

Where's Your Chair?

Ascension Day



God has gone up with a merry noise, the Lord with the sound of the trumpet.

O sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises.

For God is the King of all the earth; sing praises with all your skill.

Psalm 47:5-7

Praising:

Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne,
hark! how the heavenly anthem
drowns all music but its own:
awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless
King through all eternity.

Reading:

Acts 1:1-11
The Ascension of Jesus

In one sense, the Christian story ends with the risen Jesus being taken up into heaven before the eyes of the watching disciples. But in another sense, this dramatic conclusion to Jesus' earthly life only marks the beginning of the story of the Christian faith. Its first adherents must now obey Jesus' command

to be his witnesses. And lest they interpret this task in any small scale or parochial way, Christ maps out their challenge in terms of the whole of the world as the disciples would have known it. Stunned by Jesus' departure, they must feel utterly unprepared for the new situation in which they suddenly find themselves. Yet with the coming of the promised Holy Spirit, they will feel themselves fully equipped and, so far as the work of the Kingdom is concerned, ready for anything.

Listening:

Praying:

Lord save your Church from idleness and inactivity

- show us the spiritual need and hunger for you that are all around us
- free us to communicate Jesus and his love at every possible opportunity
- give us ways to make a difference for Christ in the lives of the hurting and the broken

Father: sometimes I scratch my head, like I don't know what I should do or when I should begin doing it. Then it comes back to me: I'm a witness for Christ. And I've already started. Amen

Doing: