



The mandate of the Ascension of Lord Jesus; “Go, therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you.” (Mt.28:19-20)

‘Making disciples’ means introducing others to Jesus who is “the Way, the Truth and the Life” and teaching others to observe the Gospel. Jesus commissioned his disciples to do this and He is also asking us to follow this task today, too. Therefore, disciples are to go forward in preaching about God and his good news. Even in our frail and fragile humanity, we have been chosen by Jesus to be living Gospel, consecrated to be his witnesses, commissioned to lead others to God, we are to proclaim his message of love, peace, compassion, justice and freedom to the whole world not just by words but most importantly by the quality of our Christian life.

We would enter into our glory through faithfulness to the work entrusted to us by Jesus, just as He entered into his glory at the Ascension through obedience to the work entrusted to him by the Father. When Jesus entered heaven, He did not close the door behind him, He left it wide open for everyone to enter. Heaven is to be with God, to share in full, his life and his joy. It is a relationship with God. At the Ascension, the Father appointed Jesus as God and as Man, the ruler of angles, of humanity and of all things created, nothing and no one escapes his dominion. So, Jesus has the supreme authority over all creation, He alone is in control of the continuing plan of salvation.

Without exception, all baptized people are called to respond to the mandate of Jesus. He not only commissions us to make disciples and proclaim his Gospel but also fills us with his peace, power and presence; “I am with you always to the end of age” and sends the Holy Spirit to accompany us in this mission. So, we are always to tell and re-tell the story of Jesus’s life, Suffering, Death, Resurrection, Ascension and sending of the Holy Spirit. Our witnessing is the key in making disciples, inviting the people around us through our works and deeds. This is still a big challenge for all Christians, to stand witness to God’s love and be channels of God’s love. Love is the mark of a Christian and it is also a task that every Christian shall do and must do.

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