

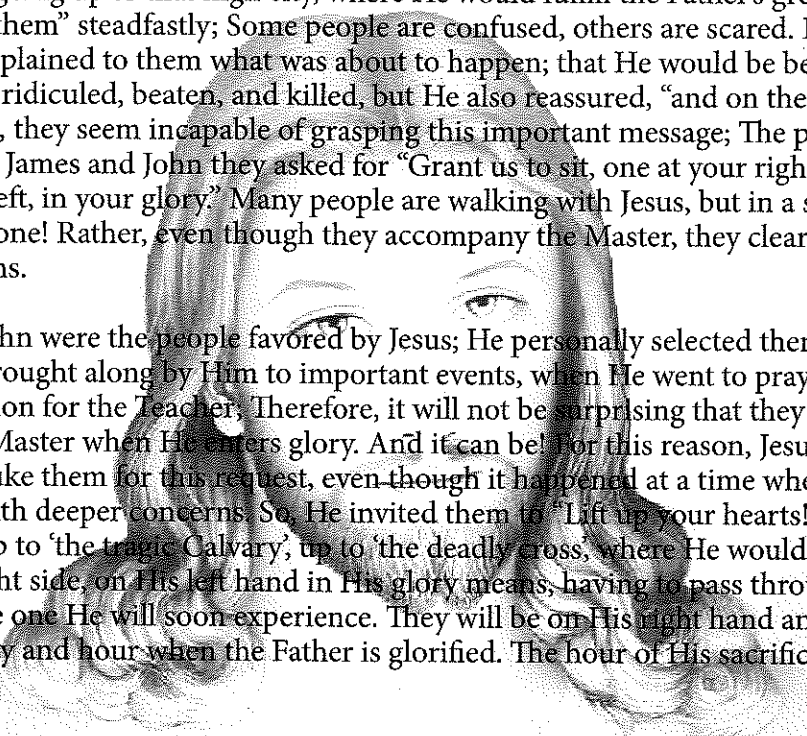
As Jesus was heading up to Jerusalem, He invited his disciples to "Lift up your hearts!" to join Him in going up to that high city, where He would fulfill the Father's great will. "He went before them" steadfastly; Some people are confused, others are scared. Knowing that, Jesus explained to them what was about to happen; that He would be betrayed, condemned, ridiculed, beaten, and killed, but He also reassured, "and on the third day he will rise." Yet, they seem incapable of grasping this important message; The proof is the two brothers James and John they asked for "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." Many people are walking with Jesus, but in a sense, He is walking alone! Rather, even though they accompany the Master, they clearly walk on different paths.

James and John were the people favored by Jesus; He personally selected them, and they were often brought along by Him to important events, when He went to pray. Both felt a deep affection for the Teacher; Therefore, it will not be surprising that they wish to be close to the Master when He enters glory. And it can be for this reason, Jesus did not in the least rebuke them for this request, even though it happened at a time when His heart was heavy with deeper concerns. So, He invited them to "Lift up your hearts!", up to 'holy Jerusalem', up to 'the tragic Calvary', up to 'the deadly cross', where He would be hung. To be on the right side, on His left hand in His glory means, having to pass through a trial similar to the one He will soon experience. They will be on His right hand and on His left on the day and hour when the Father is glorified. The hour of His sacrifice to save all humanity.

At the beginning of the Eucharistic Liturgy, the celebrant invites the community to "Lift up your hearts!" For St. Augustine, it is "An urging Christians to prepare their hearts and minds to enter the celebration of the Thanksgiving Sacrifice; Set your mind and heart on 'what is above', eliminating from yourself any sense of inconsistency. Believers must be there to praise God with all their hearts; they cannot sincerely praise Him when their minds and hearts are divided."

Along with the bread and wine on the altar, Jesus invites us to "Lift up your hearts" to 'seek the things above', to set our good 'ambition' on the splendors of heaven. Our love must go the way He walked, drink the cup He drank; Those are the thorns and sufferings that we will go through because of our love for God, for the Gospel and for souls. We have no other path than the path Jesus took; Outside of that path, not only will we not be able to find a way, but we will also 'use' God for our desires for worldly advancement.

Sincerely in Christ,
Very Reverend Christopher Hai Tran, Rector



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as if it were your First Mass,
Your last Mass,
and your only Mass.**

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