

Seventh Sunday of Easter

This Sunday, we remember the mystery that Jesus went away but he would always be with us.

THE ASCENSION: JESUS GOING AWAY

The disciples were in Jerusalem, they gathered in their room and Jesus was with them. They had so many questions to ask Jesus. They were really wondering what would come next. Would there be a new kingdom?

Jesus did not answer their questions. He led them out of the room and through the streets. They went beyond the walls of Jerusalem to a hillside near Bethany.

Jesus stopped and they gathered around him. He lifted up his hands, looking at each one, and blessed them. And then he left them and a cloud took him out of sight.

The disciples stood looking into the sky until someone said, "Why are you looking up into the sky?" There were two men standing there dressed in white. The disciples felt silly. What were they doing looking up into the sky for what they could no longer see? The strangers answered their question. "This was Jesus. He is gone now, as you have known him."

Then the disciples went back to Jerusalem. Now they had to wait for the Holy Spirit.

When would it come?

How would they know it arrived?

How long would they have to wait for the Holy Spirit to come?

The Lord be with you!

This is the last Sunday of Easter and the color is white. Next Sunday it will be Pentecost.

This week Jesus departs , and he goes up to heaven to be with God, the Father. This story is found in Luke 24:46-53 and in Acts 1:6-11. Acts is written by Luke.

It is a little bit like when we change the light on the candle in the classroom. The flame that is the Light changes, when we use the candle snuffer. It rises with the smoke so that the Light can be everywhere. And we can always be close to the Light.

Have a good week! Be well! Be safe!

I miss you!