

INTRODUCTION:

Dear friends in Christ, today we celebrate 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 forever in the Kingdom of God.

READINGS:

First Reading : Acts 1: 1-11

Responsorial Psalm : Psalm 47: 2-3, 6-7, 8-9

Second Reading : Eph 1: 17-23

Gospel : Mt 28: 16-20

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Celebrant: God, Our Heavenly Father, has made Christ the ruler of everything and put all things under his feet. Let us now express all our needs to Him:

Response: Lord, graciously hear us.

- We pray for Leo Our Pope, for Bishops, Priests and Religious that strengthened by Christ ascended, they be filled with the Spirit of Wisdom and perception, to draw all people to the full knowledge of Him. We pray to the Lord-
- We pray for all World Leaders that the eyes of their minds enlightened, by God's Spirit, they may work to bring new hope and peace to our world. We pray to the Lord.
- We pray for all Christians everywhere, that filled with the Spirit of Communion and Unity, we may strive to be united, proclaiming the Kingdom of God to all. We pray to the Lord.
- We pray for all people of good will, that realizing Christ's Reign, far above every sovereignty, authority and power, they may strive to live as One God's people. We pray to the Lord.
- We pray for our personal and local needs... (pause in silence) We pray to the Lord.

Celebrant: Grant, we pray, O Lord, that rejoicing in your glorious ascension, we may realize what rich glories we will inherit and what great power you have exercised for us, we may come to share in the inheritance of the eternal hope you have won for us. You who live and reign world without end. Amen.