

Sunday Homily  
The Ascension of the Lord C  
Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23; Lk 24:46-53  
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What a glorious day this is! Can't you just feel the glory?!

Today, we experience, right here at this Mass, the fullness of the glory of God and His Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. And even better, we are invited to share in His Glory!

I know that we can have a hard time feeling the glory. There are many times and many reasons why "glory" is the furthest feeling from our hearts. But as believers, we only have to listen closely to St. Paul in our second reading today to realize how the Glory of God is given to us right here and right now:

(Please turn to Ephesians 1: 17-23)

**Brothers and Sisters:**

We are greeted as family...

**May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory,**

Who's family? His...the Father of glory...

**Give you a Spirit of wisdom and revelation**

This is Spirit with a capital "S"; we are given the gift Holy Spirit who is God...

**Resulting in knowledge of Him**

This gift of the Spirit allows us to know our Father, the head of our family...

**May the eyes of your hearts be enlightened**

This gift of the Spirit will transform our hearts and turn us towards God...

**That you may know what is the hope that belongs to his call,**

We are not alone, as members of the family we share in the hope of Christ...

**What are the riches of glory in his inheritance among the holy ones,**

As family, we have a right to the inheritance of His glory, along with the Communion of Saints...

**And what is the surpassing greatness of his power for us who believe**

God's greatness is a given, our belief is the key...

**In accord with the exercise of His great might**

God's plan to redeem us from Original Sin has been accomplished...

**Which He worked in Christ, raising him from the dead and seating him at his right hand in the heavens**

And God's plan was to send His Son to suffer, die and rise from the dead for us...

**Far above every principality, authority, power, and dominion, and every name that is named not only in this age but also in the one to come**

The Son is given a place higher than you, me, or anything or anyone we can conceive or experience.

**And he put all things beneath his feet**

He's in charge, not us; get the message?

**And gave him as head over all things to the church**

Jesus Christ is the head of our Church by His choice, not ours...

**Which is His body**

By the gift of the Holy Spirit, we are members of His Church, this Church...

**The fullness of the one who fills all things in every way**

Our life in the Church is the fullness of God's plan for us, we need nothing else.

**The word of the Lord.**

Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God indeed!