



**The Ascension of the Lord – Year C (P842) -2/6/2019**

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON Act 1:11**

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.

**FIRST READING 1:1-11 Page 843**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

**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 instruction 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 com? Are you going to restore the kingdom of 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 witness 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.” ★

✠ **The word of the Lord.** ✠

**Responsorial Psalm**

**God mounts his throne to shouts of joy; a blare of trumpets for the Lord. OR Alleluia.**



**SECOND READING**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians **1:17-23 page844**

**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. ✠

✠ **The word of the Lord.** ✠



**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**

**Page 846 24:46-53**

The reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

**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 witnessed 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 the heaven. They worshipped him and then went back to Jerusalem full of joy; and they were continually in the Temple praising God. ★

◆ **The Gospel of the Lord.** ◆

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age, alleluia.

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Almighty ever living God who allow those on earth to celebrate divine mysteries, grant, we pray, that Christian hope may draw us onward to where our nature is united with you.

◆ **Through Christ our Lord.** ◆

