

LECTOR WELCOME

May 21, 2023

**ASCENSION**

**LECTOR:** Good Afternoon / Morning

Welcome as we gather to celebrate the Ascension of the Lord.

In the opening verses of the Acts of the Apostles, Saint Luke describes how Jesus ascended to the Father, having first entrusted his Apostles with the task of spreading the Gospel throughout the whole world.

In the second reading from Ephesians, Paul prays that all who hear his words might experience the wisdom and power of the ascended Christ.

In the Gospel, Matthew recalls the ascension of Jesus and his promise to be with us to the end of the age.

In solidarity with our brothers and sisters of the parish of Saint Bernardine in Baltimore, please join me as we pray the Prayer of the Holy Spirit...

Come Holy Spirit,  
fill the hearts of your faithful  
and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Send forth your Spirit  
and they shall be created.  
And you will renew the face of the earth.

O God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit  
did instruct the hearts of your faithful.  
Grant that by the same Spirit  
We may be truly wise  
and ever enjoy His consolations.

Through Christ our Lord.  
Amen