## MYSTAGOGY: THE ASCENSION

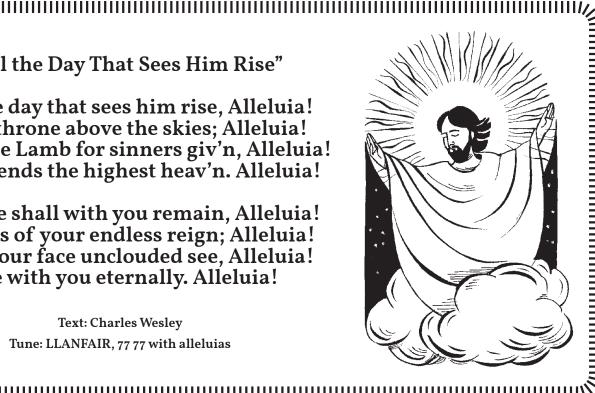
The Ascension of the Lord • Year C • May 29 or June 1, 2025

"Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise"

Hail the day that sees him rise, Alleluia! To his throne above the skies; Alleluia! Christ, the Lamb for sinners giv'n, Alleluia! Now ascends the highest heav'n. Alleluia!

There we shall with you remain, Alleluia! Partners of your endless reign; Alleluia! There your face unclouded see, Alleluia! Live with you eternally. Alleluia!

> **Text: Charles Wesley** Tune: LLANFAIR, 77 77 with alleluias





# Sunday Word

Acts 1:1-11

Psalm 47:2-3,6-7,8-9

Ephesians 1:17-23 or Hebrews 9:24-28; 10:19-23

Luke 24:46-53

The above readings are available at usccb.org/bible/readings.

# To Help You Remember

- 1. The event of the Ascension is recalled. Jesus promises that the Apostles will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon them and that they will be his witnesses to the ends of the earth.
- 2. Paul writes that Christ is the Head of the Church and that the Church is the Body of Christ.
- **3.** Jesus commissions the eleven to go and make disciples of all nations, to baptize them, and to teach them all that he has commanded them.



## With My Family

#### Deepen

In today's First Reading from the Acts of the Apostles, Luke refers to his "first book." Clearly, Luke intends Acts to be the sequel to his Gospel account.

Many generations later, here you are. You are a gifted individual, a part of the same ongoing story of love between God and the whole world.

**With your family,** discuss ways you will continue to tell the Good News of Jesus Christ to all you meet.

#### Meditate

Each one of us who believes in Jesus shares in the mission of telling others the Good News of God's love. The Holy Spirit gives each one of us special gifts to help us do so.

**With your family,** talk about the gifts you have been given and the ways you both use and could use your gifts to share the Good News with others.

#### Share

Through the celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation, you have been changed. As an adopted son or daughter of God, a beloved brother or sister to Christ, you help the world around you to be a better, holier place.

Every Sunday, at the end of Mass, you are dismissed to go forth and announce the Good News.

With your family, think about the past week. When did you share the Good News of God's love with someone else? What did you say? What did you do? How will you share the Good News of God's love in the coming week?

#### Do

With your family, create and decorate thank-you notes to those who have been witnesses of God's love to you. Encourage each family member to thank at least one such witness. Write a short note telling the person what he or she said or did to be a witness of God's love to you.

### **Pray**

With your family, as you leave for school or work each day in the coming week, encourage one another with these words from the Dismissal of the Mass: "Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord." Then at the end of each day, take a moment to share how you announced the Gospel that day through your words and through your actions.