

# THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD



The following readings may be used only when the celebration of the liturgy of the word for the children is held in a place apart from the main assembly.

## FIRST READING

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

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

1:8-11

**J**esus told his disciples:  
"The Holy Spirit will come upon you and give you power.

Then you will tell everyone about me in Jerusalem,  
in all Judea, in Samaria, and everywhere in the world."

After Jesus had said this and while they were watching,  
he was taken up into a cloud.

They could not see him, but as he went up,  
they kept looking up into the sky.

Suddenly two men dressed in white clothes

were standing there beside them.

They said, "Why are you men from Galilee  
standing here and looking up into the sky?"

Jesus has been taken to heaven.

But he will come back in the same way that you have seen him go."

The word of the Lord.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

47:1-2, 5-6, 7-8

**R.** (6a) God mounts the throne to shouts of joy.

**OR:**

**R.** Alleluia.

All of you nations,

clap your hands and shout

joyful praises to God.

The Lord Most High is fearsome,

the ruler of all the earth.

**R.** God mounts the throne to shouts of joy.

**OR:**

**R.** Alleluia.