

Daily Prayer

MONDAY, JUNE 29

Today's prayer is based on questions forty-six and -seven from the Heidelberg Catechism, 1563.

The first question is:

What do I mean by saying: *Jesus ascended into heaven?*

*That Christ, while his disciples watched,
was lifted up from the earth into heaven
and will be there for our good
until he comes again
to judge the living and the dead.*

Lord Jesus, thank you for providing witnesses to your ascension,
and the measure of confidence that gives that this really happened.
Thank you that you are now in heaven
and there pray for me -
that you represent my interests to my Father and yours
for my good.
Thank you that you will be there until the times are fulfilled
and you return to assess everyone.

The second question is:

But isn't Christ with us until the end of the world
as he promised us?

*Christ is true man and true God.
In his human nature Christ is not now on earth;
but in his divinity, majesty, grace and Spirit
he is not absent from us for a moment.*

I praise you, Messiah, ultimate Mediator, perfect Go-between,
able to represent both God and man
because you *are* both.
Thank you for your incarnate visit,
for the life you lived,
for the work you did,
which resulted in your body of flesh leaving for the heavenly realm,
while your divinity, majesty, grace and Spirit
never left us for a moment.
God. With. Us. Now and forevermore,
for your kingdom's sake. Amen.

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Prayer is a strong wall and fortress of the church; it is a goodly Christian weapon.
- Martin Luther