



ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

"Our mission is to bring the good news of Jesus Christ's love to our entire community through traditional Anglo-Catholic worship, fellowship, outreach, and Christian formation."

Our Vision: *"We strive to be a haven of healing, reconciliation, joy and peace in service to our wider community and beyond, so that our example in prayer and practice may reflect Christ's love for us all."*

THIS SUNDAY May 24 & BEYOND

LEAVING YET REMAINING



The Feast of the Ascension, celebrated on the fortieth day of Easter, refers to what two of the Evangelists, Mark and Luke, narrate that happened to Jesus after He was raised from the dead and spent those forty days with his closest disciples, giving them instructions about their mission and the assurance of their being filled with the Holy Spirit to carry it out.

That must have been a very special time for these disciples, after their first disillusionment when their Master and Lord had been crucified. They seemed to have lost all hope to have Him with them, sharing time and teachings, giving them assurance and hope, showing them the way of discipleship, and enabling them to be the followers of the reconciling mission He had started with them three years before.

These forty days were like no days in the disciples' lives. The Jesus they knew was with them, and yet, He was not the same anymore. He was the Risen and glorified Christ, the one that was with them on this earth just for some days, to wrap up some important details about the mission they had been assigned to fulfill, but He was

returning to the Father with whom He shared the same glory before the beginning of times.

The Book of Acts tells us that when the moment came for Him to leave, the disciples stayed there, staring at the Heavens, as if they wanted to retain Him, to stop Him from leaving this earthly plane. I am sure we all would have done the same if we had been in the disciples' shoes at that moment. Who wants a beloved Master and Lord to depart? But they were reassured that He who was leaving would return.

The Gospel according to St. Mark tells us that the disciples “then went out and proclaimed the Good News everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the message by the signs that accompanied it”. So Jesus left, yet remained. He did not actually leave them. That is a great mystery of our Christian faith.

Leaving the earthly plane, confined by the time-space continuum, was necessary for Jesus Christ so that He could be with His followers in a totally different way, in such a way that time and space would no longer be an obstacle. He was, is and will be with His followers of all times and places, confirming the message of the Good News of reconciliation by His signs of Love, Peace, Justice and Compassion, given by the Church Universal, His earthly body, of which we are all a part.

Fr. Carlos E. Expósito, Rector

Readings for this Sunday – The Seventh Sunday of Easter
Acts 1:1-14 Psalm 47 1 Peter 4:12-19 John 17:1-11

CALENDAR

SUNDAY: The Seventh Sunday of Easter
All Saints' Sunday 9am Service
Join Zoom Meeting from our web site at www.allsaintschurch.org

7:00pm Little Apple Group (Parish Hall)

TUESDAY Noon Service
Join Zoom Meeting from our web site at www.allsaintschurch.org

FRIDAY Christian Formation Study at noon
Join Zoom Meeting from our web site at www.allsaintschurch.org

AA Meetings

8:00p Ladies' Group (Fireside Room)

8:15p Men's Group (Parish Hall)

SUNDAY **The Day of Pentecost — Whitsunday**

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AA Meeting

7:00p Little Apple Group (Parish Hall)