

Gospel: **7th SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
29th of May 2022. Cycle: C  
**ASCENSION OF THE LORD**



**GOD IS WITHIN**



**EACH ONE OF US**

**SETTING**

With you Lord, wherever you take me carrying, as an experience, what I have seen and heard. Make heaven from earth, such that heaven is on earth.

Working in time and out of time, proclaiming that love, incarnated in Jesus; it was and still is, reference, foundation and essence of a life.

Experiencing your walk in full life causes the pleasure of making it present in our day to day.

Ascend to the highest, being with your feet on the ground; release ties that paralyse us, hypnotized by only what remains in our horizontal of vision is to reduce to very little, the richness of diversity and life that surround us here and there; immense reality of cultures, languages Spiritualities, ways of being and understanding of life.

You, we set out on the path of hope. Let us be your witnesses.

**SONG. Bless the Lord – Manna Lyrics**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7utzmfkQmJA>

## **GOSPEL – Luke: 24, 46-53**

The risen Jesus appeared to his disciples and said: “Thus it is written that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promise; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.” Then he led them out as far as Bethany and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While still he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshipped him, returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and they were continually in the Temple blessing God.

### **We deepen the Gospel**

Matthew places the Ascension on a mountain in Galilee, where Jesus had met his apostles; Mark does not give geographic details; Luke, on the other hand, places the event on the Mount of Olives "towards Bethany". Thus, his Gospel ends where it began, in Jerusalem: the holy city of the chosen people, from which the revelation of the one God has shone on the world, the city of the Temple - a sign of the Presence of God in the midst of men - is also the city of the realization of salvation through the death and resurrection of Christ, the city of the gift of the Spirit and, finally, the city from which the definitive revelation is to radiate over the world. Once again, Luke makes the words of Jesus resound in our ears: "Did not the Christ have to suffer these things to enter into his glory?" (Lk 24:26).

What is new here, compared to the three announcements of his Passion by Jesus before the event, and compared to the two previous sentences, on the morning of the resurrection and on the road to Emmaus, is the end of the sentence, which is a kind of sending of the apostles on mission: "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 proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning for Jerusalem." It is up to you to witness it. Certainly, it was difficult for the early Christians to say clearly what it was in the Scriptures that foretold the sufferings of the Messiah and his resurrection on the third day, but the "conversion of all nations, beginning with Jerusalem" was a widespread theme among the Christians, last prophets of the Old Testament.

And Zechariah developed this theme: "In that day many nations will join Yahweh; they will be a people to me. (Zech 2:15) "Many people and powerful nations will come to Jerusalem to seek the Lord of the universe. (Zech 8:22). The same theme is also found in many psalms. But once again, it is the Servant Songs of the Second Book of Isaiah (chapters 42: 49- 50 and 52-53) that inspired the meditation of the evangelists and allowed them to understand the

famous expression of Jesus "It was necessary". Well, in the four songs we can read the figure of the Messiah, saviour, both suffering and glorified, and also the announcement of the salvation of all nations.

The end of Luke's story resembles a liturgy: Jesus, the true high priest, blesses his people and sends them into the world. And the people bow down and give thanks to God: "He raised his hands and blessed them. And as he blessed them, he departed from them and was taken up to heaven. They worshipped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. And they were continually in the Temple blessing God. Thus, the Gospel of Luke ends where it began, when Zechariah, the priest of the Old Covenant, received the announcement of God's salvation (Lk 1:5-19). The last image that the disciples keep of his Master is that of a gesture of blessing: we understand why they were able to return to Jerusalem, "with great joy" (Marie Noëlle Thabut)

### **Prayer clues:**

1. What does Jesus transmit to us in this passage of the Gospel?
2. What does Ascension mean in your life day by day?
3. What you feel called to this Gospel passage?

**AMBIENTAL MUSIC.** Ludovico Einaudi - Fly (Extended)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KWSmB8JyqEk>

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## **YOU INSPIRE MY LIFE ASCENSION**

### **IN MOMENTS LIKE THIS**

**Aware of your presence**

And it is not empty, not seeing you.

Inside you recreate  
enjoying the details.

You aim high, in the next,  
from below, I with you.

intense moment,  
between, before and after.

dream wake up,  
do not stay still,  
stuck in concrete.

So let us continue  
the traced path.

Let us recreate it all  
contributing of what is ours,  
talents, gifts and graces.

It is up to us now, always,  
undertake,  
what we learned  
what we saw and heard.  
Rise in spite of what  
awaits us at the end.  
It is the glory of the Father,  
that in the Son is reflected.  
in the Spirit,  
We will find peace.  
His light will guide darkness,  
will give hope  
will accompany moments,  
will build capacities  
will travel with us  
new sidewalls,  
It will provide enculturated answers.  
Gentle breezes will blow.  
Will inspire future dreams,  
provocative proposals.  
will raise questions  
that will make you think about approaches  
Ascending gives an idea of the whole,  
see from the All for all.  
follow with you,  
Strengthening the little stories.  
In contemplative silence,  
in open and fraternal dialogue.  
In concrete commitments.  
Hope makers.  
Where heart takes us.

### **SONG. COME HOLY SPIRIT - Heritage Singer**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iC4z4ZIP3nY>



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