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**ASCENSIO
OF THE LORD**

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KAJ GLEDATE V NEBO?

Danes praznujemo Gospodov vnebohod, skrivnost, ki dopolnjuje skrivnost vstajenja in je vir velikega upanja in velikega veselja. Veselja zaradi Kristusove slave in upanja, ker nas Kristus ni zapustil, ampak ostaja z nami do konca sveta na bolj skrivnosten pa nič manj učinkovit in dinamičen način.

Upamo, da se mu bomo pridružili tam, kamor se je dvignil. V glavni mašni prošnji beremo: »Podari nam trdno upanje, da smo tudi mi poklicani k tisti slavi, v katero je šel pred nami Jezus Kristus.« Prvo berilo govori o dogodku vnebohoda. Drugo berilo nanj namiguje, ker govori o božji moči, ki se razodeva.

Evangeljski odlomek je sklepni del Matejevega evangelija, v katerem Jezus pošilja apostole po vsem svetu in jim zagotavlja svojo navzočnost do konca.

Prvo berilo razodeva nepopolnost vere apostolov saj Jezusa vprašajo: »Gospod, ali boš v tem času obnovil izraelsko kraljestvo?« Jezusov odgovori: »Ni vaša stvar, da bi vedeli za čase in trenutke, ki jih je Oče določil in svoji oblasti ... Toda prejeli boste moč, ko bo Sveti Duh prišel nad vas, ... In boste moje priče v Jeruzalemu in po vsej Judeji in Samariji ter do skrajnih mej sveta.« Učenci bodo Gospodove priče in njihovo pričevanje bo doseglo skrajne meje sveta. Da bi lahko pričevali, bodo prejeli moč Svetega Duha. Potem Luka spregovori o vnebohodu: »(Jezus) se je vzdignil pred njihovimi očmi in oblak ga je zastrl njihovim pogledom.« To apostole osupne, saj tega niso pričakovali. Še naprej strmijo v nebo, medtem ko Jezus odhaja. Tedaj »sta stala pri njih dva moža v belih oblačilih, ki sta rekla: Možje Galilejci, kaj stojite in gledate v nebo?« »Ta Jezus, ki je bil vzet od vas v nebo, bo prišel prav tako, kakor ste ga videli iti v nebo.«

Upanje apostolov je sedaj upanje na Jezusov vnovičen prihod. Pred njim pa morajo izpolniti svoje poslanstvo; ne morejo stati in gledati v nebo, ampak morajo skrbeti za zemljo, za širjenje vere v Jezusa. Vnebohod za nas ni priložnost za brezdelno zrenje. Spodbuditi nas mora za naše poslanstvo na svetu. Naša naloga je, da pripravimo Jezusov ponovni prihod.



ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Praznik vnebohoda nam daje veliko upanje, ker je moč, ki je Jezusa dvignila v nebo, na voljo nam, kakor pravi drugo berilo. Pavel prosi Boga, naj kristjanom razsvetli oči srca, da bodo razumeli, h kakšnemu upanju so poklicani: da bi se pridružili Kristusu v nebesih, da bi prejeli večno dediščino med svetniki. To upanje je utemeljeno na »čezmerni veličini njegove zmožnosti do nas, ki ki jo je udejanjil v Kristusu, ko ga je obudil od mrtvih in ga posadil na svojo desnico v nebesih«.

Pavel pravi, da se je Kristus povzpel »nad vsakršno vladarstvo in oblast, nad vsakršno silo in ter nad vsakršno ime, ki se ne imenuje samo na tem svetu, temveč tudi v prihodnjem«. Vendar ima to poveličanje pomemben pomen tudi za zemljo: Kristus je bil postavljen za glavo Cerkvi, z oblastjo je bil postavljen čez vse stvari. Iz tega se rojeva zares močno upanje: upanje na nebesa in upanje za poslanstvo na zemlji.

V Jezusovem poveličanju se uresničuje, kar je Danijel napovedal Sinu človekovem. V videnju je prerok gledal kakor Sina človekovega, ki je na oblakih neba šel proti prestolu Boga in od njega dobil vso oblast. To se uresničuje z Jezusovim poveličanjem. Njemu je dana vsa oblast ne samo na zemlji, ampak tudi v nebesih; ničesar ni, kar bi se moglo izogniti njegovi oblasti.

V moči te oblasti Jezus pošilja apostole k vsem ljudstvom: »Pojdite torej in naredite vse narode za moje učence. Krščujte jih v ime Očeta in Sina in Svetega Duha in učite jih izpolnjevati vse, kar koli sem vam zapovedali«. Oprti na Jezusovo oblast so apostoli šli k vsem narodom in Cerkev še danes hodi po vsem svetu, da krščuje ljudi, ki so se spreobrnil, in jih uči spolnjevati vse, kar je Jezus zapovedal. Jezusov zadnji stavek je za nas najbolj tolažil: »In glejte: jaz sem z vami vse dni do konca sveta.« Vnebohod Jezusa ne odtegne našemu svetu.

Vnebohod je praznik, ki mora v nas vliti upanje. Z nami je on, ki je bil poveličan »nad vsakršno vladarstvo in oblast, nad vsakršno silo in gospostvo ter nad vsakršno ime, ki se ne imenuje samo na tem svetu, temveč tudi v prihodnjem,« on, ki ima vso »oblast v nebesih in na zemlji.« Način, kako to oblast izvršuje, nas more preseñetiti. On namreč ne posreduje, da bi preprečil preganjane svojih vernih. Svojo oblast vrši na bolj skrit in globok način. Vendar pa jo vrši resnično in kakor preganjani kristjani začetkov Cerkve lahko tudi mi rečemo, da je pri nas vedno navzoč on, ki ima vso oblast v nebesih in na zemlji.

- (Prim.: Oznanjevalec 2, 2008)

Response: God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet!

First Reading Acts 1:1-11

Luke, the writer of the Acts of the Apostles, depicts Jesus' ascension into heaven.

Second Reading Ephesians 1:17-23

Paul tells us that, as a result of the Easter mystery, Christ is now the supreme power in the universe.

Gospel Matthew 28:16-20

Matthew gives his account of the final appearance of Jesus to the eleven apostles in Galilee. Jesus gives them instruction about their mission and a promise of his continued presence among them.

"Know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time."



Illustration

A person's last words before they die are often regarded as being particularly important and significant. Friends and relatives will sometimes go to great lengths to carry out the final wishes or instructions of the one who has left them. These may be directions as to how their funeral is to be conducted, or messages of love and appreciation for individuals who mattered to them.

Sometimes the dying person may ask for an apology to be made to someone they feel that they have offended but with whom, for some reason or other, they have had no chance to put things right. Once this is done, the individual feels that their life's business has been concluded and that they can, in truth, depart in peace.



Gospel Teaching

In today's first reading, Luke introduces the second part of his scriptural writings, which we know as the Acts of the Apostles. The "earlier work" to which he refers is his version of the Gospel, and he begins by giving an account of Jesus' appearances to his disciples after the resurrection and his promise of the coming of the Holy Spirit to empower them to continue his mission once he is no longer among them physically.

Our Gospel for today brings the account of the earthly story of Jesus to its end by relating the tradition of what is, in Matthew's account, the one and only meeting of the risen Jesus with his remaining eleven male disciples in Galilee – he has previously appeared only to the women. Matthew follows Mark in depicting his male followers as deserting Jesus and returning to their home region of Galilee: perhaps they were thinking that thus they would avoid the fate that befell their Master. We might note that Jesus does not scold them for their behaviour, but looks to the future and the part that they will play in the continuation of his mission and the spread of the Gospel. Jesus commissions these reconciled disciples for mission: they are to "make disciples of all the nations", and the sign that someone has accept-

ed the message is that they will be baptised. Celebrating baptism, along with the Eucharist, means that we are declaring publicly that we are disciples of Jesus.

We might remember that at the beginning of Matthew's Gospel the annunciation of the birth of Jesus is made to Joseph by an angel, the messenger of God. The child to be born is to be given the name Emmanuel, which means "God is with us". This title does not occur in the Gospel again. But its meaning returns in the final words of Jesus: "I am with you always; yes, to the end of time." The theme introduced by the angel at the beginning of the story is restated at the end: that God is with God's people, now in the person of the risen and glorified Jesus.

Application

Jesus' ascension may suggest that he has departed from this world, and other parts of the New Testament refer to his coming again in glory at the end of time. Today's Gospel reading emphasises that Jesus is still very much present with and among his disciples, as is shown in his symbolic name Emmanuel. In one of the accounts of the appearances of the risen Jesus, he says to Mary Magdalene, "Do not touch me," which some scholars express as "Let me go!" Mary has just referred to Jesus as "Rabbuni", meaning "Master", or "Teacher", which shows that she is thinking of him in the way she knew him before. The Gospel text is suggesting that she, and therefore we ourselves, should be prepared to imagine Jesus in a different way and relate to him accordingly.

Jesus has not left us: he is present to his disciples today, as he was to Mary Magdalene and the other disciples, though in a different way. His final words are addressed to us: that we should continue his work of revealing what God is like by the example of our lives. Most of us are not called to go elsewhere and make disciples, but we are all called on to preach the Gospel: this will not usually mean by what we say or do, but rather by the kind of person we are.



25th ANNUAL
SLOVENSKI PARK
GOLF TOURNAMENT
25th ANNIVERSARY

Yes - it's been 25 awesome years!

Saturday, June 3, 2023

Cambridge Golf Club

With Banquet to follow at Slovenski Park, Puslinch

Shotgun Start: 1:00 p.m.

FOR REGISTRATION PLEASE CONTACT:

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Tickets are limited.

Please confirm your spot as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

\$150.00 PER PERSON

Includes: Golf, Cart Rental, Sandwich or Hotdog or Sausage at the turn, Dinner, Prizes, & Starter's Package

OR

\$25. 00 Dinner Only

Dinner will be served promptly at 630 p.m.

Cambridge Golf Club, 1346 Clyde Rd., Cambridge, ON.
 N1R 5S7 15 minutes from Slovenski Park

DONATION OF PRIZES WOULD BE APPRECIATED

Please contact Dan Demšar



*In conjunction with the Niagara Folk Arts Festival,
 please join us for our*

Open House

Monday, May 22, 2023

1:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Featuring

- * Slovenian Dance group **Mladi Glas/Planika**
- * Delicious Slovenian Food Favourites including our famous BBQ Pork and Lamb
- * Slovenian Bake Sale Table including Apple Štrudel
- * Bouncy castle

- Meet our Lipa Park Ambassador:
Presley Orešar

- Slovenian Polka Dance at 2:00 p.m. featuring the award-winning Golden Keys Orchestra



Members... we appreciate your culinary contributions to our bake table. Please bring your goodies to Lipa Park on Monday, May 22 (preferably in the morning).

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A FUN-FILLED DAY!

ZLATA POROKA

V soboto, 20. maja 2023, sta se - **Lojze in Dragica Ferenčak** med sveto ob treh popoldne - Bogu zvalila za 50 let zakonskega življenja. V krogu svojih najbližjih sta nadaljevala praznovanje po maši v prostorih Villa Slovenia.

Bog naj ju še naprej spremlja s svoji milostjo, ju ohranja zdrava ob priprošnji Matere Marije.



Zahvala - Materinski D

The teachers and students of Slovenska Šola would like to sincerely thank everyone who came out last Sunday to celebrate Mother's Day at our annual lunch and concert. It was lovely to see so many people coming together both at the Mother's Day Mass and Lunch after a few years off due to Covid.

The students of Slovenska Šola assisted at Mass with their voices and nearly lifted the roof off the church with their enthusiastic »Aleluja!«. After Mass many headed over to the hall to celebrate their Mothers and Grandmothers with a delicious lunch prepared by Nancy Dundek and her kitchen crew, and then enjoy the Mother's Day Concert. The students sang 18 songs under the direction of Father Drago, the junior level students recited a poem »Mamica«, and the senior level students gave us insight into why some animals are the way they are with their short presentation »Zakaj?«. It is wonderful to see our young parishioners on stage showing their enthusiasm for their Slovenian heritage, culture, and language. We must continue to ensure that our youngest carry on the love we all have for our Slovenian roots.

I would like to thank all the volunteers who came out last Saturday to help set up the hall: Karlina Kolmanič, Lukas Tran, Sandra Bartolac, and Mary Raj. A huge thanks to Nancy Dundek and her kitchen crew (Kasia Brod, and Dragica Ferenčak), as well as the servers who brought the meal to the tables: Alyssa Taylor, Lukas Tran, and Daniel



Brod. Thank you also to Tony Horvat for stocking and manning the Bar.

It takes many hands to make an event successful and we could not have had a successful Mother's Day Celebration without all their help. Please forgive me if I've forgotten anyone.

Iskrena hvala!







OBVESTILA - ANNOUNCEMENTS

KOLENDAR DOGODKOV

- **May 21, 2023** - **Slovenski park** - Victoria Day Long Weekend - Mass at 1:00 p.m.
- **May 22, 2023** - **Lipa Park** - Open House Picnic
- **May 28, 2023** - **St. Gregory** - First Communion - Mass at 10:00 a.m.
- **June 11, 2023** - **London** - 3:00 p.m. Mass with the procession
- **June 24, 2023** - **Bled** - SLOVENSKI DAN

READERS - BRALCI BERIL

Slovenian Mass - Frank Novak
English Mass - Sidonia Poppa

GIFT BEARERS - SLOVENIAN MASS

May 21th - Aranka & Danny

CLEANING OF THE CHURCH - ČIŠČENJE

May 27th - Jožica Vegelj & team

MEMORIAL MASS – HOLY SEPULCHRE CEMETERY

The Spring memorial Mass at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery will take place on Saturday, May 27th at 11:00am. Please note that this Mass will be held outdoors. All are welcome!

Heart to Heart - M. Rev. Douglas Crosby

THE POPE'S PASTORAL WORKS are supported by the special collection taken up this weekend, as we celebrate the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord. One-third of the funds collected is for "Peter's Pence": donations used by the Pope for his charitable contributions to those most in need throughout the world. Two-thirds of the collection assists the Pope in administering the Holy See and serving the Universal Church. Please be generous!

VICTORIA DAY is the first summer holiday of 2023. The day celebrates the birthday (May 24, 1819) of Queen Victoria, and has been celebrated since 1845. It became a National Holiday in 1901. Enjoy the time!



Hvala Olgj Glavač, da ima Marija vedno lepo okrašen oltar, še posebej v maju.

FIRST COMMUNION - PRVO OBHAJILO

Our children for First Communion will have preparation practice and confession this coming Saturday, May 27 at 10:00 a.m.

Letos imamo naslednje otroke, ki bodo pristopili k prvemu sv. Obhajilu v naši cerkvi:

1. **Leonard Stefan Manning**
2. **Chessa Rozich**
3. **Nina Rozich**
4. **Liliana Lunn**
5. **Brayden Purdon**



Priporočimo mlade in njihove družine Mariji, saj smo v Marijinem mesecu.

Prihodnjo nedeljo je maša zopet ob 10:00 dopoldne. Če bo lepo, se bomo pri kipu Marije Pomočnice, za dvorano, se priporočili Mariji in nadaljevali s sveto mašo v cerkvi.

Svete maše - Masses

<p style="color: red; font-weight: bold;">GOSPODOV VNEBOHOD</p> <p style="color: red; font-weight: bold;">ASCENSION OF THE LORD</p> <p>21. MAJ</p> <p style="color: red; font-style: italic;">Evgen, škof</p>	††	Za žive in rajne župljane	9:30 A.M.	-----
	††	Ivan in Veronika Obal		Toni in Marija Franc
	††	Ivan in Hilda Žigon		Toni in Marija Franc
	††	Paula in Rudy Levstek		Families Levstek & McLean
	†	Marija Glavač		Theresia Donko (Whitby)
	†	Jože Zadravec		Brat Franc in Ljudmila Zadravec z druž.
	†	Ivan Zadravec		Brat Franc in Ljudmila Zadravec z druž.
	†	Jože Gačnik		11:00 A.M. Rose Žižek
	††	Za duše v vicah		Alojz in Agata Sarjaš z družino
	†	Rozina Kramar		Alojz in Agata Sarjaš z družino
	†	Novak Paul Richard		Helen Špiler
	††	Pokojni člani društva		1:00 P.M. Slovenski park - Maša in procesija
	†	Joško Krivec		Družina Mirt
	†	Rudi Kriwetz		Družina Mirt
	††	Janko in Veronika Broz		Tone in Katica Kuzma
††	Jože in Marija Kuzma		Tone in Katica Kuzma	
†	Frank Zabukovec		Kristijan Razpotnik	

SLOVENIAN SCHOOL

Naslednjo soboto otroci, ki obiskujejo slovensko šolo ob sobotah, zaključujejo šolsko leto. Ob 9h dopoldne se bomo v naši kapelici zbrali pri daritvi svete maše in se Bogu in Božji Materi Mariji zahvalili za leto, ki je minilo. Po maši bomo nadaljevali v razredu z bolj razvedrilnim programom. Vabimo starše in stare starše, da spodbudijo mlade, da bi jeseni vpi-sali otroke v Slovensko šolo.



V tem tednu so naslednje obletnice smrti faranov, ki so zapisani v naših knjigah:

Horvat	Jožica	Thursday, May 22, 2008
Knaus	Karel	Friday, May 24, 1991
Dolmovič	Frank	Sunday, May 24, 2009
Gomboc	Ivanka	Thursday, May 27, 2010
Kolar	Martina	Tuesday, May 28, 2013
Kastelic	Milka	Tuesday, May 28, 2019



SV. MAŠE - MASSES: Mon. to Fri.: 7:00 P.M.; Saturday: 5:30 P.M. (Slo); Sunday: 9:30 A.M. (Slo); 11:00 A.M. (Eng) - From July to Fall Banquet only 10:00 A.M. - **KRSTI / BAPTISMS:** For an appointment, call one month before. **POROKE / MARRIAGE:** By appointment, call one year before the wedding date. **SPOVED / CONFESSIONS:** First Friday of the month 6 to 7:00 P.M. (or by appointment) **BOLNIKI** - Sporočite, če je kdo bolan ali v bolnišnici, da ga obiščemo. You are welcome to call for a personal conversation with your priest – please call for an appointment. Tel: 905-561-5971 or Cell: 905-520-2014

DOM BOSCO

SVETE MAŠE - MASSES

PONEDELJEK - MONDAY 22. MAJ <i>Marjeta, red.</i>	† †† †	Rozina Doma Pok. iz družine Karlin Helena Vaupotič	7:00 P.M.	Ignac Dorenčec z družino Jožica Novak z družino Cvetka in Bojan Milosavljevič
TOREK - TUESDAY 23. MAJ <i>Renata, spokornica</i>	† †	Ignac Korošec Bogu v zahvalo Jožef Tompa	7:00 P.M.	Ivanka Dogar Ivka Pašalič Sestra in brat
SREDA - WEDNESDAY 24. MAJ <i>Marija Pomočnica</i>	† †	V čast Mariji Pomočnici Ivanka Ferenčak Majda Čagran	7:00 P.M.	Slomškovo Oltarno Društvo Jožica Vegelj z družino N.N.
ČETRTEK - THURSDAY 25. MAJ <i>Gregor VII., papež</i>	† † †	Stane Krampelj, obl. Vinko in Cveto Kovič Marica Gričnik	7:00 P.M.	Vanda z družino Stojanka Zečević-Kovič Štefka Eržen
PETEK - FRIDAY 26. MAJ <i>Filip Neri, duhovnik</i>	† † †	Julijana Sagadin Cecilia Sobočan Marija Glavač	7:00 P.M.	Marija Volf Alojz in Agata Sarjaš Marija Korošec z družino
SOBOTA - SATURDAY 27. MAJ <i>Alojzij Grozde, mučenec</i> <i>Avguštin, škof</i>	† † †† †† †† † †	Joe Lackovič Janez Oberman, obl. Francka in Štefan Hozjan (TO) Alojz in Marija Mes Ignac in Olga Prša Štefan Gabor Jože Župančič (Slo)	5:30 P.M.	Žena Vera z družino Sestra Stanka Malevič Vera Lackovič z družino Vera Marič Marija volf Rozalija Čule z družino Jožica Mašič z družino
BINKOŠTI PENTECOST SUNDAY 28. MAJ <i>Anton Julijan, muč.</i> <i>Ignacij, škof</i> PRVO SV. OBHAJILO	† † † †† † † † †	Za žive in rajne župljane Ann Božnar Leopold Gimpelj Joe Hanc Marija in Ignac Horva Frank Pavlakovič Mira Špiler, obl. Jože Zadavec Marija Berden	10:00 A.M.	----- John Božnar z družino sin Jože Ivanka Dogar Drago in Marianne Horvat z družino Drago in Marianne Horvat z družino Mož z družino Jože in Albina Antolin z družino Jože in Albina Antolin z družino