peter Harrington, Jeannette Hodgkinson, Gregory Holien, Robert & Lyne Horner, Kerin Hoyer, Robert Hurley, Gary Kingsbury, John Kirkman, Hilda Koerntjes, Margaret Lomas, Toni Lukauskas, Belinda Monterosso, Christine Naulty, Helen Pearce, Cecilia Piec, Ros Quinlan, Mavourneen Ray, Margaret Renwick (Snr), Daniel & Geraldine Richards, Sean Richards, Betty Rushton, Emerson Russel (baby), John Simpson, Mac & Mary Sullivan, Pam Sullivan, Kevin Teasdale, Cooper Thorley, Eraldo (Aldo) Trentini, Deanne Warren, Susan Weston, Peter Williams and Shirley Woodruff.

ROSTERS

*If you are unable to meet your commitment on your day,
please arrange a substitute. Thank you!*

COUNTERS: Tuesday 31- May at 10:00am:

John Calnin and Sam Sammut.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT SAFEGUARDING – VOLUNTEERS, WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECKS AND COVID VACCINATIONS:

National regulations have been in place for some time regarding volunteers in any community organisation. How this applies in our Parish is that all volunteers must be fully vaccinated and hold a current Working With Children Check (WWCC). This includes **all** members of ministry, flower arrangers, singers/musicians, etc. A volunteer WWCC is free with applications completed online or at select Post Offices. Your WWCC must be registered at the Parish Office. If you have any enquiries, please contact the Parish Office 5258 1673 or via email. The Parish must also keep a record of all volunteers within the parish. If your details are not up to date, please contact the Parish Office as soon as possible.

We appreciate your understanding and support as we work together to comply with our legal requirements.

**** NEWS & EVENTS ****

If you require Pastoral care & support, or you are aware of others who may need assistance, please phone our Parish office. Mobile number for emergencies is on the recorded message.

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Catholic Mission – Propagation of the Faith appeal: thank you to those who generously donated to this appeal last weekend. Envelopes are still available at each church if you wish to make a donation. Please present your donation and envelope to the collectors.

Counters wanted! If you are interested and would like to join the counters team, please contact Daniella at the parish office for further information. A National Police Check is required (via parish office).

This is the final weekend we need to count numbers people attending Mass. Thanks to our welcomers and volunteers who assist in this process.

Key system upgrade at Barwon Heads and Ocean Grove churches: this week the parish upgraded the key systems at Barwon Heads and Ocean Grove which has been on the agenda for some time. With keys going missing recently, this has been an urgent security issue, now resolved!

Ladies Social Group: lunch at Van Loons garden café on Grubb Road, Wallington. **Wednesday 1st June at 12pm.** Please ring or text Sandra on 0423 047 862 to RSVP.

The Ethiopian Cardinal will be at St Andrew's church in Werribee, at 9.15am on 1st June. Parishioners in the Western region are welcome.

Taizé Pray Peace at Santa Casa: the community is invited to gather and pray for the outpouring of God's Spirit this Pentecost. **Saturday 4th June at 2:30pm, followed by a cuppa at 3:30pm at Santa Casa** (33 Flinders Street, Queenscliff). If you wish to attend, contact Sr Lizzie Finnerty rsm on 0418 194 261 or email santacasa@ismapng.org.au.

Santa Casa Retreat Day: "Treasuring our later years: a spirituality of ageing" on **Wednesday 29th June from 10am to 2:45pm**, includes morning tea and lunch. Cost \$25. Facilitator: Sr Nicole Rorau RSM. Limited to 16 people, so book early! To register, email Sr Lizzie Finnerty RSM: santacasa@ismapng.org.au.

TAR Catholic Social Justice Corner (weekly update): Pope Francis: *Laudato Si* ("Praise be", subtitled "Care for our Common Home") p146. "It is essential to show special care for indigenous communities and their cultural traditions. They are not merely minority groups among others, but should be the principal dialogue partners, especially when large projects affecting their land are proposed. For them land is not a commodity but rather a gift from God and from their ancestors who rest there, a sacred space with which they need to interact if they are to maintain their identity and values".

Faith Development Team "Call of the Gospel" Reflection Groups: Thanks to those of you who have indicated interest in the June reflections. For Pentecost, the first gatherings will be THIS WEEK on Tuesday 31st May at 10:30am at Barwon Heads or Friday 3rd June at 10:00am at Ocean Grove. For new registrations or to confirm details, please call either Kerin and Bill Fox (0407 519 585) or Rhonda Boyd (0428 933 673). Please note: your attendance may be for all, some or just one of the coming reflections.

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LITURGY IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Monday 23rd May – Monday of the 6th week of Easter

Tuesday 24th May – OUR LADY, HELP of CHRISTIANS (Solemnity)
9:15am Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove

Wednesday 25th May – St Bede the Venerable, St Gregory VII, St Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi (Memorial)
9:15am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

Thursday 26th May – St Philip Neri (Memorial)
9:15am Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove with OLSOS Year 4 students attending

Friday 27th May – St Augustine of Canterbury (Memorial)
9:15am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

Saturday 28th May – Saturday of the 6th week of Easter

Sunday 29th May – The ASCENSION of the LORD (Solemnity)

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