

MAY 5 OR 8, 2016



SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD



ACTS OF THE APOSTLES 1:1-1

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

EPHESIANS 1:17-23 OR
HEBREWS 9:24-28; 10:19-23

LUKE 24:46-53

REFLECTION

Almost, but not yet: those are the words Jesus seems to offer. Jesus prepared his disciples and explained, as best he could, what was to come, but they were scared. Being Christ's witness is not an easy task. Let us ask Jesus' guidance as we prepare to move on to the summer and the next grade. We are almost ready to move forward, but not yet. We need just a bit more time before we can move on. Jesus, clothe us with your grace as we complete these final weeks of the school year. As you prepare to move forward, think of the Gospel. Jesus prepares the disciples for his leave-taking by reminding them (and us) of all they have experienced. They are witnesses to his life, Death, and Resurrection. We are called to be witnesses as well.



"BURNING IN MY SOUL"

MATT MAHER

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_NL1bLmcQY0

ACTION

In today's Gospel reading, we heard that the disciples did Jesus homage as he ascended into heaven and that they were continually in the temple praising God. Think about this and make a commitment toward some specific action of adoration and praise in the week to come. You might participate in daily Mass, Morning or Evening Prayer, spend time in prayer in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament in the tabernacle, join with others for a time of communal prayer, or recommit to prayer in the morning and evening at home. Prayerfully read today's readings at least once in the coming week, as a way of allowing the Holy Spirit to inspire you to fulfill your call as a follower of Jesus Christ, taking to heart the assurance of all Christ has promised.

JOURNALING QUESTIONS

- To what do you witness as a person of faith in Jesus Christ?
- To whom do you witness?