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Mass Times

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ST LUKE'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

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The Ascension of the Lord – Year C

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FIRST READING [Acts 1:1-11](#)

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is,' he had said, 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this, he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men

from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R.) God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

1. All peoples, clap your hands, cry to God with shouts of joy! For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear, great king over all the earth.

2. God goes up with shouts of joy; the Lord goes up with trumpet blast. Sing praise for God, sing praise, sing praise to our king, sing praise.

3. God is king of all the earth. Sing praise with all your skill. God is king over the nations. God reigns on his holy throne.

SECOND READING [Eph 1:17-23](#)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believ-

ers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet, and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Go and teach all people my gospel. I am with you always, until the end of the world. Alleluia!

GOSPEL [Lk 24:46-53](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this. 'And now I am sending down to you what the Father has promised. Stay in the city then, until you are clothed with the power from on high.' Then he took them out as far as the outskirts of Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. Now as he blessed them, he withdrew from them and was carried up to heaven. They worshipped him and then went back to Jerusalem full of joy; and they were continually in the Temple praising God.

HYMNS

ENTRANCE

A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing

Tune: All Creatures of Our God and King

A hymn of glory let us sing!
New hymns throughout the world shall ring:
Alleluia, Alleluia!
Christ by a road before untrod,
Ascends unto the throne of God.
Alleluia, Alleluia,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

O risen Christ, ascended Lord,
All praise to you let earth accord:
Alleluia, Alleluia!
You are, while endless ages run,
With Father and with Spirit one.
Alleluia, Alleluia,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

PREPARATION OF GIFTS

Be still, for the Presence of the Lord

Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
The Holy One, is here;
Come bow before him now
With reverence and fear:
In him no sin is found
We stand on holy ground.
Be still for the presence of the Lord,
The Holy One is here.

Be still, for the power of the Lord
Is moving in this place;
He comes to cleanse and heal,
To minister his grace;
No work too hard for him
In faith receive from him.
Be still, for the power of the Lord
Is moving in this place.

COMMUNION

I Am the Bread of Life

I am the bread of life;
You who come to me shall not hunger;
And who believe in me shall not thirst.
No one can come to me
Unless the Father beckons.

Refrain:

And I will raise you up,
And I will raise you up,
And I will raise you up on the last day.

The bread that I will give
Is my flesh for the life of the world;
And if you eat of this bread,
You shall live forever,
You shall live forever.

I am the Resurrection, I am the life.
If you believe in me, even though you die,
You shall live for ever.

RECESSIONAL

The Church of Christ, In Ev'ry Age

Tune: All People That on Earth Do Dwell

The Church of Christ, in ev'ry age
Beset by change, but Spirit led,
Must claim and test its heritage
And keep on rising from the dead.

Then let the servant Church arise,
A caring Church that longs to be
A partner in Christ's sacrifice,
And clothed in Christ's humanity.

We have no mission but to serve
In full obedience to our Lord;
To care for all, without reserve,
And spread his liberating word.



NOTICES

REFLECTION

Heaven and Earth are full of your Glory

Our Risen Lord knew that we are naturally, collectively human-centric. He withdrew His risen mode of appearance (what we call 'the Ascension') to make it clear that the whole Universe, including planet Earth, is filled with the presence and power radiating out from his Risen Humanity.

As St Paul wrote in the Epistle to the Romans: 'Creation still retains the hope of being freed from its slavery to decay, to enjoy the same freedom and glory as the children of God.' How is the Risen Lord beginning to fulfil this hope? At Mass, fractions of creation – the Bread and Wine consecrated for Holy Communion – are transformed into the Real Presence of the Risen Lord.

Eucharistic Prayer III begins with: 'You are indeed Holy, O Lord, and all you have created rightly gives you praise...' How can all creation give God praise? As the ancient church used to teach: Each of you is a microcosm of the macrocosm, called to be a priest for the Cosmos. Through your enlightened mind and inflamed heart, the Cosmos knows that it exists and that it is loved by its Creator. It is beginning to share the freedom and glory of the children of God.

We could pause for a moment, stop staring into Heaven, and ready ourselves to receive the Holy Spirit so as to be what St Paul calls 'the Church which is His Body in whom the *fullness* of creation dwells'.

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FEAST DAYS

Tue - The Visitation of the BVM

Wed - St Justin

Thu - Sts Marcellinus & Peter

Fri - St Charles Lwanga & Companions

ANOINTING MASS will be held at St Luke's on the first Friday of each month at the usual time of 9.00am. *Any changes will be communicated via the newsletter.*

NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK

National Reconciliation Week is from 27 May to June 3. It's a time to renew our commitment to build stronger relationships of respect and trust between First Nations Australians and non-Indigenous Australians. The theme for this year is *Be Brave. Make Change.* We are encouraged to make a commitment to deal with unfinished business so that change is possible. To find out more, go to: www.reconciliation.org.au

An Ecumenical Reconciliation service will take place at St Joseph's and St Anthony's Parish, 30 Eldorado Street, Bracken Ridge, 7:00 – 8:00 PM, this Friday 27 May. All are welcome.



DAILY GOSPEL REFLECTIONS Stay centred in your faith with this daily series of theological reflections on the Gospel of the day. Sign up to receive a one-page reflection each weekday in your inbox. Sign up here:

<https://evangelisationbrisbane.org.au/daily-reflections/>

A Morning's Prayer is a 3-hour Saturday morning retreat to get away and spend quality time with God. It will be facilitated with a time of input, prayer, reflection, and faith sharing, and aims to provide a prayerful respite from the busyness of life. Both parish groups and individuals are most welcome. Time: 9am - 12pm on Saturday 4th June at Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, Ormiston.

Cost: \$20 Register: <https://app.tickets.org.au/eb/amorningsprayer3>

Can it for the Missions

Remember to bring along your containers to recycle and earn money for the missions.

Most aluminium, glass, plastic, steel and liquid paperboard drink containers between 150ml & 3L.

Place them in the collection tub at the

THE ORDER OF MASS

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

*In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.*

Amen.

PENITENTIAL ACT

*Brethren (brothers and sisters), let us acknowledge our
sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred
mysteries.*

**I confess to you almighty God
and to you my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,
through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault (*striking the breast*)
therefore I ask the blessed Mary ever-virgin,
all the angels and saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.**

*May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our
sins, and bring us to everlasting life.*

Amen.

GLORIA (when spoken)

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you, we bless you,
we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, (*all bow*)
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven, and is seated
at the right hand of God the Father almighty,
from there he will come to judge
the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting. **Amen.**

AFTER THE PREFACE

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

THE MYSTERY OF FAITH

We proclaim your Death, O Lord,
and profess your Resurrection,
until you come again.

THE CONCLUDING RITES

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

*May almighty God bless you
the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.*

Amen.

Go forth, the Mass is ended.

Thanks be to God