

# Scripture Prayer

## For The Week

"Once...

when Jesus...

was praying alone..." Luke 9:18



Artwork Dorothy Woodward

### The Ascension of the Lord Yr A

**We Gather:** In the prayer space, have the bible opened at the Gospel reading. The white Easter candle is placed on a stand. Gold fabric could be wound around the candle stand.

**Leader:** All people clap your hands (light the Easter candle)

**All:** Cry to God with shouts of joy.

**Leader:** God is ruler over all the earth

**All:** Sing praise with all your skill

**We Listen:** The Gospel. Matthew 28: 16-20

Read the gospel passage reflectively. After a time of silent reflection, the line from scripture below could be repeated and the short commentary read.

**"They set out to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them." Mt 28: 16**

**Commentary:** We are used to arrangements to meet-at the Coffee club, at the entrance, near the surf flags, and if we miss the meet, we text and say "where are you?" Such arrangements mean that we want to see some people to start or continue a relationship of friendship or mutual benefit and that we plan to share some activity or news. It's worthwhile to consider the "arrangements" made by Jesus with his disciples and how this might translate into arrangement Jesus would like to make with us. They arrangements were specific as to time, place and we know Jesus turned up as planned and went to them in spite of their hesitation. He didn't hang around, but commissioned them for the enormous job of building the kingdom. No wonder he had pre-planned the meeting. And, how re-assuring that he promised ongoing support and formation. Text Jesus to meet!

In silence, reflect on these ideas. Imagine the golden richness of God's presence with us.

Do I take time to arrange a meeting with Jesus...he's not too busy!

How aware are we of God being with us always?

As teachers and staff how do we teach others to observe the commandment of love?

**Song:** Rise Up With Him (J Vogt-Spirit & Song)) or Glorious in Majesty (J Cothran-GA)

**We Go Forth:**

God, you called us to the mountain, to climb towards you and meet you in your glory. May our lives be those of mountain-people, able to look into the distance and to be visionaries for your kingdom. We ask this through Christ our Risen Lord. Amen.

**Leader:** God chose our heritage for us.... Alleluia! Alleluia!

**All:** We are God's people and we rejoice... Alleluia! Alleluia!