

Guided by a cloud 10 (Exodus 13:21-22)

This week is Thy Kingdom Come week which began on Thursday with Ascension Day and ends on Pentecost Sunday. Throughout the week we are being encouraged to pray.

When we pray we're not telling God something he doesn't already know, we are inviting Him into our situation, into our challenges, into our problems. Sometimes it can be hard to pray, we don't know what words to use or it's just too difficult. In these times we can be confident that God knows what's on our hearts and because of Jesus' ascension, as Paul tells us, Jesus and the Holy Spirit are interceding for us. *Romans 8:26 - In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God.*

Worship time – if you are able click choruses below to listen and worship



[Water you turned into wine \(Our God\)](#)

[Everyone needs compassion](#)

[God I look to you](#)

The importance of Jesus' ascension

The ascension to Heaven is the last earthly event of Jesus' ministry. It occurred 40 days after the resurrection and ten days before the day of Pentecost.

The ascension means He is able to be with us always:

Matt. 28:20 - *I will be with you always, even until the end of the world.* Jesus promises the gift of the Holy Spirit to be with us always. Now, He walks by our side. He walks with us just as He walked with the disciples in Galilee and Judea. We may not see Him or hear Him, but He is here. He has promised. He hears every prayer. Matt. 18:20 - *Whenever two or three of you come together in my name, I am there with you.*

The ascension means His Spirit is available to us:

Jn. 16:7 - *... The Holy Spirit cannot come to help you until I leave. But after I am gone, I will send the Spirit to you.* The Holy Spirit is of great benefit to us. He helps us in our prayers - Rom. 8:26, 27. Strengthens us - Eph. 3:16 and guarantees our inheritance - Eph. 1:13, 14. Remember, if Jesus hadn't gone to the Father, we would have no Holy Spirit.

The ascension means we have a representative in Heaven.

Rom. 8:34 He speaks to the Father in our defence. I Jn. 2:1-2. As the Holy Spirit is God's representative on earth, Jesus is ours in Heaven.

The ascension means we will see Him again and we are assured a place in heaven.

Jn. 14:1-3 - *Jesus said to his disciples... I am going there to prepare a place for each of you. After I have done this, I will come back and take you with me. Then we will be together.*

As you pray ask God that you will know the work of the Spirit in your life this week and beyond.

Listen to [Thy Kingdom Come](#)

"Cast all your anxiety on Him because he cares for you" 1Peter 5:7