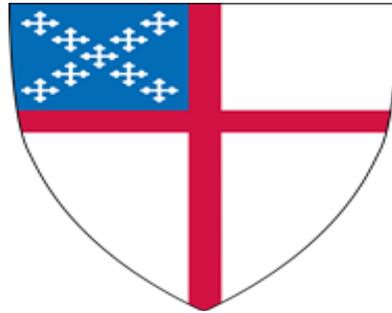


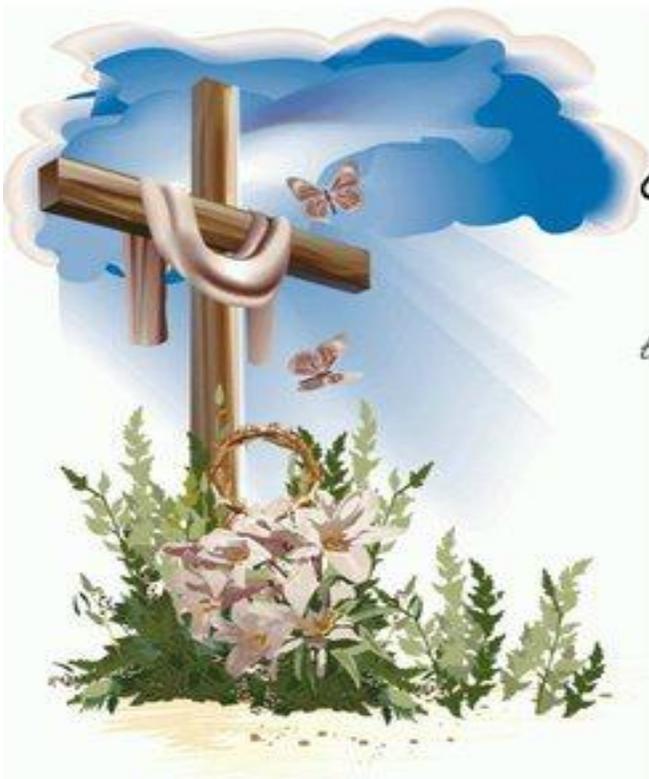


**Holy Trinity
Episcopal Church
Prayer List &
Newsletter**



April 12 2020 Easter Sunday

Messages of Hope



*Happy
Easter to all!*

*Time to celebrate
the Lord Jesus had risen as he
promised!*

Time to start anew.

Reflecting on the past.

Making new memories.

A new beginning.



Readings for Easter Sunday 2020

- 1. Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24**
- 2. Acts 10: 34-43, or Jeremiah 31: 1-6**
- 3 Colossians 3: 1-4, or Acts 10: 34-43**
- 4. John 20: 1-8 , or Matthew 28: 1-10**



Psalm 118:1-2 New International Version (NIV)

Psalm 118

1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.

2 Let Israel say: "His love endures forever."

Psalm 118:14-24 New International Version (NIV)

14 The Lord is my strength and my defense[a]; he has become my salvation.

15 Shouts of joy and victory resound in the tents of the righteous:

"The Lord's right hand has done mighty things!

16 The Lord's right hand is lifted high;
the Lord's right hand has done mighty things!"

17 I will not die but live, and will proclaim what the Lord has done.

18 The Lord has chastened me severely, but he has not given me over to death.

19 Open for me the gates of the righteous;

I will enter and give thanks to the Lord.

20 This is the gate of the Lord through which the righteous may enter.

21 I will give you thanks, for you answered me;

you have become my salvation.

22 The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone;

23 the Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes.

24 The Lord has done it this very day; let us rejoice today and be glad.





Acts 10:34-43 New International Version (NIV)

34 Then Peter began to speak: “I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism 35 but accepts from every nation the one who fears him and does what is right. 36 You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, announcing the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. 37 You know what has happened throughout the province of Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached— 38 how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him.

39 “We are witnesses of everything he did in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They killed him by hanging him on a cross, 40 but God raised him from the dead on the third day and caused him to be seen. 41 He was not seen by all the people, but by witnesses whom God had already chosen—by us who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. 42 He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead. 43 All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

Jeremiah 31:1-6 New International Version (NIV)

31 “At that time,” declares the Lord, “I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they will be my people.”

2 This is what the Lord says: “The people who survive the sword will find favor in the wilderness; I will come to give rest to Israel.”

3 The Lord appeared to us in the past,[a] saying:

“I have loved you with an everlasting love; I have drawn you with unfailing kindness.

4 I will build you up again, and you, Virgin Israel, will be rebuilt.

Again you will take up your tambourines and go out to dance with the joyful.

5 Again you will plant vineyards on the hills of Samaria;

the farmers will plant them and enjoy their fruit.

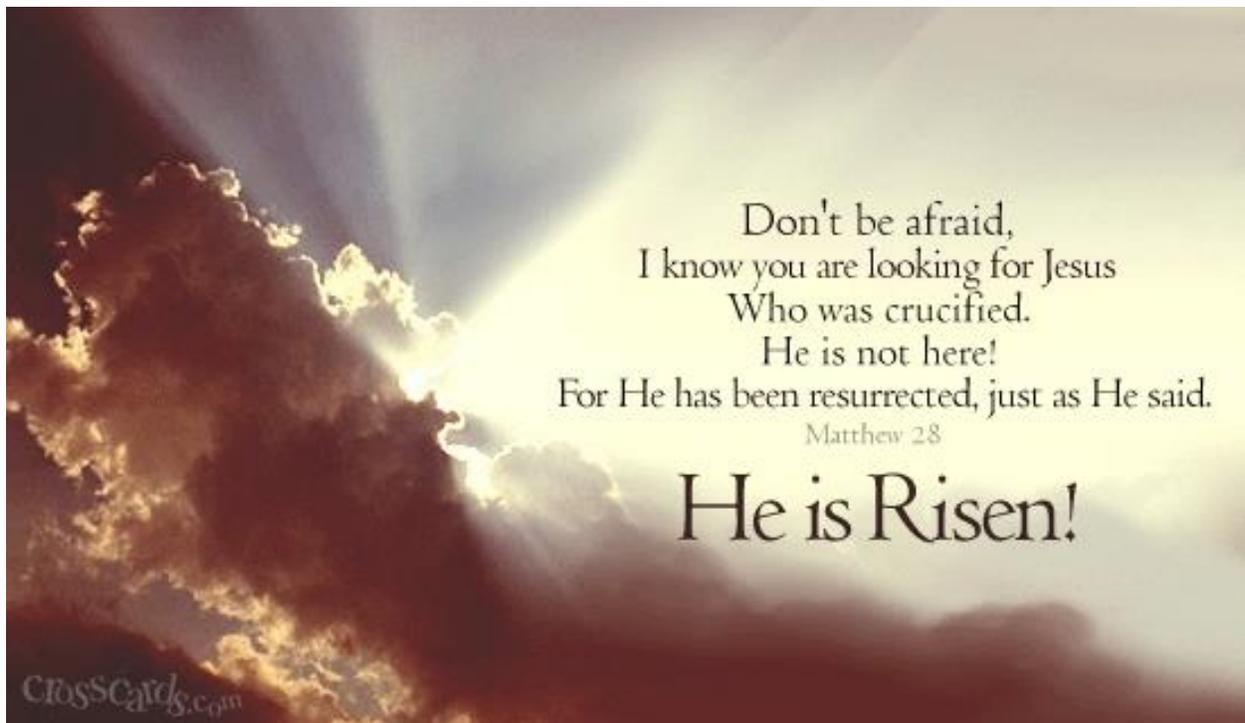
6 There will be a day when watchmen cry out on the hills of Ephraim,

‘Come, let us go up to Zion, to the Lord our God.’”

Colossians 3:1-4 New International Version (NIV)

Living as Those Made Alive in Christ

3 Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. 2 Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. 3 For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. 4 When Christ, who is your[a] life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory



John 20:1-8 New International Version (NIV)

The Empty Tomb

20 Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. 2 So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don’t know where they have put him!”

3 So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. 4 Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. 5 He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. 6 Then Simon Peter came along behind him and went straight into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, 7 as well as the cloth that had been wrapped around Jesus’ head. The cloth was still lying in its place, separate from the linen. 8 Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed.





Matthew 28:1-10 New King James Version (NKJV)

He Is Risen

28 Now after the Sabbath, as the first day of the week began to dawn, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to see the tomb. 2 And behold, there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone [a]from the door, and sat on it. 3 His countenance was like lightning, and his clothing as white as snow. 4 And the guards shook for fear of him, and became like dead men.

5 But the angel answered and said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. 6 He is not here; for He is risen, as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay. 7 And go quickly and tell His disciples that He is risen from the dead, and indeed He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him. Behold, I have told you.”

8 So they went out quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to bring His disciples word.

The Women Worship the Risen Lord

9 And [b]as they went to tell His disciples, behold, Jesus met them, saying, “Rejoice!” So they came and held Him by the feet and worshiped Him. 10 Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid. Go and tell My brethren to go to Galilee, and there they will see Me.”

PRAY *for one*
another
James 5: 16

SUBMIT
your
prayer request
HERE

If you have a prayer request please email me and I will do my best to include it. Keep Safe & Healthy

THE EXTRAORDINARY EASTER

By its very definition, the annual commemoration of the resurrection of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ is the epitome of one of the most significant events in all or recorded human history. Yet, as we enter the first year of the third decade of the 21st century, none of us in our lifetimes have ever witnessed the indelible effects which widespread illness and social distancing have exerted upon our frayed social fabric. Questions abound about the shape of the future, and whether those who will carry on after us will be able to safely enjoy the simple everyday pleasures of interacting with family and friends that so many of us have taken for granted up to this point in time.

We can engage in endless speculation and theoretical inquiries, but in brutal honesty those questions are in no danger of being answered at the present moment. But we do understand, in very intimate terms, how the transcendent spirit of hope and selfless sacrifice, especially captured in the daily heroism of our health care workers, continues to triumph over the most formidable adversity allowable to human imagination. It is this resistance to malady and despair that forms the foundation of His Glorious Resurrection, and the ultimate denial of the finality of death.

As revealed in 2 Corinthians 5: 14-15, "...Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that One died for all, and therefore all died. And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for Him who died for them and was raised again."

Under conditions of extreme duress and difficulty, the best and worst expressions of human nature come inevitably to the forefront. All who guided by the light of the risen Christ understand that vigilance against darkness is part of the work we are called upon to do, to bring the truth of his Word into a world in desperate need of healing and redemption. So all of us can embody the idea of Matthew 28:20, in which we intuitively realize that God is "teaching them to observe all whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the world, Amen."

So, as we venture forth into the unknown challenges of the Easter season before us, the basic tenets of faith and friendship still prevail. With God's help, all anxiety is reduced to the comforting certainty that despite all the burdens we bear, the load is made much lighter with the love and support of our family and friends.

When we exchange the familiar Paschal greeting, "The Lord is Risen! He is Risen indeed!", we immediately recall a critical thought from 1 Peter 1:4-6- "This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the Salvation that is ready to be revealed in the Last Time. In all this you greatly rejoice."

For all that we are facing together at this unique time in history, may the blessings and promise of Easter serve as a light of joy and hope to illuminate a fallen world still troubled by the tragic persistence of darkness. Happy and Blessed Easter!

Carl Bucking

April 2020

