

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURES

May 29, 2022

Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11 † Ephesians 1:17-23 † Luke 24:46-53



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You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you;
and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria,
and to the ends of the earth”

(Acts 1:8)

As we celebrate the feast of the Ascension, Jesus tells us that his work on Earth is over. He entrusts to the disciples and to us the sacred mission to proclaim the good news of the Gospel. To be missioned is to be sent. It presumes that we know the sender and what we are to do. We are called to witness what it means to be a follower of Jesus Christ. In the words of Pope Francis, “Our mission is to give pure and fresh air to those immersed in the pollution of our world; to bring to earth that peace which fills us with joy whenever we meet Jesus on the mountain in prayer; to show by our lives, and perhaps even by our words, that God loves everyone and never tires of anyone.”

I have a simple sign on my refrigerator that says, “It’s God’s work.” We proclaim with our lives and sometimes with our words this God who loves us more than we can ever imagine. All that we are and do needs to say that our encounter with Jesus not only transforms us but demands that by seeing as God sees and loving as God loves, all life can share in the joy of the Gospel.

We are commissioned to go forth. Where do we need to go? The Spirit of God promised to us will lead us.