

Feast of the ASCENSION, Sunday June 2nd 2019

## INTRODUCTION

“You are witnesses of these things.

And behold I am sending the promise of my Father upon you, “...we hear in today’s Gospel.

## REFLECTION

We entrust significant parts of our lives, to professionals, who win our confidence by their competence and skill. We entrust the care and education of our children to teachers and coaches. We entrust our retirement investments and children’s college funds to financial managers .We entrust the structural integrity of our homes to contractors, electricians, and plumbers. We entrust our safety and health to firefighters, police, doctors and nurses.

Likewise I am entrusted with the interests of my employers, - my clients, - my friends-and most important of all, - of my children and family.

To entrust some part of my life to another, requires letting go, - respecting their expertise and experience,

and accepting the reality that change is both difficult and inevitable, as well as unpredictable and sometimes painful. And to accept the responsibility of another's trust requires me to put aside my own interests, - to seek what is best for those who have confidence in me.- Such trust is sacred.

Today, on the Mount of the Ascension, Jesus entrusts his remnant of followers, his Gospel- of His Healing,- HIS Compassion ,- HIS Reconciliation ,- and His Hope. Christ, having given his life to revealing his Father's love for me,- he entrusts that work to me and every other disciple of every time and place. He commissions me,- to be his witness and to continue His work,- with all its risks,- and despite all my doubts. For me,- to build Christ's Church,- requires from me – Humility \_RESPECT-Patience; The Risen One's trust,- compels me to let go of my own self interest, in order my heart to change,- and the cost of such change.

In my quietest, - simplest - and most ordinary expressions of my compassion and my care, - I keep faith with my Risen One.- To be his witness,- to his life,- Death and Resurrection in my own Jerusalems,- and beyond.

## MEDITATION

What obstacles do I experience in my life,-in trusting the promises of the Gospel of the Risen Christ?

## PRAYER

O Lord make me a worthy and faithful witness of the Gospel, - you have entrusted to me.- Illumine my works of compassion,- and ministeries of care with the light of Easter Hope. May your grace enable me to trust in my own abilities, to reveal your constant love in the midst of my family and my community.AMEN.