

Our Lord Gives His Great Commission and Ascends to Glory  
About 5 minutes, from Luke 24:44-53, Matthew 28:18-20 & Acts 1:1-11

Participants (*No need to memorize lines; the aim is to relive sacred events, not to perform*)

Andrew

Voice (of Jesus)

Peter

Prompter Shout a brief line, and Echoes repeat it.

Echoes Children and all adults who want to take part. Echoes need no script.

Andrew I am Andrew, one of Jesus' twelve disciples.  
Peter, it has been 40 days since Jesus rose from the dead.

Peter Yes. Now he has gathered us on the Mount of Olives  
to give final instructions. Listen.

Voice Wait in Jerusalem for the Father's promise;  
you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.

Peter Lord, will you now restore the kingdom to Israel?

Voice It is not for you to know the times that the Father has set.  
You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you,  
to be my witnesses in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria,  
and the ends of the earth.

Prompter & Echoes To all peoples!

Voice I have received all authority in heaven and earth.  
Go therefore and make disciples of all nations,  
baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son  
and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to obey all that I commanded you;  
and look, I will be with you always, even to the end of the age.

Peter (*Point up*) Andrew! Look!  
Jesus is going up in the air! Up and up!

Andrew Oh! A cloud received him out of our sight.

Prompter & Echoes He ascended on high!

Peter Look, Andrew!  
Two men in blazingly white clothing are coming down from heaven!  
Oh, we are in for it!

Andrew They say not to fear, Peter.

Peter Listen! They say that Jesus will return the same way  
that we saw him go up into heaven.  
They were angels!

Prompter & Echoes God's messengers!

Peter Jesus now sits at the Father's right hand,  
where he intercedes for us.

Andrew And he will soon send the Holy Spirit to dwell in us forever,  
and empower us to be his witnesses.

Peter His Great Commission is to make disciples of all peoples on earth  
by having them obey his commands;  
he has been given all authority in heaven and earth.

Prompter & Echoes King of Kings!

Peter Well, Andrew, the Holy Spirit now has come,  
and we're obeying Jesus' Great Commission as he commanded  
with all authority in heaven and earth.  
Hear what his disciples are saying:

Our Lord's total authority makes him our head.  
He commanded to baptize and break sacred bread.  
He proclaimed these commands for his own to obey,  
which means every group of believers today.

But a hundred strict voices wherever we go  
Disregard these commands by telling us NO!  
"You're too new, not ordained, you lack knowledge," they say.  
And point to man's rules, pushing Scripture away.

Fellow servant of Christ, will men's human decrees  
Cause your group to delay and its passion to freeze?  
Will you crown Christ as King? There is only one way.  
Just shout YES! when you're asked if it's Christ you'll obey!