

The Ascension of Jesus

While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up to heaven.
Luke 24:51 (NIV)

Each number represents a letter of the alphabet. Substitute the correct letter for the numbers to reveal the coded words.



X	W	V	D	J	Q	R	I	B	S	O	A	E	U	C	P	K	N	H	L	G	M	Y	Z	F	T
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After he said this,
he was taken up before their very eyes,
and a cloud hid him from their sight.

Acts 1:9



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Let us Pray:

Dear God,

thank You for sending Jesus, Your only Son, to die for our sin. We know that He has risen from the dead and has returned to heaven.

Bless us today as we worship Him with great joy!

In Jesus' name, amen.



May God's blessing surround you each day.

As we trust Him and walk in His way;

May His presence within,

Guard and keep us from sin;

Go in peace, go in joy, go in love.

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Up, up and away!

I came from the Father and entered the world;
now I am leaving the world and going back to the
Father.

John 16:28

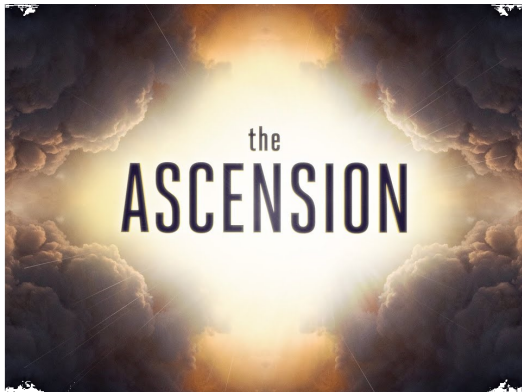
Good morning and welcome to this 8th unprecedented church service.

Today we are going to be thinking about when Jesus went back up to heaven to be with His Father.

I've chosen the song this week Lord I Lift Your Name on High (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=COO6cni_TG8) :

Lord I lift Your name on high
Lord I love to sing Your praises
I'm so glad You're in my life
I'm so glad You came to save us

You came from heaven to earth
To show the way
From the earth to the cross
My debt to pay
From the cross to the grave
From the grave to the sky
Lord I lift Your name on high



Our reading/story today is taken from Acts 1:6-11 (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UcFw8pLBSIo>):

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So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up to-



ward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

Have you ever seen a helium balloon? What happens when you let go of a helium balloon? I want you to imagine you are holding onto a helium balloon! Hold on tight!

I'm sure you know that when filled with helium, a balloon floats in the air. And it's also quite enjoyable when it does float away from you. It's fun to stand and watch as the balloon floats higher and higher into the heavens until it totally disappears.

The only way to experience that is to be willing to let it go.



In today's bible story we learn that when Jesus was ready to return to heaven, He took His disciples aside to make sure that they understood everything that had happened to Him. He explained why it was important for Him to be crucified and to be raised from the dead to fulfil what the scriptures had said about Him. He also told them that he was going to return to His Father in heaven and that the Holy Spirit would come to be with them.

At first, the disciples were sad that Jesus would be leaving them, but then the Bible tells us that Jesus opened their minds so they would understand. Then, an amazing thing happened. The Bible tells us that Jesus lifted his hands and blessed His disciples. While He was blessing them, He lifted up and was taken up into heaven.

I don't know how all of this looked, but in my imagination I can see the disciples standing and watching as Jesus ascended higher and higher until He disappeared from view. Were the disciples sad? No way! The Bible tells us that when Jesus had gone up into heaven, the disciples worshipped Him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. They stayed continually in the temple, praising God.