

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Your kingdoms of the earth, sing to God: praise the Lord., who ascends above the highest heavens; his majesty and might are in the skies, alleluia

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11

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:

Response: God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the lord.

All the 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**

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**

God is king of all the earth, sing praise with all skill. God is king over the nations; God reigns on his holy throne. **R**

A reading from the Ephesians 1:17-23

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

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St Matthew 28:16-20

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 commands I gave you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.' *The Gospel of the Lord.*

Communion Antiphon: Christ, offering a single sacrifice for sins, is seated for ever at God's right hand, Alleluia

Communion:

THE LORD IS MY LIGHT

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The Lord is my light,
my help, my salvation.
Why should I fear?
With God I fear no one.
God protects me all my life
With the Lord what should I dread?

Refrain:

*The Lord is my light,
the Lord is my help
The Lord is my salvation*

There is one thing I ask
of the Lord that I long for
all of my days with God
to be dwelling,
gazing with awe,
at the beauty of God
and in wonder look on God's house

I know I will live to see
the Lord's goodness now,
in this life I'm sure I will see it
Trust in the Lord,
be strong and be brave
wait in hope for God, our salvation

Final

I'LL SING A HYMN TO MARY

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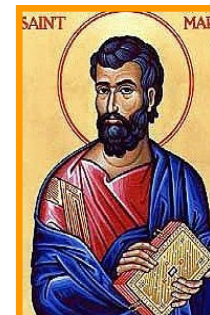
I'll sing a hymn to Mary,
The Mother of my God,
The Virgin of all virgins,
Of David's Royal blood.
O teach me, holy Mary,
A loving song to frame,
When wicked men blaspheme thee,
I'll love and bless thy name.

O Lily of the Valley,
O mystic Rose what tree
Or flower, e'en the fairest,
Is half so fair as thee?
O let me, though so lowly,
Recite my Mother's fame:
When wicked men blaspheme thee,
I'll love and bless thy name.

O noble Tower of David,
Of gold and ivory,
The Ark of God's Own promise,
The Gate of Heaven to me;
To live, and not to love thee,
Would fill my soul with shame:
When wicked men blaspheme thee,
I'll love and bless thy name.



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We acknowledge the Wurundjeri people, the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we stand. We pay our respects to them for their care of the land. May we walk gently on this land.

Reflection: : ASCENSION SUNDAY Year A

GOD'S RIGHT HAND In biblical language and imagery this signals the truth that the One who has been crucified on the trumped-up charge of being a political Messiah, a rebel against Rome, and who God raised from the dead to vindicate his true messianic status, has now entered messianic glory at God's right hand. He has indeed been removed from human sight to commence a reign in heaven but this does not mean an abandonment of either the disciples or his saving mission in the world. On the contrary, through the Spirit he will be present and active in a new mode of being. The disciples had felt the power of the Spirit that was upon him during his earthly life. Now they are assured that, as a result of his messianic enthronement, an empowering 'clothing' with his Spirit will come down on them and accompany them as they take his Word and witness 'to the ends of the earth'.

UNDERSTANDABLE CONCERN Just before Jesus departs, the disciples voice an understandable concern: 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' Here we seem to have the last flicker of the hope that Jesus would be a Messiah along the lines of conventional messianic expectation. Also present is a strong sense of 'unfinished business'. Jesus maybe the Messiah, but neither now nor in the foreseeable future do the times and conditions look particularly 'messianic'. Same old world, same old patterns of violence, suffering and death. Jesus does not give a direct answer to the disciples' query. The time of the Kingdom's full arrival and the completion of the messianic program remains shrouded in the mystery of God. What the disciples must understand is that, empowered by the Spirit, they are to become instruments of its realisation in the new era – that of the Church – that lies ahead. Through their hands and feet and mouth Jesus will continue his messianic work until the end of time. The conflict he faced will be their conflict too (something the Acts of the Apostles will abundantly demonstrate). But in all their trials and labours he will be with them, inspiring and guiding their work from heaven through the Spirit.

PLACED 'ABOVE' Much the same idea is communicated by the passage from Ephesians that forms today's Second Reading, Eph 1:17-23. It portrays the raising of Christ from the dead and his enthronement at God's right hand as one continuous exercise of divine power, involving a triumph over all powers hostile to God and God's plan for human beings and the cosmos as a whole. Christ has been placed 'above' all these powers not simply in a physical sense but in way that involves their subjugation. The text speaks as though this is something already achieved (see also Phil 2:9-11). But, of course, as we noted above in connection with First Reading, the forces hostile to God and to true humanity have by no means been fully overcome; the 'messianic program' has yet to run its course. Putting it all in the past as though already achieved is simply the text's way of projecting an act of hope. The hostile forces may still be around, but the Paschal victory of Jesus has dealt them a fatal blow. Preachers have to ask how themselves how to identify and name today the malign, transpersonal spiritual forces over which Paul saw Christ triumphant. The Ascension is not simply something that happened to Jesus – his departure, physically, from this world. It is the feast that celebrates the hope that evil and all that makes for dehumanisation and death in our world will not have the last word.

Excerpts from Fr Brendan Byrne SJ, 14 May 2023 <https://www.australiancatholics.com.au>

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Riflessione: ASCENSIONE DEL SIGNORE

Il Signore risorto è ritornato nella Galilea pagana. È qui che egli aveva cominciato ad annunciare la conversione e il Vangelo del Regno. È qui, in questo luogo di frontiera, che egli aveva dato appuntamento ai suoi discepoli, che si erano dispersi quando egli, il pastore, era stato ferito. È ritornato sui luoghi dell'inizio, per dare loro la pienezza: il Risorto è la luce decisiva che rischiarerà tutti coloro che camminano nelle tenebre e nell'ombra della morte. Egli ha convocato i discepoli - in numero di undici - su una montagna, come all'inizio li aveva condotti sulla montagna, quando parlò loro per annunciare la via della felicità del regno dei cieli. Dio ha anche convocato il popolo ai piedi del Sinai quando ha voluto fare di lui la sua "ekklesia". Il Risorto è su questa montagna in Galilea, che simboleggia l'incontro tra il cielo e la terra, dichiarandosi, solennemente, come colui che ha ricevuto tutta l'autorità nei cieli e sulla terra. Da questa montagna egli invia i discepoli - e in loro, e con loro, noi tutti che li seguiamo lungo la storia - a convocare la Chiesa per riunirla dai quattro punti cardinali del mondo nel regno; nessuno è escluso dalla parola e dalla partecipazione alla vita della famiglia divina: la comunione del battesimo con il Padre, il Figlio e lo Spirito Santo. Oggi noi, come gli undici discepoli sulla montagna, lo adoriamo e riaffermiamo la nostra obbedienza al suo comando missionario. Egli sembra assente ma è in realtà sempre presente tra di noi. È per questo che si è fatto uomo nel seno della Vergine Madre: per essere l'Emmanuele, il Dio con noi fino alla fine del mondo.

19 Maggio 2023, <https://www.lachiesa.it>

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**JOYFUL JOYFUL
WE ADORE THEE**

Joyful, joyful, we adore You,
God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before You,
Op'ning to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
Drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness,
Fill us with the light of day!

Always giving and forgiving
Ever blessing, ever blest
Well-spring of the joy of living
Ocean depth of happy rest!
Loving Father, Christ our Brother,
Let your light upon us shine;
Teach us how to love each other,
lift us to the joy divine.

Offertory:

LORD PREPARE ME

Lord prepare me
to be a sanctuary
pure and holy
tried and true...

With thanksgiving
I'll be a living
sanctuary
for you...

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Day of the Week	Liturgical Celebration	Intention St. Mark	Intention St. Brigid	Parish Activity
SATURDAY/SABATO 20th May 2023 The ASCENSION of the LORD Year 'A' "VIGIL"	"Ecco io sono con voi tutti i giorni, fino alla fine del mondo"		6.00pm 7.00pm Diana Marcela NINO † Spanish Mass	Baptism Celebrations: Zoe ORTIZ SALMANCA Christian Paul CONSTANZO Keith Alexander CHIVERS Congratulations! 
SUNDAY/DOMENIC 21st May 2023 The ASCENSION of the LORD Year "A"	"Ecco io sono con voi tutti i giorni, fino alla fine del mondo"	8.30am 10.00am Portuguese Mass	9.45am † Habib Hanna JINAVO 11:00am † Francesca DI GIANNANTONIO † Ascenzina PETRUCCI	
Monday / Lunedi of the 7th week of Easter 22nd May 2023 Year 'A' Acts 16:11-15 Jn 15:26 -16:4	Responsorial Psalm Sing to God , O kingdoms of the earth		9.00am Mary (Special intentions) 6:00pm Rosary for Maria MAZZILLI 	
Tuesday / Martedi of the 7th week of Easter 23rd May 2023 Year "A" Acts 16:22-34 Jn 16:5-11	Responsorial Psalm Sing to God , O kingdoms of the earth		9.15am Mary (Special intentions) 10:30am Viewing 11:00am Funeral Mass for Maria MAZZILLI	Our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Maria MAZZILLI May she rest in peace. 
Wednesday / Mercoledì 24th May 2023 Year "A" Acts 17:15, 22-18:1 Jn 16:12-15 Our Lady Help of Christians	Responsorial Psalm Blessed be the name of the Lord forever.		9.15am Mary (Special intentions) Our Lady Help of Christians 10.30am Funeral Mass for David Ivan WARRIOR 7.30pm Mass & Novena in honour to Our Lady of Perpetual Help (Filipino Chaplaincy)	Our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of David Ivan WARRIOR. May he rest in peace. 
Thursday / Giovedì of the 7th week of Easter 25th May 2023 Year 'A' Acts 18:1-8 Jn 16:16-20	Responsorial Psalm Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope		9.15am Mary (Special intentions)	
Friday / Venerdì of the 7th week of Easter 26th May 2023 Year 'A' Acts 18:9-18 Jn 16:20-23 St. Philip Neri, priest	Responsorial Psalm .The Lord has set his throne in heaven		9.15am Mary (Special intentions) St. Philip Neri	

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Liturgy of the Word 27th/28th May 2023	6.00pm Vigil St. Brigid	8.30am St. Mark	9.45am St. Brigid	11.00am St. Brigid
I Reading & Resp. Psalm	M. De Souza	G. Piantella	R. Malana	P. La Marca / N. Oro
II Reading	M. De Souza	G. Piantella	S. Atherton	G. Catena
Prayers of the Faithful	M. De Souza	G. Piantella	A. Villar	T. Toscano

NEW SOUND SYSTEM

We have a new sound system in the church. If anyone wishes to contribute towards the expenses of just over \$12,000. Any donation would be most welcome and appreciated. *We thank sincerely and are very grateful to some parishioners who have contributed.*

NUOVO SISTEMA AUDIO

Abbiamo un nuovo sistema audio nella chiesa. Se qualcuno desidera contribuire alle spese di poco più di \$12,000. Qualsiasi donazione sarebbe molto gradita e apprezzata. Ringraziamo di cuore a coloro che hanno già contribuito.

MAGGIO - MESE DI MARIA:

Siamo tutti invitati a recitare il Santo Rosario in onore alla nostra Madre Celeste in chiesa prima o dopo la Santa Messa, oppure con la nostra famiglia.

MAY - MONTH OF MARY: We are all invited to pray the Holy Rosary in honour to our mother Mary before or after Mass, or in our own homes with members of our family.

FESTA DELLA MADONNA DELLA PORTELLA

Domenica prossima 28 Maggio, la S. Messa delle 11.00am verrà celebrata in onore della Madonna della Portella. Un invito è rivolto a tutti i devoti.

Ingresso: NOI CANTEREMO GLORIA A TE

Noi canteremo gloria a Te, Padre che dai la vita, Dio d'immensa carità, Trinità infinita.

Tutto il creato vive in Te, segno della tua gloria; tutta la storia ti darà onore e vittoria.

La tua Parola venne a noi, annuncio del tuo dono; la tua Promessa porterà salvezza e perdono

Cristo il Padre rivelò, per noi aprì il suo cielo; egli un giorno tornerà glorioso, nel suo regno.

Offertorio:**O SIGNORE, NOI T'OFFRIAMO**

O Signore, noi t'offriamo
Tutti insieme questo pane;
è il frutto della terra
e dell'uomo che lavora.
Benedetto sia tu, Signore;
questo pane che mangiamo
è un dono del tuo amore
è un segno di bontà.

O Signore, noi t'offriamo
Tutti insieme questo vino:
è il frutto della vite
e dell'uomo che lavora
Benedetto sia tu, Signore;
questo vino che beviamo
è un dono del tuo amore
è un segno di bontà.

Comunione:**TI RINGRAZIO, O MIO SIGNORE**

Ti ringrazio, o mio Signore,
per le cose che sono nel mondo,
per la vita che tu mi hai donato,
per l'amore che tu nutri per me.

Alleluia, O mio Signore!
Alleluia, O Dio del Cielo!
Alleluia, O mio Signore!
Alleluia, O Dio del Ciel!

Come il pane che abbiamo spezzato
Era sparso in grano sui colli,
così unisci noi, sparsi nel mondo,
in un Corpo che sia solo per te. **Rit.**

Quell'amore che unisce te al Padre
Sia la forza che unisce i fratelli
ed il mondo conosca la pace:
la tua gioia regni sempre tra noi. **Rit**

Moving with the times - Online

Giving: If anyone wishes to make a donation online to the parish this is the link to St. Brigid's Parish North Fitzroy or you can scan the bar code and it will take you straight to the link.

<https://melbournecdfpay.org.au/details/?id=622453>

**HOLY HOUR OF DIVINE**

MERCY Everyone is welcome to **HOLY HOUR OF DIVINE MERCY EVERY** 2nd, 3rd & 4th Friday at 6.30pm in St Brigid's Church North Fitzroy.

PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH APPEAL NEXT WEEKEND

With Timor-Leste's fragile infrastructure, reliance on local health practices, and limited access to medical care, many health conditions only worsen, and sadly can result in death. **Next week** Catholic Mission will offer you the opportunity to partner with the Sr Carolina and the Salesian Sisters in Venilale, Timor-Leste, where your gift can help continue a life-saving program to help address this reality. We hope you will take next week's opportunity to make an incredible impact for those in need

St. Brigid & St. Mark Collections

1 Collection	\$600 - 00
2 Collection	\$440 - 00
Envelopes	\$159 - 00

Fine: DELL'AURORA TU SORGI PIÙ BELLA

Dell'aurora Tu sorgi più bella,
coi tuoi raggi, a far lieta la terra,
e fra gli astri che il cielo rinserra
non vi è stella più bella di Te.

**Bella Tu sei qual sole
Bianca più della luna,
e le stelle le più belle
non son belle al par di Te. (X 2)**

Gli occhi tuoi son più belli del mare
La tua fronte ha il colore del giglio,
Le tue gote, bacciate dal Figlio,
son due rose, e le labbra son fior.

**Bella Tu sei qual sole
Bianca più della luna,
e le stelle le più belle
non son belle al par di Te. (X 2)**

