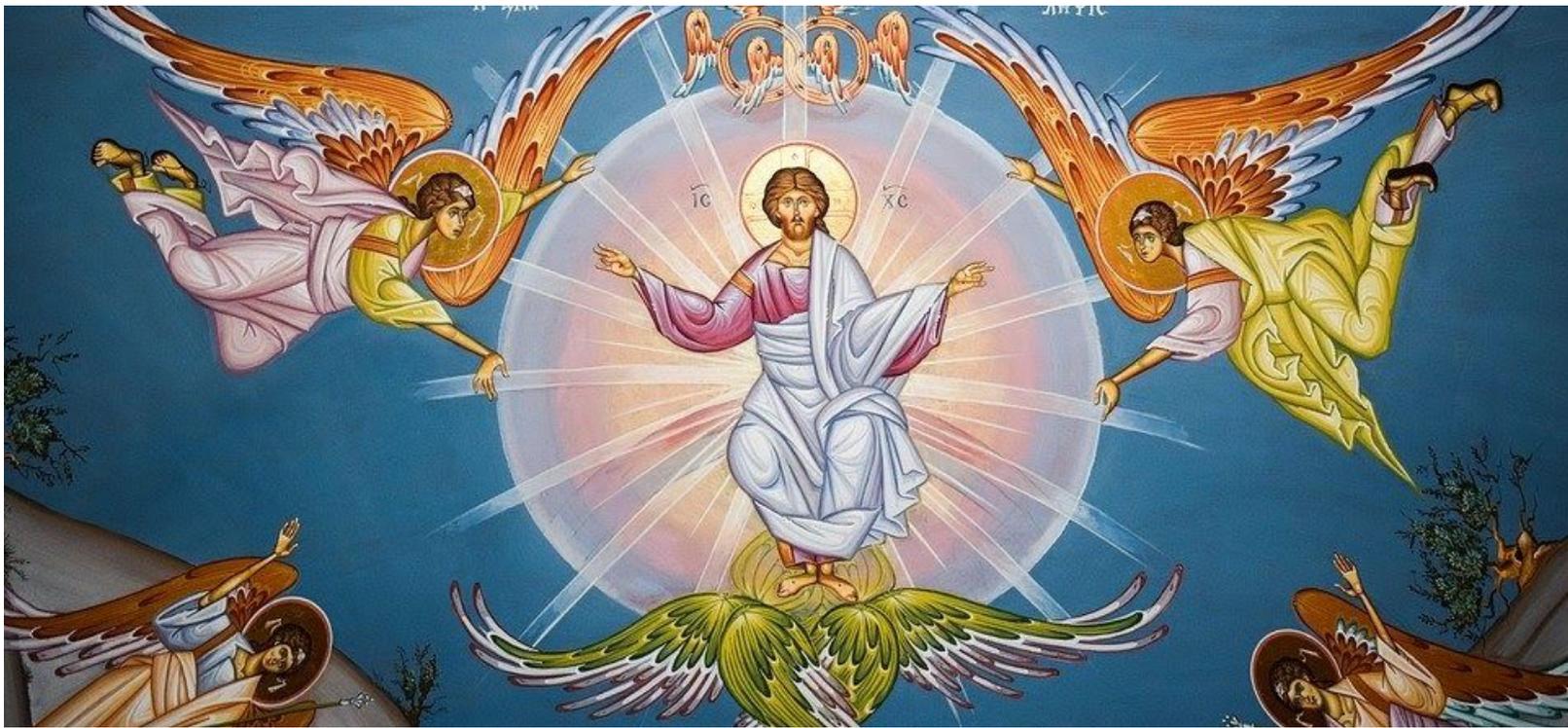


LYNNFIELD CATHOLIC COLLABORATIVE

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Ascension Thursday



Family Guide:

This is a guide designed for families to use in addition to our Children's Liturgy of the Word video for the Feast of the Ascension. Included in this guide are the Opening and Closing prayers, the Gospel Reading, Reflection and Reflection Questions, and Directions for the craft activity. You will also find a resource page with additional activities! Be safe, be healthy and know of our prayers!

Opening Hymn:

Alleluia, Sing to Jesus ([CLICK HERE](#))

Opening Prayer:

God, you promised that you will be with us always and that we do not need to be afraid. Help us to continue to do your work in the world until you send your son Jesus back to us again.

Amen.



1st Reading

Acts 1: 1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

In the first book, Theophilus, I dealt with all that Jesus did and taught until the day he was taken up, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. He presented himself alive to them by many proofs after he had suffered, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While meeting with them, he enjoined them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for “the promise of the Father about which you have heard me speak; for John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.” When they had gathered together they asked him, “Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?” He answered them, “It is not for you to know the times or seasons that the Father has established by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” When he had said this, as they were

looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight. While they were looking intently at the sky as he was going, suddenly two men dressed in white garments stood beside them. They said, “Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking at the sky? This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven will return in the same way as you have seen him going into heaven.”

The word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm

Psalm 47

God mounts His throne to shouts of joy:
a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

2nd Reading

Ephesians 1: 17-23

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Brothers and sisters: May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a Spirit of wisdom and revelation resulting in knowledge of him. May the eyes of your hearts be enlightened, that you may know what is the hope that belongs to his call, what are the riches of glory in his inheritance among the holy ones, and what is the surpassing greatness of his power for us who believe, in accord with the exercise of his great might, which he worked in Christ, raising him from the dead and seating him at his right hand in the heavens, far above every principality, authority, power, and dominion, and every name that is named not only in this age but also in the one to come. And he put all things beneath his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fullness of the one who fills all things in every way.

The word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God.*

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia ([Click Here](#))

Gospel

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. *Praise to you Lord, Jesus Christ*

Reflection and Reflection Questions:

In this brief gospel story that we just heard, Saint Matthew tells how Jesus told his followers what they needed to do to continue his work. What do you think it was like for Jesus followers to hear what Jesus said? What do you think Jesus told his followers they needed to do?

Think about a time that you were given a special job. What was that like? I bet you felt both excited and maybe a little bit nervous because you didn't know what to expect! Jesus leaves a special job for his friends – but he also tells them that they don't have to worry or be afraid, because he is sending the Holy Spirit to be with them. What do you think Jesus' followers were told to do?

Jesus' followers were told to go and make disciples. Jesus wanted his friends to go and share the good news – the message of God's love and mercy. This was the job for Jesus' friends – and because you and I are Jesus' friends – this is our job too!

Talk with your family about how you can share the good news of God's love. What are some of the things that you can do in your family, your school, your community – to show others God's care? This might be a challenging task for us – but it's a task that Jesus has given to us. It's a special task – one worth trying. So, this week, think about how you can continue Jesus' mission and work? How can you bring the love of God and the good news of the Gospel message to others?

Profession of Faith

Yes Lord, I Believe! ([Click Here](#))



Prayer of the Faithful

Response: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Craft Activity:

Today our craft is making Ascension Thursday Jell-o Cloud Parfaits. Follow the directions on the following link:

[Ascension Thursday Cloud Parfait: Directions Here](#)



Closing Prayer:

Dear Lord Jesus,

Before you ascended to heaven, you told your followers to go out to the ends of the earth. As one of your followers, give me the strength and inspire me to go out to the ends of the earth and share the Good News of the Gospel message. Amen.

Closing Hymn:

We Walk by Faith ([CLICK HERE](#))

Family Resources

- [***The Kids' Bulletin: Ascension Thursday***](#)
- [***Catholic Icing: Ascension of Jesus, Crafts for Kids***](#)
- [***Catholic Inspired: Ascension Crafts***](#)