



**29 May 2022**  
**Ascension Sunday**  
**World Communication Day**



**INTRODUCTION:**

As the Church celebrates the Ascension of our Lord, Jesus tells his disciples to go through the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature. This mandate is given to all of us, that, by word and example, by the very lives we lead, we may bring the healing and saving love of God to all peoples.

As we also celebrate World Communications Day today, Jesus himself asks us to pay attention to how we listen (cf. Lk 8:18). To be able to truly listen requires courage, and a free and open heart, without prejudice. At this time when the whole Church is invited to listen in order to learn to be a synodal Church, we are all invited to rediscover listening as essential for good communication.

**READINGS:**

First reading: Acts 1:1-11  
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9  
Second Reading: Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28, 10:19-23  
Gospel: Luke 24:46-53

**PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL:**

**Celebrant:** As we wait and watch for the coming of the Lord once again we turn to God in prayer:

**Response:** Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer

For the Church, that the Lord will grant wisdom and insight to all who lead and guide us in our faith. We pray to the Lord...

For our world, that those in authority may work to create a just and fairer society for all. We pray to the Lord...

For our country and for the family of nations, that God may reign in the hearts of all and so bring peace, justice and truth to the ends of the earth. We pray to the Lord...

For those called to communicate the Gospel. May they use wisely the technology at their disposal, so that all will hear the Word of God which is faithfully proclaimed. We pray to the Lord...

For all who are sick, suffering, housebound, elderly or infirm: that they will be comforted by the healing touch of Christ. We pray to the Lord...

For all those who have died, that the Lord will raise them up and grant them everlasting joy. We pray to the Lord...

**Celebrant:** God our Father, we ask you to hear and answer our prayers so that in the time between Jesus' ascension and his return in majesty, we may bear witness to your great love for us. We ask this in the name of him who has ascended to your right hand, there to celebrate life with you and the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.