



**DAILY BREAD
LECTIONARY DEVOTIONS
ASCENSION — YEAR C**

INVOCATION

L: In the name of the Father
and of the Son +
and of the Holy Spirit.

G: Amen

PSALM OF THE DAY: PSALM 47

**A: Let the people praise you, O God.
Let all the people praise you.**

L: Clap your hands, all you nations;

G: shout to God with cries of joy.

L: How awesome is the LORD Most High,

G: the great King over all the earth!

L: God reigns over the nations;

G: God is seated on his holy throne.

L: God has ascended amid shouts of joy,

G: the LORD amid the sounding of trumpets.

L: Sing praises to God, sing praises;

G: sing praises to our King, sing praises.

L: For God is the King of all the earth;

G: sing to him a psalm of praise.

**A: Let the people praise you, O God.
Let all the people praise you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Lord Jesus, King of glory, on this day you ascended far above the heavens and at God's right hand you rule the nations. Leave us not alone, we pray, but grant us the Spirit of truth that at your command and by your power we may be your witnesses in all the world; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

READING & MEDITATION *see next page*

PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

**A: Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.**

VERSE OF THE DAY

**A: Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!
Alleluia. Surely I will be with you always, to
the very end of the age.
(Matthew 28:20b cf. NIV)**

BENEDICTION

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ
and the love of God
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with you all.

A: Amen

READING AND MEDITATION:

Ascension: Our King mounts his throne in victory to sit at the right hand of the Father.

As you study this week, seek to find the *connecting theme* in all the lessons by using Luther's Four Big Barber Questions to ponder and discuss each individual reading:

1. *What is God saying to me in this lesson?*
2. *For what does this lesson lead me to give thanks?*
3. *What sins does this lesson lead me to confess?*
4. *For what does this lesson lead me to pray?*

THE GOSPEL: LUKE 24:44-53

The Scriptures had been fulfilled. Humankind had been redeemed. Death had been conquered and the King was going home. Now, begins the work of carrying the message of Christ's victory to the ends of the earth. We are witnesses, clothed with the Spirit and filled with resurrection joy.

My takeaways:

FIRST LESSON: ACTS 1:1-11

This account of the Ascension of our Lord, as recorded by St. Luke, complements the Gospel lesson. Jesus visibly departs, leaving his followers with the promise of the Holy Spirit, a call to witness, and the promise that he will come again.

My takeaways:

SECOND LESSON: EPHESIANS 1:16-23

The working of God's mighty strength means that Christ has been raised from the dead and now sits on the throne of heaven. All things are under his authority for the enlightenment of his people and the fullness of his body, the Church. This is what Jesus meant when he told us all authority had been given to him. Our response? Therefore, go...

My takeaways:

**SUPPLEMENTAL FIRST LESSON:
EXODUS 14:21-31**

The Lord King rises before his people to lead them against the enemy. Even Egypt knew that the LORD was fighting for them against Egypt. How great is the victory God won! Not a single enemy survived. On this day of Ascension we remember that God in Christ joined the battle for salvation. And when Christ mounted his throne, he had completed a total victory for us. The Word of his mouth and his protecting hand returns again and again to assure of eternal victory.

My takeaways:

What major theme(s) connect(s) all the lessons?

**SUPPLEMENTAL SECOND LESSON:
REVELATION 19:11-16**

John was blessed to see a spectacular vision of the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. He rides to battle, the only one with blood, because he went to battle alone. There are no blood-stained armies of heaven...just a blood-stained King. But this King won the victory of victories for he is Kings of Kings and Lord of Lords.

My takeaways: