

ASCENSION OF THE LORD



**It is God-with-us,
Emmanuel,
who died our death.
It is the God who called history
forth and loved it enough to
marry it, to preserve and save it,
to redeem its terrible, fragile
beauty. Thus it was with full
heart that we could pray: "We
adore thee,
O Christ, and we bless thee, be-
cause by thy holy cross thou hast
redeemed the world." And it is
with faith in the miraculous, the
transcendent, that we, like
Jesus in the Fourth Gospel, look
to heaven for the giver of eternal
life, the glory of the earth and
the love and truth from which
we all came.**

**"And the Word became flesh
and made his dwelling among
us,
and we saw his glory,
the glory as of the Father's only
Son,
full of grace and truth."
Amen.**



- Sat 05/20/2023 05:30pm
JAMES AND MILDRED MANZELLA
- Sun, 05/21/2023 09:00 am
WILFRED TOKPE
- 05/21/2023 11:00 am
H&WB MARGARETE VICTOR
- Mon, 05/22/2023 07:00 am
H&WB FREDERICK HAMILTON
- Tue, 05/23/2023 07:00 am
BIRTHDAY OF DARELL WILLIAMS
- Wed, 05/24/2023 07:00 am
BIRTHDAY OF CHUKWUEMEKA
OGUH
- Thu, 05/25/2023 07:00 am
H&WB JEAN MICHELIN
- Fri 05/26/2023 07:00am
WEDDING ANNIVERSARY DARRELL
& UGOCHI WILLIAMS
- Sat 05/27/2023 08:30pm
TOM SCALEA
- Sat 05/27/2023 05:30pm
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AVAILABLE DAYS FOR MASS INTENTIONS	
May 2023	
Mon	29th
JUNE 2023	
MON	5TH,12TH,19TH,26TH
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WED	7TH,14TH,21ST,28TH
THUR	22ND,29TH
FRI	2ND,9TH,16TH,23RD,30TH
SAT	8:30AM 3RD,10TH,17TH,24TH
SAT	5:30PM 24TH
SUN	9:00AM 25TH
SUN	11:00AM 25TH



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On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: “Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. ⁵ For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be Baptized with the Holy Spirit.”⁶

Then they gathered around him and asked him, “Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?”

He said to them: “It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”⁹ After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.

They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. “Men of Galilee,” they said, “why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.”

Psalm 47

**1 Clap your hands, all you nations;
shout to God with cries of joy.**

**2 For the Lord Most High is awesome,
the great King over all the earth.**

**3 He subdued nations under us,
peoples under our feet.**

**4 He chose our inheritance for us,
the pride of Jacob, whom he loved.**

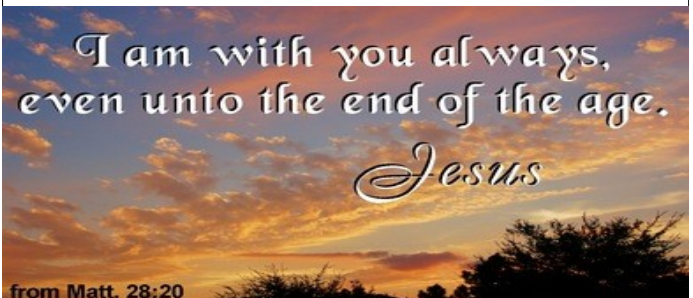
**5 God has ascended amid shouts of joy,
the Lord amid the sounding of trumpets.**

**6 Sing praises to God, sing praises;
sing praises to our King, sing praises.**

**7 For God is the King of all the earth;
sing to him a psalm of praise.**

**8 God reigns over the nations;
God is seated on his holy throne.**

**9 The nobles of the nations assemble
as the people of the God of Abraham,
for the kings of the earth belong to God;
he is greatly exalted.**



May 21, 2023



TRAVELING MERCIES

In the Gospel Reading, Christ gives his disciples a last command before his ascension: go into the whole world and proclaim the Gospel. And in another Gospel (Mk 16:15-20), Christ adds a list of things that will characterize those of his followers who obey this command: they will drive out demons, speak new languages, handle snakes safely, drink deadly things without harm, and heal the sick by the laying on of hands.

Why *this* list? Isn't it supposed to be just *love* that characterizes Christ's followers?

Well, think of it this way. When one of my children was traveling to Bangladesh, I made a list of dos and don'ts for him. It was a list intended to help keep him safe.

Finding housing with English speakers was on the list, so that there wouldn't be language problems. "Don't drink the water!" was definitely on the list, and so was "Stay away from people who are obviously sick!" The list finished with this prohibition: "Whatever you do, don't come into contact with the ground!" I know it sounds ridiculous; but hookworm is endemic in that part of the world, and you can get full of worms if you let a body part with an open wound come into contact with infected ground.

READINGS
ASCENSION SUNDAY
Reading I Acts 1: 1-11
Psalm 47: 2-3, 6-9
Reading II EPHESIANS 1: 17-23
Gospel MATTHEW 28: 16-20

You can see that what was on my list of things to worry about are on Christ's list of things not to worry about: language problems, deadly drinks, sicknesses, even snakes—well, hookworms, anyway. (Demons weren't on my list, but maybe they would have been if I could have thought of anything to say about them.)

So the things on Christ's list are the things that you (or your mother) might worry about if you were traveling in dangerous places. Since Christ is commanding his followers to head out to all the world, maybe it is only fair of him to tell those who obey him that they don't need to worry about any of these things. Like a good mother, Christ has already thought about all these things for his traveling people, and in his mercy he has made provision for them all.

So here is one way to understand Christ's list of the things that characterize those who believe in Christ and obey him. Whatever roads the journey of your life takes you on, the care of the Lord encompasses you if you walk in his name. You can travel the road of your life without being anxious if you are working for him.



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ORATIO IMPERATA AGAINST THE COVID-

19

Merciful and compassionate Father, we come to you in our need to seek your protection against the Covid-19 virus that has disturbed and even claimed lives.

We ask you now to look upon us with love and by your healing hand, dispel the fear of sickness and death, restore our hope, and strengthen our faith.

We pray that you guide the people tasked to find cures for this disease and to stem its transmission.

We pray for our health workers that they may minister to the sick with competence and compassion.

Grant them health in mind and body, strength in their commitment, protection from the disease.

We pray for those afflicted. May they be restored to health.

Protect those who care for them.

Grant eternal rest to those who have died.

Give us the grace in these trying times to work for the good of all and to help those in need.

May our concern and compassion for each other see us through this crisis and lead us to conversion and holiness.

Grant all these through our Lord Jesus Christ your Son who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen.

Mother Mary, help of all Christians, pray for us.

St. Raphael the Archangel, pray for us.

St. Roch, pray for us.

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