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BEHOLD	HOMAGE	REPENTANCE
BETHANY	JERUSALEM	RISE
BLESSED	JESUS	SINS
CHRIST	JOY	SUFFER
CLOTHED	NAME	TEMPLE
DISCIPLES	NATIONS	THIRD
FATHER	PREACHED	WITNESSES
FORGIVENESS	PROMISE	WRITTEN

Catechizing Corner!

The Ascension heralds a new age: the age of the church. Luke ends his gospel with the account of the Ascension and he begins his second volume, the Acts of the Apostles, where he left off in the gospel: with the Ascension of Christ. The Ascension is the springboard that catapults the mission of the church into front and center. Jesus had to ascend before the mission could go forward. Reference to Jesus' suffering and rising from the dead on the third day is the fulfillment of all God accomplished through Jesus Christ, the messiah. Henceforth, Jesus expects people to witness to his power and his works. The apostles are reminders for all generations that faith must be nurtured or succumb to doubt. It took a lot of prodding, teaching, repetition, and constant reminders for the truth of Jesus' message to sink in. Thus, scripture and the sharing of faith are essential to keeping the mystery of our faith alive.

Luke paints a grand picture of the final scene of Jesus' departure. "The Mass of the world is about to begin, with the proclamation of the gospel to all nations and the gathering of the faithful around the resurrected one who nourishes them with his Body and Blood, giving them a share in his paschal mystery while they wait for him to come again and take them with him."

Luke's version looks forward to the mission of the church and the sending of the Spirit who will empower the church for mission.

Mary Birmingham, *Word and Worship Workbook, Cycle C*
 Paulist Press, 1998



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Disciple's Reflection for the Question

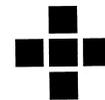
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A Call to Prayer

The Word of God
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Closing Prayer



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Holy Family is a welcoming Catholic Eucharistic community of disciples of Jesus Christ connecting faith with life and reaching out to those in need!

Call to Prayer

Begin by calling upon God: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, Amen.

Let us pause for a moment and listen attentively to this week's passage.

The Word of God Luke 24:46-53

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus said to his disciples: "Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in his name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem.

You are witnesses of these things. And behold I am sending the promise of my Father upon you; but stay in the city until

Gospel Glossary

Normally, we are clothed when we put on clothes. Here, Jesus tells his disciples that they will be **clothed with power** because they are going to receive a spiritual or supernatural

power that will cover and protect them like clothing.

you are **clothed with power** from on high." Then he led them out as far as Bethany, raised his hands, and blessed them.

As he blessed them he parted from them and was taken up to heaven. They did him **homage** and then returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and they were continually in the temple praising God. **The Gospel of the Lord.**



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The disciple did him **homage**, meaning that they showed Jesus much reverence.

Faith Sharing

Questions of the Week:

Adults: How often we stand looking up to the sky to find God. Name a time when you saw God present in your life.

Teens: When were you "lifted up" from pain to healing or hope?

Children: Jesus blessed the disciples and said he would be with them. Name a time when Jesus was with you in a special way.

Families: How might we seek forgiveness in our household?

Closing Prayer

Lord, You have called us to be your disciples, to live in faith, walking always in your footsteps. By your suffering, death, and resurrection, you have made us children of God. As you have loved us and asked us to love one another, help us to love and embrace everyone in our lives.

Fill us with love, compassion, forgiveness, patience, understanding, and tolerance, even when we face the pain of hatred, rejection, and failure.

Guide us to be good disciples. May we seek always the praise and glory of God and the good of all people. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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