

THE COMMISSIONING OF THE APOSTLES



This double window depicts the Commissioning of the Apostles to “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” Matthew 28:19-20 (NRSV)

This event takes place after the Resurrection. Jesus had told the women at the tomb to tell His disciples to meet him in Galilee. Jesus led His remaining eleven disciples up Mt. Tabor, perhaps a strenuous trip as surmised by their walking sticks. There He gave them direction for the next part of their mission. Some worshiped him and some still doubted.

One disciple, probably John, is shown holding his sandals. Perhaps he remembered that Moses was directed by God to remove his sandals (Ex 3:5-6) as

he was on holy ground and in the presence of God at the burning bush. In recognition that he was on sacred ground because the Lord was there, this disciple removed his sandals.

Two doves appear in the sky. This may be a reference to our requiem hymn, *Eevereem*, when the choir intones, “In the supernal Jerusalem (heaven), in the dwelling of the angels, were Enoch and Elijah (Old Testament prophets) live in old age like doves...”

Thus the disciples began their journeys to spread the Good News of the Resurrection and to proclaim that we have been saved by the Body and Blood of the Lord.

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