



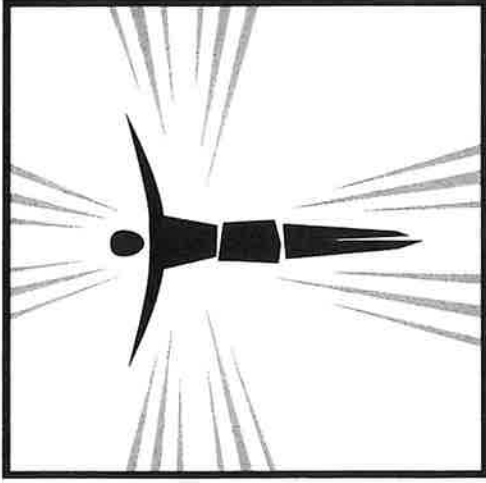
Reflection by Greg Sunter

The author of the gospel of Luke is also recognised as the author of the Acts of the Apostles. The works are regarded as originally being intended as a two volume single work sometimes referred to as Luke-Acts. Their separation occurred in the development of the canon of the Bible. In today's gospel and first reading we get the very end of the first volume and the very beginning of the second volume of the Luke-Acts work – the very point of intersection between the two books. The gospel of Luke is the only one of the four canonical gospels that describes the Ascension of Jesus and, to reiterate it, the writer begins with the same event at the beginning of Acts.

If we regard the two volumes of Luke-Acts as a single work, we see the events as all part of the one story. The life and ministry of Jesus is only the first half of the story. The story continues through the Book of Acts as the disciples and believers enter into a new way of witnessing to the ministry of Jesus – attempting to take on that ministry themselves and spread the message even further than Jesus was able to do in his life. Seen in this light, the gospel account of Jesus' ministry establishes a model and a pattern for the ministry that the followers of Jesus seek to emulate in their own lives after his Ascension. The Ascension is the pivotal event between the two volumes but it was also the pivotal event in the ministry of Jesus. The Ascension, and the subsequent events of Pentecost, was essential for the shift in emphasis from the ministry being carried on by Jesus to the same ministry carried on by millions of people throughout time.

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In other words, brothers, through the blood of Jesus we have the right to enter the sanctuary, by a new way which he has opened for us, a living opening through the curtain, that is to say, his body. And we have the supreme high priest over all the house of God. So as we go in, let us be sincere in heart and filled with faith, our minds sprinkled and free from any trace of bad conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us keep firm in the hope we profess, because the one who made the promise is faithful.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 28:19-20

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Go and teach all people my Gospel.
I am with you always, until the end
of the world.**

Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 24:46-53

While blessing them, he was taken to heaven.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.'

'And now I am sending down to you what the Father has promised. Stay in the city then, until you are clothed with the power from on high.' Then he took them out as far as the outskirts of Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. Now as he blessed them, he withdrew from them and was carried up to heaven. They worshipped him and then went back to Jerusalem full of joy; and they were continually in the Temple praising God.

First Reading Acts 1:1-11

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

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is,' he had said, 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 46:2-3. 6-7. 8-9. R. v.6

**(R.) God mounts his throne to shouts of joy:
a blare of trumpets for the Lord.**

or:

(R.) Alleluia.

1. All peoples, clap your hands,
cry to God with shouts of joy!
For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear,
great king over all the earth. (R.)

2. God goes up with shouts of joy;
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.
Sing praise for God, sing praise,
sing praise to our king, sing praise. (R.)

3. God is king of all the earth.
Sing praise with all your skill.
God is king over the nations;
God reigns on his holy throne. (R.)

Second Reading Eph 1:17-23

He made Jesus to sit at his right hand in heaven.

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet, and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

or **Heb 9:24-28. 10:19-23**

Christ has entered heaven.

It is not as though Christ had entered a man-made sanctuary which was only modelled on the real one; but it was heaven itself, so that he could appear in the actual presence of God on our behalf. And he does not have to offer himself again and again, like the high priest going into the sanctuary year after year with the blood that is not his own, or else he would have had to suffer over and over again since the world began. Instead of that, he has made his appearance once and for all, now at the end of the last age, to do away with sin by sacrificing himself. Since men only die once, and after that comes judgement, so Christ, too, offers himself only once to take the faults of many on himself, and when he appears a second time, it will not be to deal with sin but to reward with salvation those who are waiting for him.

IN YOUR PRAYERS

SICK

Miriam Coco, Nadja Louis

RECENTLY DECEASED

Umberto Sartoretto (in Italy)

ANNIVERSARIES

Sebastiano Bonanno, Vincenzo D'Agostino, Vincenzo Luppino

BAPTISMS AT ST PETER'S

12noon – Sunday, 1st June 2025

Iylah Conidi

Emilia Feleppa

Shenya Amarasekara

Please pray for these children and their families.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

Please call the Parish Office for further information.

PARISH SUPPORT Thank you all for your continued support. For those who prefer to, online donations can be made as follows:-

Presbytery Collection – 1st Collection

Account Name: St Peter's Presbytery A/C
BSB: 083 347 Account No. 665417521
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PROJECT COMPASSION - RECEIPTS

Receipts, for those who requested them, will be available in early June.

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Tues 3 June St Charles Lwanga & Companions

Thu 5 June St Boniface

PROJECT COMPASSION: THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

A total sum this year of \$2,930.55 was collected towards Project Compassion. This has now been sent on to Caritas Australia. Many thanks.

PARISH NEWS

INVITATION TO ATTEND MELBOURNE ARCHDIOCESE 'CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION': Sunday 22nd June 2025

Please join us on the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) for Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral, East Melbourne at 11am, followed by a Eucharistic Procession through the Melbourne CBD in prayer and song, before concluding with Benediction at Federation Square.

We will hire a bus, departing from St Peter's at **9.45am and returning by 4.00pm**. \$10pp. If you would like to come along, please add your name/s and phone number to the clipboard in the narthex, or contact the Parish Office, no later than Tuesday, 17th June. Please note: ***There will still be the normal Sunday Mass times at St Peter's that day.***

MINISTERS' ROSTER: 1/7/25-31/10/25

The next Ministers' Roster will be prepared soon. Please email or call the Parish Office with any 'away' dates between July-October 2025 by **Tuesday, 3rd June**.

ST PETER'S PARISH 'VOLUNTEERS NEEDED'

We need more volunteers to serve as Readers, Greeters, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, Extraordinary Ministers of Mass Helpers and Altar Servers, for our Weekend Rosters. Please fill in a Liturgical Ministers Contact & Preference form and note which Liturgical Ministry you are interested in joining (*salmon coloured forms can be found on the display stand in the narthex*). Please return to the Parish Office by 1st June. Training will be provided.

ANNUAL GUILD MASS

The Annual Guild of St Stephen Mass for Altar Servers will take place on **Friday June 6, 2025 at 7.30pm at St Patrick's Cathedral, East Melbourne**. Please let us know by Tuesday, 3rd June, if any altar servers, *Year 7 and above*, are interested in taking part.

LITURGICAL MINISTRY TRAINING PROGRAM – MINISTERS OF THE WORD (READERS)

These free workshops prepare new and experienced Ministers of the Word to proclaim the Word of God. Dates: Friday 13 June, 6-9pm and Saturday 14 June, 9am-4pm. Venue: St Catherine of Sienna Church, 28 College Street Caroline Springs. **Register by 6 June**. For more information, visit acu.edu.au/liturg-melbourne or email: centreofliturgy@acu.edu.au. Flyers are available in the narthex. *Please notify St Peter's Parish Office if you will be attending*

ARCHDIOCESE OF MELBOURNE: POSITIONS VACANT

Current vacant roles can be found on the Melbourne Catholic Archdiocese website: melbournecatholic.org/job-vacancies

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MASS TIMES

Weekend Mass Times:

9.15am Saturday Morning Mass

6.00pm Saturday Vigil Mass

8.30am, 10.30am & 5.00pm Sunday Masses

Weekday Mass Times

9.15am Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

RECONCILIATION

9.45am Saturday after 9.15am Mass (*or upon request of Parish Priest*)

ST PETER'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

CONFIRMATION "CONGRATULATIONS"

Congratulations to the Year 6 children of our Parish Primary School who were Confirmed by Bishop Rene Ramirez at St Patrick's Cathedral on Friday, 30th May 2025. There will be a Thanksgiving Mass at 6pm next Saturday, 7th June for these children and their families. All welcome.

The Parish of St Peter's, Keilor East and the Archdiocese of Melbourne are committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and vulnerable people in our community.

PENTECOST VIGIL

ST PETER'S PARISH KEILOR EAST

"LET US BE RENEWED AND FILLED BY THE FIRE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT" ACT 2-4

SATURDAY 7th JUNE

VIGIL MASS AT 6PM FOLLOWED BY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

TILL 10PM

(ROSARY, SPIRITUAL TALKS AND BENEDICTION)

COME AND JOIN US TO RECEIVE, AND WELCOME THE HOLY SPIRIT