

June 1, 2025: The Ascension of the Lord
(page 1)**First Reading****Acts 1:1-11**

In the first book, Theophilus, I dealt with all that Jesus did and taught until the day He was taken up, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the Apostles whom He had chosen. He presented Himself alive to them by many proofs after He had suffered, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the Kingdom of God. While meeting with the them, He enjoined them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for “the promise of the Father about which you have heard me speak; for John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.” When they had gathered together they asked Him, “Lord, are You at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?” He answered them, “It is not for you to know the times or seasons that the Father has established by His Own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” When He had said this, as they were looking on, He was lifted up, and a cloud took Him from their sight. While they were looking intently at the sky as He was going, suddenly two men dressed in white garments stood beside them. They said, “Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking at the sky? This Jesus Who has been taken up from you into Heaven will return in the same way as you have seen Him going into Heaven.”

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

R. (6) God mounts His throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

or:

R. Alleluia.

All you peoples, clap your hands,
shout to God with cries of gladness,
For the LORD, the Most High, the awesome,
is the great King over all the earth.

R. God mounts His throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

or:

R. Alleluia.

God mounts His throne amid shouts of joy;
the LORD, amid trumpet blasts.
Sing praise to God, sing praise;
sing praise to our King, sing praise.

R. God mounts His throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

or:

R. Alleluia.

For king of all the earth is God;
sing hymns of praise.
God reigns over the nations,
God sits upon His holy throne.

R. God mounts His throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

or:

R. Alleluia.

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(page 2)**Second Reading****Ephesians 1:17-23**

Brothers and sisters:

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a Spirit of wisdom and revelation resulting in knowledge of Him. May the eyes of your hearts be enlightened, that you may know what is the hope that belongs to His call, what are the riches of glory in His inheritance among the holy ones, and what is the surpassing greatness of His power for us who believe, in accord with the exercise of His great might, which He worked in Christ, raising Him from the dead and seating Him at His right hand in the heavens, far above every principality, authority, power, and dominion, and every name that is named not only in this age but also in the one to come. And He put all things beneath His feet and gave Him as head over all things to the church, which is His body, the fullness of the One Who fills all things in every way.

Gospel Reading**Luke 24:46-53**

Jesus said to His disciples:

“Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in His Name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And behold I am sending the promise of My Father upon you; but stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.”

Then He led them out as far as Bethany, raised His hands, and blessed them. As He blessed them He parted from them and was taken up to Heaven. They did him homage and then returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and they were continually in the temple praising God.

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June 1, 2025: The 7th Sunday of Easter

In dioceses that celebrated the solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord on Thursday, May 29th, this Sunday's readings will be for the 7th Sunday of Easter.

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The 7th Sunday of Easter

First Reading

Acts 7:55-60

Stephen, filled with the Holy Spirit, looked up intently to heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God, and Stephen said, "Behold, I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God." But they cried out in a loud voice, covered their ears, and rushed upon him together. They threw him out of the city, and began to stone him. The witnesses laid down their cloaks at the feet of a young man named Saul. As they were stoning Stephen, he called out, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he fell to his knees and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them;" and when he said this, he fell asleep.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 97:1-2, 6-7, 9

R. (1a and 9a) The Lord is King, the Most High over all the earth.

or:

R. Alleluia.

The LORD is king; let the earth rejoice;
let the many islands be glad.

Justice and judgment are the foundation of His throne.

R. The Lord is King, the Most High over all the earth.

or:

R. Alleluia.

The heavens proclaim His justice,
and all peoples see His glory.

All gods are prostrate before Him.

R. The Lord is King, the Most High over all the earth.

or:

R. Alleluia.

You, O LORD, are the Most High over all the earth,
exalted far above all gods.

R. The Lord is King, the Most High over all the earth.

or:

R. Alleluia.

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Second Reading**Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20**

I, John, heard a voice saying to me:

"Behold, I am coming soon. I bring with me the recompense I will give to each according to his deeds. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end."

Blessed are they who wash their robes so as to have the right to the tree of life and enter the city through its gates.

"I, Jesus, sent my angel to give you this testimony for the churches. I am the root and offspring of David, the bright morning star."

The Spirit and the bride say, "Come."

Let the hearer say, "Come."

Let the one who thirsts come forward, and the one who wants it receive the gift of life-giving water.

The one who gives this testimony says, "Yes, I am coming soon."

Amen! Come, Lord Jesus!

Gospel Reading**John 17:20-26**

Lifting up His eyes to Heaven, Jesus prayed saying: "Holy Father, I pray not only for them, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word, so that they may all be one, as You, Father, are in Me and I in You, that they also may be in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me. And I have given them the glory You gave Me, so that they may be one, as We are one, I in them and You in Me, that they may be brought to perfection as one, that the world may know that You sent Me, and that You loved them even as You loved Me. Father, they are Your gift to Me. I wish that where I am they also may be with Me, that they may see My glory that You gave Me, because You loved Me before the foundation of the world. Righteous Father, the world also does not know You, but I know You, and they know that You sent Me. I made known to them Your Name and I will make it known, that the love with which You loved Me may be in them and I in them."

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