

Sunday, May 29, 2022

The Ascension of the Lord

- 1) Acts 1.1-11
- 2) Hebrews 9.24-28;10.19-23
- 3) Luke 24.44-53

FOCUS: Jesus remains with us through the power of the Holy Spirit.

As believers, we know that Jesus is always with us. Through the Holy Spirit, he continues to enlighten, guide, comfort, and inspire us to be like him and to love like him, bearing witness to the goodness and power of God until he comes again.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

The author of the Acts of the Apostles tells Theophilus that in his first book he *dealt with all that Jesus did and taught until the day he was taken up*. Saint Paul greets the Ephesians and prays that God might *give [them] a Spirit of wisdom and revelation* to know Christ, who is seated at God's right hand. In the Gospel, before he is taken up to heaven, Jesus blesses the Apostles, who joyfully return to Jerusalem and praise God.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

PRIEST: Rejoicing in the glory of Jesus, we place our needs before the Father.

- 1) For all members of the Church, may the Holy Spirit inspire us as authentic living witnesses to Jesus, let us pray to the Lord.
- 2) For civic leaders and all who are in positions of authority, may God empower them to speak the truth in love, let us pray to the Lord.
- 3) For the sick, may they experience God's healing and peace through his grace and the loving care of others, let us pray to the Lord.
- 4) For those gathered here, may the Lord renew and deepen our faith and lead us to greater joy, let us pray to the Lord.
- 5) For those who have died, may they, through the mercy of God, rest in peace in heaven, let us pray to the Lord.
- 6) (Special petition/s)

PRIEST: Father, we ask that you hear and answer these prayers we bring to you today through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.