

### Psalm 113

- 1 Praise the LORD! Praise, O servants of the LORD, praise the name of the LORD!
- 2 Blessed be the name of the LORD from this time forth and forevermore!
- 3 From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the LORD is to be praised!
- 4 The LORD is high above all nations, and his glory above the heavens!
- 5 Who is like the LORD our God, who is seated on high,
- 6 who looks far down on the heavens and the earth?
- 7 He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the needy from the ash heap,
- 8 to make them sit with princes, with the princes of his people.
- 9 He gives the barren woman a home, making her the joyous mother of children. Praise the LORD!

### Acts 1

- 1 In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach,
- 2 until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen.
- 3 He presented himself alive to them after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.
- 4 And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, "you heard from me;
- 5 for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."
- 6 So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?"
- 7 He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority.
- 8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."
- 9 And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight.
- 10 And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes,
- 11 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."

### Luke 24

- 46 Jesus said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead,
- 47 and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.
- 48 You are witnesses of these things.
- 49 And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."
- 50 Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them.
- 51 While he blessed them, he parted from them and was carried up into heaven.
- 52 And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy,
- 53 and were continually in the temple blessing God.