

## **Reflection**

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***“And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.”  
(Matthew 28:18)***

Today we celebrate the Ascension of Christ. In the previous forty days, since Easter, Jesus Christ has appeared numerous times to his disciples and followers. Now he is ascending into heaven. And ten days from now, will be the day of Pentecost when the Holy Spirit will be poured on the disciples.

Ascended Christ leaves the disciples with a sense of security in an insecure world. No matter what befalls us, all authority in heaven and on earth is given to Jesus Christ. (vs. 18) Moreover, we are assured of Jesus' presence with us till the end of the age. (v.20) Secondly, the ascended Christ leaves the disciples with a task to accomplish. He has given us the great commandment to make disciples, to baptize them and to teach them. (vs.19) Finally, the ascended Christ leaves the disciples with the promise of his return. Book of Acts describes that two angels who appeared at the time of Christ's ascension and declared that “This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way.” (Acts 1 :11)

## **Prayer**

***Dear Lord, strengthen us by the continuous presence of Christ so that before his return, we may faithfully fulfill his will. Amen.***