SCRIPTURE READINGS

Isaiah 40:31—Revised Standard Version (RSV)

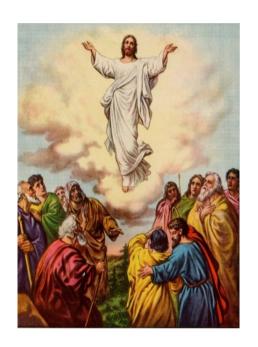
"those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint".



Acts 1:6-11—Revised Standard Version (RSV)

The Ascension of Jesus

So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has fixed by his own authority. But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the end of the earth." And when he had said this, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, and said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."



Sunday 31st May 10-10.30am—Pentecost—streamed on the Church of Scotland website and Facebook

The Moderator will lead a service to mark the birthday of the Christian Church with contributions from many different places. Like the disciples on that first Pentecost here is the invitation to step confidently into whatever the future holds. We would like to invite you to log on to this the service on that Sunday so that as much of the Church of Scotland as possible will be gathered in fellowship and praise.

Best wishes

Rev Dr George J Whyte

Principal Clerk

COME, CHRISTIANS, JOIN TO SING

1 Come, Christians, join to sing Alleluia! Amen! loud praise to Christ our King; Alleluia! Amen! let all, with heart and voice, before his throne rejoice; praise is his gracious choice. Alleluia! Amen!

2 Come, lift your hearts on high, Alleluia! Amen! let praises fill the sky; Alleluia! Amen! he is our Guide and Friend; to us he'll condescend; his love shall never end. Alleluia! Amen!

3 Praise yet our Christ again Alleluia! Amen! life shall not end the strain; Alleluia! Amen! on heaven's blissful shore, his goodness we'll adore, singing forevermore, "Alleluia! Amen!"