

Reflection - Ascension of the Lord

[Before ascending to the Father, Jesus said to his disciples,]
“Go ... to all peoples everywhere and make them my disciples ... and I will be with you always.” Matthew 28:19-20

A woman saw a little girl in the street playing with filthy trash. The child was poorly dressed and was ill nourished. The woman became angry and said to God, “Why do you let a thing like that happen in the world you created? Why don’t you do something about it?” God replied, “I did do something about it. I created you.”

The story invites us to ask ourselves: How seriously do I take Jesus command to transform our world into the kind of place God created it to be?

Jesus entrusted his apostles and has entrusted every generation from the Ascension to us with the task of caring out His mission. That task is to proclaim Jesus Christ and the “Good News” to the world and to live it out in our lives by what we say and do each day. By loving God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind; and 'Love your neighbor as yourself'. Jesus’ words, “I’ll be with you always; yes, to the ends of time”, gives us hope and strength to live that message out, in our home, at work, and in the ordinary things we do each day.

The Ascension of Jesus is the climax of his victory over sin and death. It is a day of joy and hope. Jesus wants us to share in his victory. It’s important to realise that He hasn’t left us, but is still with us, helping us in our struggles.

*The Ascension of Christ
Is his liberation from all restrictions of time and space.
It does not represent his removal from earth,
But his constant presence everywhere on earth.*

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