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Liturgical Date: Year B, Easter 7, 16th May 2021

Ascension Day was celebrated on 13th May

Presenter ***Rev Dr Rod Pattenden***

Focus Reading Acts 1:1-11

Message 7 minutes 15 seconds ***“Where heaven is?”***

Discussion Starters

- 1.** Is heaven above us far away?
- 2.** What does heaven look like?
- 3.** When do we see heaven on earth?
- 4.** How are we heaven for our community?

Lectionary readings for the day (*readings for Ascension Day*)

Luke 24:44-53 Only by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit can our unbelieving minds and hearts come to believe the scriptures. Jesus opens the minds of his followers so they can truly see and believe everything written about him in the Old Testament.

Psalm 47 An expression of the kingship of God, this psalm recognises YHWH on the throne over heaven and earth. God has gone up with a shout of praise to the throne after the conquests of David.

Ephesians 1:15-23 Through the power of Christ the faithful believers have obtained an inheritance of salvation and redemption, sealed by the Holy Spirit.

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All Age Message Rev Dr Rod Pattenden ***“Heaven is when you are loved”***

Approx. Length 2 Minutes 20 seconds

Precis of AAM

What is heaven like? Heaven is a place where we fully realise God loves us. Rod’s Teddy, Katie who is 65 years old, reminds Rod that he has been loved. Heaven is a place where we feel loved and secure- where people reach out to us so we can be the biggest person we could possibly be. This is heaven on earth.

Resources **Uniting in Worship (Blue Book) Psalm 47, page 285-286**

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