

# Where's Your Chair?

Acts 1 1-11



For the powers of the earth belong to God and he is very highly exalted.  
Psalm 47:10

## **Praising:**

Christ is alive, and comes to bring good news to this and every age, till earth and sky and ocean ring with joy, with justice, love and praise.

## **Reading:**

Acts 1:1-11  
The Apostles receive their orders

Acts continues the narrative of the Gospel according to Luke. It traces the story of the Christian movement from the resurrection of Jesus onwards. Theophilus, literally 'lover of God', is either a Roman official to whom the two books are addressed or any reader who loves God. The apostles have gathered around the risen Jesus and they stay with him until he is taken up bodily into heaven. But not before Christ has specifically charged them to be

his witnesses. The Holy Spirit will come upon them and it will be in the power of that Spirit that they will bear testimony to Jesus. The chapters which follow will relate the apostles' progress. It seems safe to assume that where they leave off the task of being witnesses in their day, we pick it up in ours.

## **Listening:**

## **Praying:**

You call us Lord to be your witnesses

- to speak of Jesus as the Lord of all creation
- to tell others of our experience of Christ's love and forgiveness
- to point to the life, joy and freedom that lie only in the cross and empty tomb

Father: every time I stop short of opening my mouth for you, stir my heart and loosen my tongue, for in your Spirit you have put all the power of heaven at my disposal. Amen

## **Doing:**