

In a little while the world will no longer see me,
but you will see me, because I live and you will live.
On that day you will realize that I am in my Father
and you are in me and I in you.
Whoever has my commandments and observes them
is the one who loves me.
And whoever loves me will be loved by my Father,
and I will love him and reveal myself to him.”

The Gospel of the Lord.



Sunday, May 17
ASCENSION OF THE LORD - Year A

**Dioceses outside of the Chicago area may celebrate the Seventh Sunday of Easter today, and the Ascension of the Lord on Thursday, May 14th. Please check with your local Parish for more information.*

FIRST READING

*A reading from the beginning of the Acts of the Apostles
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 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.”

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for
the Lord.*

or: Alleluia.