



21 May 2023
THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD
World Communications Day



INTRODUCTION:

Dear friends, as we celebrate today Christ's ascension to his eternal glory in heaven and express our Christian hope that where he, our Head, has gone before us, we his Body, will one day follow, to live for ever in God's Kingdom.

On World Communications Day, may the Lord Jesus, the pure Word poured out from the heart of the Father, help us to make our communication clear, open and heartfelt.

READINGS:

First Reading:	Acts 1:1-11
Responsorial Psalm:	Psalm 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9
Second Reading:	Ephesians 1:17-23
Gospel:	Matthew 28:16-20

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL:

Celebrant: Let us now ask God our Father to grant us the grace to carry on faithfully the mission of his Son, Jesus, as we pray...

Response: Lord, hear our prayer

1. We pray for Francis Our Pope, the bishops, Clergy and the Religious, that dedicated to the mission of Christ, they may become his authentic witnesses in the world. We pray to the Lord.
2. We pray for all Christians who are persecuted in their endeavour to live the faith, that they be strengthened by the presence and power of Jesus, ascended into heaven. We pray to the Lord.
3. We pray for all who are abandoned, unloved and in despair, that they may receive new hope by the Lord's enduring presence in our midst. We pray to the Lord.
4. We pray that as disciples of Christ, we may strive to make the Gospel known to all people of good will by our lives of love and compassion. We pray to the Lord.
5. We pray for our personal intentions (p-a-u-s-e). We pray to the Lord.

Celebrant: God our Father, we thank You, for the Paschal Mystery of Your Son, Jesus. Grant that having shared in it here on earth, we may come to share in his eternal glory in heaven. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.