

**St. Thomas' Cardiff & All Saints Boolaroo**

**EASTER DAY**

**12th April 2020**

Christ Has Risen  
He has risen indeed

Glorious Lord of life, by the mighty resurrection of you Son you overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him: grant that we, who celebrate with joy Christ's rising from the dead may be raised from the death of sin to the life of righteousness; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**CONFESSION**

Heavenly Father, we confess to you our fears, our worries, and our anxieties. You have given us your perfect love which casts out all fear and your peace which transcends all understanding, but even still we feel dislodged, displaced, untethered, and uncertain during these times.  
We believe, Lord; help our unbelief.

Lord, have mercy.  
Christ, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy.

O God, make speed to save us.  
O Lord, make haste to help us.

**READINGS**

**First Reading**

**Jeremiah 31:1-6**

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

At that time, says the LORD, I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people. Thus says the LORD: The people who survived the sword found grace in the wilderness; when Israel sought for rest, the LORD appeared to him from far away. I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you. Again I will build you, and you shall be built, O virgin Israel! Again you shall take your tambourines, and go forth in the dance of the merrymakers. Again you shall plant vineyards on the mountains of Samaria; the planters shall plant, and shall enjoy the fruit. For there shall be a day when sentinels will call in the hill country of Ephraim: 'Come, let us go up to Zion, to the LORD our God.'

Hear the word of the Lord  
Thanks be to God

The Hymn to the Risen Christ

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us:  
so let us celebrate the feast,  
Not with the old leaven of corruption and wickedness:  
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.  
Christ once raised from the dead dies no more:  
death has no more dominion over him.  
In dying, he died to sin once for all:  
in living, he lives to God.

See yourselves, therefore, as dead to sin:  
and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Christ has been raised from the dead:  
the first fruits of those who sleep.  
For as by one man came death:  
by another has come also the resurrection of the dead  
For as in Adam all die:  
even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

Second Reading

Colossians 3:1-4

A reading from Paul's letter to the Colossians

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

For the word of the Lord  
Thanks be to God

Gospel

Matthew 28:1-10

The gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew chapter twenty eight beginning at the first verse.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, "He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him." This is my message for you.' So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, 'Greetings!' And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshipped him. Then Jesus said to them, 'Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.'

For the Gospel of the Lord,  
Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

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### RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

Eternal Giver of life and light, renew your Church with the Spirit given to us in baptism, that we may worship you in sincerity and truth, and shine as a light in the world.

I now renew my baptismal promises.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth;  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,

the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

With God's help, I will continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers.

With God's help, I will persevere in resisting evil, and whenever I fall into sin, return to the Lord.

With God's help, I will proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ.

With God's help, I will seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving my neighbour as myself.

With God's help, I will strive for justice and peace among all people and respect the dignity of every human being.

With God's help, I will strive to safeguard the integrity of God's creation, and respect, sustain, and renew the life of the Earth.

God the creator, the rock of our salvation, you have given us new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, through our Lord Jesus Christ. By the power of your Holy Spirit, keep us faithful to our calling, now and forever. **Amen.**

For he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." So we can say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?" Hebrew 13:5-6

### INTERCESSIONS

As the hymns we sing echo the joy we feel today as together we celebrate the glorious resurrection, may our Easter exhilaration continue throughout the rest of our lives and show in the way that we live it out.  
Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer**

We pray for a world that recognises Jesus as Lord and imagine how changed it would be; free from hatred, violence, poverty and injustice; a place where all would live together in love and harmony. That would be heaven here on earth.

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer**

We pray for families, friends and neighbours who have not yet recognised that Jesus died and rose again for everyone. Help them to see and realise the possibilities that accepting him into their lives will bring, not least the promise of life beyond the grave.

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer**

Just as the stone of Christ's tomb was rolled away, so roll away the stones of illness, despair, worry and fear and pour the light and joy of his resurrection into their lives. Heal those who are sick with the coronavirus. May they regain their strength and health. Be with the families of those who are sick or have died. As they worry and grieve, defend them from illness and despair. Be with the doctors, nurses, researchers and all medical professionals who seek to heal and help those affected and who put themselves at risk in the process. Be with the leaders of all nations. Give them the foresight to act with charity and true concern for the well-being of the people they are meant to serve.

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer**

Lord, your love reaches beyond the grave to raise your son to a triumphant resurrection. When we fear our death and the death of those we love: strengthen us in the knowledge that Christ has gone before us to reign with you, crowned with glory and honour. We pray for those departed this life especially those who have succumbed to the Corona virus that they too may be raised with Christ

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer**

Despite not being able to celebrate at an Easter Day service in church we rejoice in Jesus's glorious resurrection. Help to continue to live a resurrection life and despite our present difficulties and restrictions show the world that we are His disciples

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer**

As our Saviour Christ taught us, we are confident to pray,

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name,

your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,

and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you." May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen

### SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.

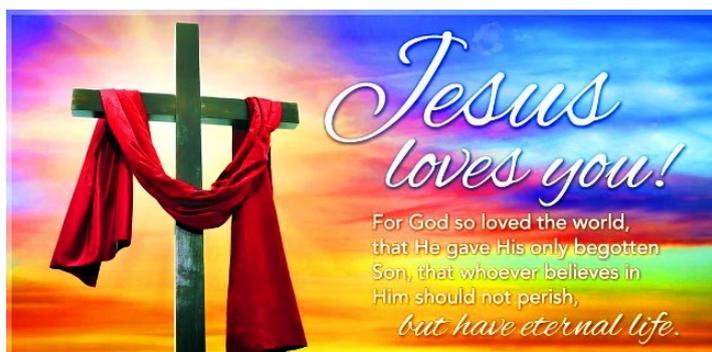
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us your peace.

Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, for all the benefits you have given me, for all the pains and insults you have borne for me. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I ask you to come spiritually into my heart. O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother, may I know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day. Amen.

May the Lord Jesus Christ be with us to protect us. May he go before us to guide us, and stand behind us to give us strength. May he look upon us, to keep us, and bless us. Amen

*Karen and I wish you all a very Happy and Holy Easter.*



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are the church, the living  
body of our Lord Jesus  
and we are everywhere.

