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AGE	ELEVEN	OBSERVE
APPROACHED	END	POWER
ASCENSION	FATHER	SON
BAPTIZING	GALILEE	SPIRIT
COMMANDED	HEAVEN	TEACHING
DISCIPLES	HOLY	WORSHIPED
DOUBTED	JESUS	
EARTH	MOUNTAIN	

Catechizing Corner!

Not only did the appearance stories serve an apologetic function to prove that Jesus died and rose again, they also laid the groundwork for the future mission of the church. Disciples were to go and tell what they had seen—they were to proclaim Christ crucified and risen from the dead. Jesus appeared to the apostles to commission them to carry on his work. “The sending is based on Jesus' own status, showing that as Jesus carried on God's work, the apostles carry on Jesus' work. Jesus, now with God, is present to the world as God is present to the world.

Jesus is understood as the Lord of the universe. The ascension reveals Jesus’ status as Lord and Christ. Since he ascended into heaven, he demonstrated control over the created order of the universe. Thus, Jesus is its master.

Jesus’ ascension served as prelude to the sending of his Spirit. In the Acts of the Apostles, Jesus was reported to have ascended the mountain (symbol of heaven) where he “poured out his Spirit.” The Spirit would be the One who would continue the work of Christ's new covenant.

Jesus, now in heaven, is able to reveal the things of his role as intercessor and high priest. The ascension of Jesus guarantees that Jesus will return again. It is because Jesus ascended to his Father that he became the Son of Man who will accomplish the completion of God’s ultimate plan of salvation for the world. Jesus’ ascension reminds us that we will one day share his heavenly home. We are on a journey to our ultimate destiny.

*Mary Birmingham, Word and Worship Workbook,
 Cycle A Paulist Press*



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Disciple's Reflection

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Question

of the Week

Ascension of the Lord

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A Call to Prayer

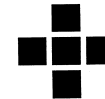
The Word of God

Matthew 28:16-20

Faith Sharing

Questions of the week

Closing Prayer



HOLY FAMILY CHURCH

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 Matthew 28:16-20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had ordered them.

When they saw him, they worshiped, but they doubted.

Then Jesus approached and said to them,

“All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to *observe* all that I have commanded you.

And behold, I am with you always, until the *end of the age.*”

The Gospel of the Lord



Gospel Glossary

To observe means to obey.

The *end of the age* means the end of history, for ever.

Faith Sharing

Questions of the Week:

Jesus promises to be our friend forever. How do friends treat each other?

Jesus promised us that the Holy Spirit (the Advocate) would remain with us always. When have you experienced the Spirit?

Which one of the promises in today's Gospel gives you the most hope?

Have you ever felt orphaned by God?

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.

Ascension of the Lord