

MASS TIMES

Weekend Masses: YANCHEP: 6 p.m. Saturday Vigil, St James Anglican Church, 2 Lagoon Drive. GUILDERTON: 8 a.m. Sunday, Guilderton Community Hall, Wedge Street. LANCELIN: 9.45 a.m. Sunday, 33 Gingin Road, Lancelin.

Confessions: before Mass on request

Weekday Masses: Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 9 a.m. at the presbytery, Wednesdays 3 p.m. at Bethanie Beachside Aged Care.

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We pray for the sick of our community, especially:

Pat Murphy, Ken and Toni Meek, Delores Servais, Michael Ford, Jim Walsh, Paula Cope, Pat Barone, Josephine del Bene, Len Sims and Nina Campbell.

We pray for all departed souls from this Pastoral area, and we ask them to pray for us.

Communion Antiphon Vigil Mass ‡ Heb 10:12

Christ, offering a single sacrifice for sins, is seated for ever at God's right hand, alleluia.

Communion Antiphon Mass During the Day ‡ Mt 28:20

Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age, alleluia.

Commentary on the Gospel by Dr John Bergsma at

<http://www.thesacredpage.com/2015/05/the-kingdom-of-god-readings-for.html#more>

The disciples ask, "Will you at this time restore the Kingdom to Israel?" Jesus' response is sometimes taken as a rebuff of the apostles, or a ducking of their question, implying perhaps that what they ask for will only take place in the *eschaton* (end time). However, as Scott Hahn has pointed out, it is possible to take the Lord's response as answering not when but how. It is the witness (*martyria*) of the Apostles from "Jerusalem, to Judea, to Samaria, to the ends of the earth" (i.e. the Gentiles) – concentric circles of the ancient Kingdom of David (David's city, tribe, nation, and vassals, respectively) – that will bring about the new Israel, the Kingdom of God, which is manifest visibly in the world as the Church.

It is clear that the Church is the Kingdom of Christ, since the living Christ is King of the Church, and the Church is administered by the royal steward, the successor of Peter (cf. Matt 16:18-19, Isaiah 22:22), and the "twelve officers over the kingdom" (cf. 1 Kings 4:7; Matt 10:1,5-6; Matt 19:28), now become more numerous among their successors. Since Christ is God, his kingdom is the kingdom of God. Since Christ is the Son of David, his kingdom is the kingdom of David. What else could it mean that "Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there will be no end" (Luke 1:32-33)?

Sunday Bulletin

The Ascension of the Lord**Year B**

The Ascension,
a page from the
Gospel Lectionary
portion of the
Bamberg
Apocalypse, 11th
century
Staatsbibliothek,
MS A. II. 42,
Bamberg,
Germany.

**VIGIL MASS****Entrance Antiphon**

‡ Ps 68 (67):33, 35

You kingdoms of the earth, sing to God; praise the Lord, who ascends above the highest heavens; his majesty and might are in the skies, alleluia.

MASS DURING THE DAY Entrance Antiphon ‡ Acts 1:11

Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens? This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven will return as you saw him go, alleluia.

First Reading ‡ Acts 1:1-11

Why are you standing here looking into the sky? Jesus has been taken into heaven.

In my earlier work, *Theophilus*, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there

for what the Father had promised. 'It is' he had said 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm ‡ Ps 46:2-3, 6-9. R. v.6

**R. God mounts his throne to shouts of joy;
a blare of trumpets for the Lord.**

All peoples, clap your hands,
cry to God with shouts of joy!
For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear,
great king over all the earth. **R.**

God goes up with shouts of joy;
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.
Sing praise for God, sing praise,
sing praise to our king, sing praise. **R.**

God is king of all the earth.
Sing praise with all your skill.
God is king over the nations;
God reigns on his holy throne. **R.**

Second Reading Ephesians 4:1-13

To the measure of the full stature of Christ.

I, the prisoner in the Lord, implore you to lead a life worthy of your vocation. Bear with one another charitably, in complete selflessness, gentleness and patience.

Do all you can to preserve the unity of the Spirit by the peace that binds you together. There is one Body, one Spirit, just as you were all called into one and the same hope when you were called. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God who is Father of all, over all, through all and within all.

Each one of us, however, has been given his own share of grace, given as Christ allotted it. It was said that he would:

When he ascended to the height,
he captured prisoners, he gave gifts to men.

When it says, 'he ascended', what can it mean if not that he descended right down to the lower regions of the earth? The one who rose higher than all the heavens to fill all things is none other than the one who descended. And to some, his gift was that they should be apostles; to some, prophets; to some, evangelists; to some, pastors and teachers; so that the saints together make a unity in the work of service, building up the body of Christ. In this way we are all to come to unity in our faith and in our knowledge of the Son of God, until we become the perfect Man, fully mature with the fullness of Christ himself.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation ‡ Mt 28:19-20

Alleluia, alleluia!

Go and teach all people my gospel.
I am with you always, until the end of the world.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 16:15-20

The Lord Jesus was taken into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God.

Jesus showed himself to the Eleven, and said to them, 'Go out to the whole world, proclaim the Good News to all creation. He who believes and is baptised will be saved; he who does not believe will be condemned. These are the signs that will be associated with believers: in my name they will cast out devils; they will have the gift of tongues; they will pick up snakes in their hands, and be unharmed should they drink deadly poison; they will lay their hands on the sick, who will recover.'

And so the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven: there at the right hand of God he took his place, while they, going out, preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word by the signs that accompanied it.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!