## Year C - The Ascension of the Lord Luke 24:50-53

Jesus blessed them, withdrew from them, and was carried to heaven.



Jesus led his disciples out to Bethany, where he raised his hands and blessed them.

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## Message

- In today's gospel, Jesus blesses his disciples and is then taken to heaven
- The disciples return to Jerusalem and spend their time in the temple praising God waiting for the one that God the Father would send (Luke 24.49)
- The disciples knew that Jesus was the Son of God and that even though he was now with the Father in heaven, rather than on earth, Jesus would always be with them
- Because of Jesus' promise to his disciples, we also know that Jesus is always with us
- Through our Baptism, we are commissioned to be witnesses of the Good News of Jesus and to spread God's love through our words and actions.

## Discussion questions

- How do you feel when someone you love very much has to go away?
- What did the disciples do when Jesus left them?
- I wonder why the disciples were not sad but very happy when Jesus left them
- How does it make you feel to know that God loves you and is always with you?
- What makes you happy?
- What will you do this week to spread happiness to others?

