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LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS

Parish Mass Celebrations

Mass will continue to be streamed from each of our three (3) Churches weekdays and every weekend via [facebook](#):

Lambton: 5:00PM (Vigil)
New Lambton: 9:15AM (Sunday)
Waratah: 5:30PM (Sunday)

Sunday Mass Celebration

Bishop William (Bill) Wright continues to celebrate Mass every Sunday at 9:30AM live streamed from Sacred Heart Cathedral Mass via <https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/places/live-stream/>. Mass can be viewed at a later time via the same link. Please share the link with family and friends, and gather to pray as a spiritual community at this time.

Pastoral Visitation

If you would like a priest to visit, please enquire by phone or email at the Parish Office.

Mass Intentions

Mass Intentions are available for anyone upon request. Simply contact the parish secretaries with your intentions. If you have names of sick, deceased or anniversaries for the bulletin, and Mass, these need to be in relatively early to make the bulletin. Remember you need the person's or family's permission for publication.

GATHERINGS UPDATE

The *Public Health (COVID-19 Restrictions on Gathering and Movement) Order (No 2) 2020* ("the Order") has given legal effect to the easing of restrictions which remains in force until 14 August 2020 unless revoked before that date. A full copy of the amended Order can be found on the NSW [Legislation website](http://www.legislation.nsw.gov.au) (www.legislation.nsw.gov.au). Under the provisions of the Order (No. 2), the following is now possible. Conditions do apply.

Baptisms may take place in our churches, at the discretion of the priest in consultation with the family, and limited to ten (10) persons present. Outside the danger of death, baptisms may be deferred until a fuller celebration is possible.

Wedding services of up to ten (10) guests are allowed.

Funeral services may have up to twenty (20) mourners present when held indoors, and up to thirty (30) mourners present outdoors.

Sacrament of Penance may be celebrated in the First Rite in our churches at advertised times, limited to ten (10) persons present at any one time, without the use of confessionals, and strictly observing the appropriate physical distancing. Spontaneous requests for the Sacrament of Penance can and should be met wherever it is possible.

MASS IN OUR DIOCESE

Bishop William (Bill) Wright has determined that, given the limitations on the number of people who could attend, it is prudent to continue to suspend the public celebration of Mass under Step One of the NSW Government's easing of COVID-19 related restrictions, and to review when we move to Step Two. The previously communicated dispensation of the faithful of the Diocese from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass remains in place.

◆ LITURGY OF THE WORD ◆

FIRST READING

Acts 1:1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Why are you standing here looking into the sky? Jesus has been taken into heaven.

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.'

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 46:2-3. 6-9. R. v.6

**(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. (R.)
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. (R.)
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. (R.)

SECOND READING

Eph 1:17-23

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

He made Jesus to sit at his right hand in heaven.

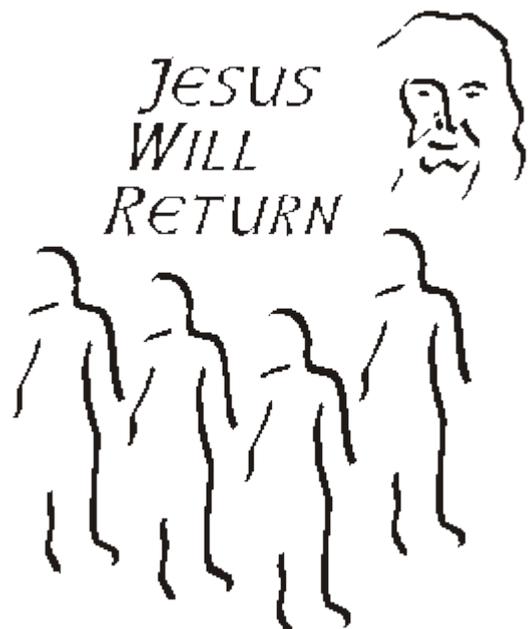
May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will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

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 28:19. 20

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



GOSPEL

Mt 28:16-20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commandments I gave to you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

HOMILY

by **Richard Leonard**

When I was a boy, Sir Edmund Hillary came to speak at my school. I can remember the fuss surrounding the visit of the first person to scale Mt Everest. And though there is now a school of thought that holds that he was beaten to the summit by Tenzing Norgay, his Tibetan colleague, there was an aura around this New Zealander who had been to the top of the world.

Some of my usually dour teachers were in awe of Sir Edmund. There was more than a little hero worship going on that day. Rather surprisingly in his address Sir Edmund did not say very much about his adventure to the peak. He was much more interested in what we do to each other on the plains than what he did on the mountain top. He spoke about justice, peace and the dignity of humanity. I can vividly remember him sending us out at the end of his speech to create a better world for all people everywhere. When questions came, there were several about whether he felt closer to God at the top of Mt Everest, and although he said he did, he mentioned there were life and death moments on the way up and down, where God's presence and companionship were much more real to him.

Hillary's visit to my school is not far from what happened to the disciples in today's Gospel. Matthew tells us that the eleven men who worshipped Jesus were commissioned by him to go out to the world and they were promised that he would stay with them until the end of time.

Worship is a word Catholics don't use all that often. While other denominations describe their liturgy as 'worship', we tend to use it only in a more secular way like in 'hero worship' or 'not an altar at which I worship'. The concept behind this word, however, is an important one. To worship God is to admit that we are not God. We are creatures and our worship is directed toward our Creator, Saviour and Sustainer.

Whether we realise it or not we are commissioned to go out to the world at the end of every liturgy, 'Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.' This changes our worship. We are not here just for ourselves. Mass, which comes from a word meaning 'to be sent', indicates that our liturgy is about celebrating what God has done in the world in and through us, and is a preparation for what God still wants to accomplish.

Finally, we continue to experience the abiding presence of Christ in our daily lives or else we wouldn't be here. God, as revealed in Jesus Christ, is not distant to our lives or impervious to our needs; we believe in a Companion-God who seeks our company as much as we need his.

In this Mass, then, let's thank God for the mountain top of Christ's Ascension that lifts us up out of our everyday life to celebrate that we are creatures, not the Creator. Let us hear again Christ's call to each of us to move away from the complacency of a spiritual cafeteria to a church moving out to change the world. And let's rejoice in Christ's presence which abides before us, behind us, over and in us, within and without, now and forever. Amen. © *Richard Leonard SJ*



NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

First Reading: Acts 2:1-11
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 103:1. 24. 29-31. 34. R. v.30
Second Reading: 1 Cor 12:3-7, 12-13
Gospel: Jn 20:19-23

◆ SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS ◆

REFLECTION

By Dianne Bergant

The feast of the Ascension is really a kind of liminal moment in the Easter season. It is a time between times, a moment when we have left one place in our journey but have not yet arrived at a second. The glory of the Risen Christ has already been revealed in us, but not yet totally. The feast itself celebrates the exaltation of Jesus. Today we stand awestruck, watching Jesus ascend into the clouds of heaven, there to be enthroned at the right hand of God. Today we are overwhelmed by the reality of the divinity of the one whom we have known in his humanity. Like the conquering creator-god, he has overcome his enemy (death) and now reigns over his new creation (the church).

Christ who ascended into heaven in his body carries on what he began on earth through his new body, the church. He teaches through its apostles and evangelists. He ministers through its prophets and pastors. In and through the church, Jesus continues to heal and to comfort; to forgive and to include. We have not been left alone; we have his power, the same power with which he performed marvels when he walked the earth. We have not been left alone; we have each other. Together we make up the new body of Christ. Together we await the fullness of this body. It is this new body that stands in between the times, secure in what we have, confident of what we will be given.

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REFLECTION

by Fr Michael Tate

Where is the Body?

Our Risen Lord Jesus Christ could have continued to appear to groups of followers, century after century – until now!

But, he didn't, because the disciples had to be weaned of his Risen-mode of appearance among them lest they think that the victory over Death is meant for human beings alone.

But, as St Paul says, the Risen Lord is the One who 'fills all creation' with His power radiating out from his Risen Humanity.

However, dis-appearance is not the same as absence. We believe that Our Risen Lord is present in many modes, including as St Paul says '... the Church which is His Body'.

That is why the figures in white rebuke the disciples: 'Why do you stand looking into Heaven?'

The Disciples had, rather, to ready themselves to be the Spirit-filled body of Jesus Christ in their own time and place. As we do.

We might pause for a moment to stop staring into Heaven, to ready ourselves to receive the Holy Spirit as at Pentecost in order to be 'The Church which is His Body.'

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POPE FRANCIS' MESSAGE FOR WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY

Message of His Holiness Pope Francis for the 54th World Communications Day

"That you may tell your children and grandchildren" (Ex 10:2) Life becomes history

I would like to devote this year's Message to the theme of storytelling, because I believe that, so as not to lose our bearings, we need to make our own the truth contained in good stories. Stories that build up, not tear down; stories that help us rediscover our roots and the strength needed to move forward together. Amid the cacophony of voices and messages that surround us, we need a human story that can speak of ourselves and of the beauty all around us. A narrative that can regard our world and its happenings with a tender gaze. A narrative that can tell us that we are part of a living and interconnected tapestry. A narrative that can reveal the interweaving of the threads which connect us to one another.

Read more:

http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/communications/documents/papa-francesco_20200124_messaggio-comunicazioni-sociali.html

A VOCATION VIEW

Through His death, resurrection and ascension, Christ showed us the path to eternal life. Know that the Lord is with you always, through your struggles and triumphs, and that he will hear your prayers. For more information regarding Vocations phone 02 4979 1112 or email vocations@mn.catholic.org.au.



FEAST DAYS

25 May: Mary, Help of Christians
31 May: Pentecost
7 Jun: The Most Holy Trinity
14 Jun: The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ
19 Jun: The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
29 Jun: Saints Peter and Paul
3 Jul: Saint Thomas, Apostle
22 Jul: Saint Mary Magdalene
25 Jul: Saint James, Apostle
6 Aug: The Transfiguration of the Lord

◆ PRAYERS ◆

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Light a Candle

Light a candle to symbolize the Light of Christ and Light of the World.



Introduction: My brothers and sisters, awaiting the return of Jesus let us pray to the God of all life for the needs of world.

1. That all the baptised will carry the Good News of Jesus Christ to every nation, culture and race. Let us pray to the Lord.
2. That those in government and civic leadership serve their people with strength and wisdom. Let us pray to the Lord.
3. That all people may find renewed strength and courage through the Easter mysteries. Let us pray to the Lord.
4. That those who are exploited by the powers of darkness experience true liberation. Let us pray to the Lord.
5. That preachers, catechists and parents teach and act in the spirit of Jesus. Let us pray to the Lord.
6. That we continue to await the return of Christ with hopeful hearts. Let us pray to the Lord.
7. That those who have died may be welcomed to God's table in heaven. Let us pray to the Lord.

Conclusion: God of all creation, Christ moved beyond our sight, leaving us the power of his Spirit. Through the prayers we offer, guide our deeds and words so that all may be drawn into the embrace of your mercy. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

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MAY THE MONTH OF MARY

Family Rosary Relay for [The Archbishop's Intentions](#). From the 1 to the 31 of May, you are invited to participate in the Archbishop's Rosary Relay. Families are asked to nominate and pray one decade of the rosary on a day of their choice. <https://www.sydneycatholic.org/casys/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Family-Rosary-Relay-Prayer-Resource-v2.0-RF.pdf>

WE REMEMBER

Please Pray for:

Sick: Ross Moxon, Libby O'Neill Oates, Bernadette Coffey, Michael Payne, Gerard Harvey, Fred Stanwell, Sheila Bell, Robert Watson, Paul Mowbray, Maureen Ashlett, Gary Herschel, Shelley Smith.

Recently Deceased: Cathy Lawrence, Lex Loas, Dulcie Maude Waugh Doyle, Mary Coffey, Beverley Watts, Peg Dolahenty, Jenny Hursty, Ruth Dunn, Bernice Malone, Michael Cunningham.

Anniversaries: Mavis Payne, Sr Rita Torpey, Fr James Gleeson, Fr Daniel Aherne, Fr John McEneaney.



Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord, and may light perpetual shine upon them. + May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen

During this time Intentions for publication may be submitted by email (or phone) by midday Monday each week ahead. Reminder that you need the person or family's permission to enable us to publish names.

GLOBAL PRAYER

Bring solidarity to our world in a shared moment of prayer. Catholics from all across the globe will be united in spirit because "everything is connected." Be sure to [register](#) your participation via <https://laudatosiweek.org/#interestForm> and feel free to share your own prayers on social media using the hashtag #LaudatoSi5. At noon your local time on 24 May, say the following prayer:

Common Prayer for the 5th Anniversary of Laudato Si'

Loving God,
Creator of heaven and earth and all that is in them,
You created us in your image and made us stewards of all your creation, of our common home.
You blessed us with the sun, water and bountiful land so that all might be nourished.
Open our minds and touch our hearts, so that we may attend to your gift of creation.
Help us to be conscious that our common home belongs not only to us,
but to all future generations, and that it is our responsibility to preserve it.
May we help each person secure the food and resources that they need.
Be present to those in need in these trying times,
especially the poorest and those most at risk of being left behind.
Transform our fear, anxiety and feelings of isolation into hope so that we may experience a true conversion of the heart.
Help us to show creative solidarity in addressing the consequences of this global pandemic,
Make us courageous to embrace the changes that are needed in search of the common good,
Now more than ever may we feel that we are all interconnected, in our efforts to lift up the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor.
We make our prayer through Christ our Lord.
Amen

MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS

Feast Day 25 May

O Immaculate Mary, Help of Christians, Queen of heaven and earth, and tender Mother of humanity, at this time when a pandemic threatens all your children, we entrust to you our nation, Australia, and all who live in this country.

We commit to your intercession all the members of our community, beginning with the weakest ones, from the unborn to the sick, the disabled and the elderly.

We commit to you our families, our young and old, and all who are vulnerable, those who are quarantined or anxious.

We entrust to your Immaculate Heart those who have lost their livelihood or employment, our pastors and other essential service workers, and our leaders at this time.

We implore your intercession especially for the protection of doctors and nurses and those who minister to the contagious sick in this crisis.

Reign over us, Mother of God, and teach us how to make the Heart of Jesus reign and triumph in us and around us, as it has reigned and triumphed in you!

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in Australia will be observed in the week between Ascension and Pentecost (24-31 May 2020). "They showed us unusual kindness" (Acts 28:2)

Loving and merciful God,
you hear the cry of the poor and stretch out your hand to save them.

Look upon our world in its need:
give courage to those facing an uncertain future;
give hope to those weighed down by fear and anxiety.
May our churches, by acts of unusual kindness, be living witnesses to the power of your love.
May we grow together in unity and peace, to the glory of your name, so that the world may believe. Amen.

◆ NOTICES AND INFORMATION ◆

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS

Word of Encouragement from our Bishops

The Australian Catholic Bishops issued a [Word of Encouragement](#) to the Catholic people of Australia, which you can download at <https://www.catholic.org.au/acbc-media/media-centre/media-releases-new/2266-word-of-encouragement-to-the-catholic-people-of-australia/file>

Hard copies will be available at the bulletin pick up destinations.

Feast Day of Mary Help of Christians

As the COVID-19 pandemic continues to affect Australians' lives, including their worship, the Catholic bishops will entrust the country to the care of Mary Help of Christians on her feast day. Mary Help of Christians has been the official patroness of Australia since 1844. Her feast day is celebrated on 24 May, which this year coincides with the Feast of the Ascension. The bishops agreed the entrustment of Australia to Mary Help of Christians can therefore take place on the 24 or 25 May 2020.

[Read the complete media release.](#) See *Prayer Page for the prayer.*

PARISH

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

This year's Week of Prayer for Christian Unity will be from 24 - 31 May. The theme "They showed us unusual kindness" (Act 28:2), remembers the historic shipwreck of Paul on the island of Malta and calls us, just like the people on the Island of Malta to a greater generosity to those in need. The Week for Christian Unity is usually celebrated together. The theme calls us to move from shared prayer to shared action. Due to COVID-19, we are not able to join together, so we need to be creative and adapt the current situation. We welcome you to download the World Day of Prayer for Christian Unity 2020 Reflection for 8 Days <https://www.ncca.org.au/faith-and-unity-resources>. Take some time each day to read the reflection, discern or meditate on the words, then journal your responses to the questions in the reflection, finish your session with the prayer provided or your own. During the week reflect on what your action could be to show greater generosity to those in need.

National Volunteer Week 2020

In recognition of National Volunteer Week (18–24 May 2020), and in the spirit of the theme in Australia - "[Changing Communities. Changing Lives.](#)" - our grateful thanks to all our past and present parish volunteers, all of whom make a world of difference to our parish family.

Parish Office

Our parish office is open by appointment and continues to work within the required guidelines. For all enquiries, including baptisms and marriages, please contact us by phone or email. For Funerals, please contact the Funeral Directors who will contact the Priests.

Weekly Bulletin

Our weekly bulletin is available **every Thursday after 4:30PM**, in both digital format – via parish website and email – and hard copy – available for pick up on the Church verandah at **Lambton**, Presbytery verandah at **Waratah**, and at the screen door at Parish House **New Lambton** (door with ramp).

Pentecost Pilgrimage – Free talks

Register for 40 free talks available up till Pentecost at www.pentecostpilgrimage.com

Project Compassion 2020

Thank you for supporting Caritas Australia's Project Compassion 2020 Lenten appeal. If you require a tax receipt, please inform the Parish Office and ensure your donation has been deposited before 15 June 2020.

Tax Receipts 2019-2020

Parishioners who require a tax receipt for this financial year will need to ensure their Planned Giving, Project Compassion, and WHITE CARD are presented to the office no later than Monday 15 June 2020. Should you require advice or assistance in this matter please feel free to contact the Parish Secretaries for available options. Please be advised that from 1 July 2020 the current envelopes will need to be discarded*.

New 2020 -2021 Planned Giving Envelopes

Our grateful thanks to all who are committed to supporting the parish. New envelopes will soon be available for collection – further advice available soon. Please note the following:

- ✚ To save the parish money ***NEW NUMBERS WILL BE ALLOCATED**, and so it will be helpful to use your current envelopes before 15 June if possible.
- ✚ New contributors are invited to join the program by contacting the parish office.
- ✚ If you are current contributors needing to cancel or change your giving, please advise the office beforehand.
- ✚ Please note Direct Debit and Credit Card options are now available.

Your Financial Support

Whilst all Masses in the Diocese are suspended during this challenging time, our parishes expenses continue, including parish loan repayments, insurance, rates, electricity, wages, telephone, etc. More than ever parishes are in need of the financial support of their parishioners. If you are in a position to financially support the parish you are invited to consider doing so. Our grateful thanks to those of you who continue to contribute.

DIOCESE

Diocesan Website

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Catholic Schools

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CatholicCare Social Services

To talk to someone about counselling support call [CatholicCare](#) P 02 4979 1120 or P: 02 4979 1172

E: cenquiries@catholiccare.org.au

W: <https://www.catholiccare.org.au/contact-us/>

OR [Lifeline](#) 24/7: P 131 114

Development and Relief Agency

[DARA](#) (Development and Relief Agency) is providing the option of a meal home delivered to anyone who is in need. Contact Monday to Friday 9:00AM to 5:00PM:

P: 02 4979 1339 OR 02 4979 1120 E: admin@ dara.org.au

W: <https://www.catholiccare.org.au/contact-us/>

Aurora Magazine

[Aurora](#) is the official magazine of the Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle. The May edition of Aurora is now available online: https://issuu.com/diomn/docs/aurora_may_2020.

Copies of Aurora can be picked up at IGA stores.

Diocesan News Service

[MNnews.today](#) is our local source of Catholic news for Newcastle, Maitland and the Hunter. Connect with the Diocese. Read article [Navigating Change](#) by Natalie Neubauer - a missionary with *Youth With A Mission Newcastle*.

Catholic Weekly

Currently [The Catholic Weekly](#) is suspended from publication. You are still able to subscribe, on the understanding that your subscription will commence as soon as The Catholic Weekly print edition is back in circulation. In the meantime, we are offering the digital edition for free while the print edition is out of circulation. Please [CLICK HERE](#) for free online access.

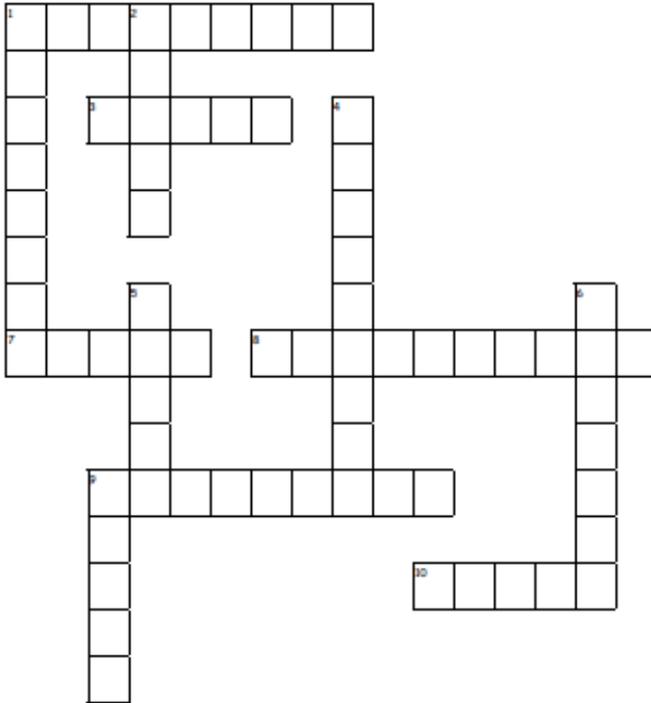
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◆ JUNIOR ACTIVITIES ◆

CROSSWORD

Clap your hands and shout to God

Acts 1:8-11
Ps 47:1-2, 5-6, 7-8
Eph 1:17-21



Across

- 1: followers of Christ
- 3: strength
- 7: Jesus sits on the _____ side of God
- 8: praised God
- 9: the disciples returned to this city
- 10: glad

Down

- 1: find, gain knowledge
- 2: Jesus was taken up into a _____
- 4: extraordinary, great
- 5: the opposite of black
- 6: before ascending into heaven, Jesus led his disciples to this town
- 9: our Saviour

JUNIOR WORDSEARCH

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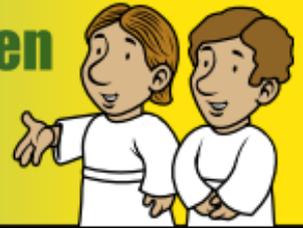
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G K J E R U S A L E M P W V A
S B C I L Y H A P P Y O H E K
J E Z X E V S Z G O P W I O A
E W O N D E R F U L Y E T N R
X R E I Q W H Y Z O P R E F B
V K B E T H A N Y T C E V D O

Try to find these words:

- Bethany
- cloud
- disciples
- discover
- happy
- Jerusalem
- Jesus
- power
- right
- white
- wonderful
- worshipped



Jesus was taken into heaven



The Ascension of the Lord, Year A

Unscramble the words below to find out what Jesus told his disciples before he ascended into heaven.

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 WITH YOU
 THE
 OF



TIME REMEMBER UNTIL ALWAYS AM END

Even though Jesus ascended into heaven he is always with us. Complete the sentences below.

Jesus is with me when....

Jesus is with me when....

Jesus is with me when....



How many words can you make from the letters in the word ASCENSION?
