

Reflection for May 13, 2021

The Ascension of the Lord

from Jon Metz

When thinking of the Ascension, we tend to picture Jesus rising to go be with his Father. This is a familiar image to us. We tend to think about this as a culminating moment in the gospels, but it is not the end of the story. The next line of text following Jesus' ascension in Mark's Gospel is "but they (the apostles) went forth and preached everywhere..." The Ascension is not the end, because the apostles were sent forth to share the Good News. They did not hesitate. They went to work. This was when the work of the Church began.

This reminds me of our job as we walk out of the church doors every Sunday at the end of Mass. It is not the end for us, but rather it is the commissioning of us to go and share the Good News! Our work is not done after receiving communion; it is just beginning. We are called to be the light of Christ in the world and to all we meet.

- When you walk out of church, are you conscious of the mission to share the Good News?
- How do you share the Good News?
- Do you recognize when others are sharing the Good News with you?