

Rectoría San Juan de Dios  
The Ascension of the Lord, Cycle A  
Acts 1, 1-11; Ps 47; Eph 1, 17-23; Mt 28, 16-20  
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## Let Us Live the Power

The Ascension of Jesus completes His mission in the world and, at the same time, initiates the mission of His disciples. Upon His departure, Jesus inaugurates a new form of His presence and a new way of carrying on His mission, by way of His disciples.

We receive powers that humanize and divinize, just as did those disciples. These are the powers of the Spirit that we are called to put into practice.

It is important to dedicate this week to finding our transcendent powers and to allow the desire for fullness to bring us to live these spiritual abilities that are imperative in the life of the family, the Church, and society. Especially now, when the world confuses us with the antithetical powers of injustice, oppression, and military aggression that instead of raising humanity to the transcendent life, prostrate it before its own destruction and nothingness.

What are your transcendent powers? What abilities have you found in your spirit?

Let us try to live those powers that Jesus has secured for us in this new sending out, by way of these three actions:

1-Let us continue the Mission of Christ.

The works that Jesus wants us to accomplish prevail over the teaching. When we hear in the first reading “...*until the day that Jesus ascended into heaven...*”, we discover that

that single day, after the forty days in which He was seen by His disciples, is a symbolic day that encompasses the time of the mission of Jesus and, at the same time, inaugurates the time of the disciples until Jesus comes again, a time in which their fidelity to the mission of Jesus will be put to the test.

To continue the mission of Jesus is not simple, but we are enabled to do it by His Spirit. It is enough for each of us to examine ourselves and to discover an interior urgency that compels us to make the world better according to the categories of the Gospel. For us, disciples of the twenty-first century accustomed to living with powers that oppress and destroy, it must be clearer and more urgent that we exercise the power of Jesus through service to humanity. It is about allowing the outpouring of the Spirit of God that we have received to take us to the ends of the earth. It is about humanizing the world and, in doing that, showing it the divine life.

## 2-Let us develop the fullness of the gift.

The extraordinary glory of the power of God in us can remain static without producing its effect if we don't allow it to develop.

Paul uses "*plêroma*" (*fullness*), that which fills, that which completes, to refer to the way that Christ wants to develop the gifts that He has granted for the service of the community. The gift of Christ is a power that we ought to develop in order to subdue the powers of the world with the power of the Spirit.

How complete do you feel? Are you fully developing your internal gifts? Jesus has given us this unique inheritance and this extraordinary capability to transcend with Him.

### 3-Let us participate in the divine condition.

It has to be a great joy to fulfill the mission of Jesus resurrected and ascended into heaven.

This means "to teach," showing from testimony the experience of God that is capable of winning new disciples. This means "to proclaim" the baptism that binds us to the Father God and that empowers our being.

To live the divine condition means also to live the new presence of Christ in the practice of the love that is manifested beautifully in the exercise of the Beatitudes.

Many need to live the divine condition to which Christ draws us since His Ascension, but this is only possible if we live the power that we have been given.