

EASTER MESSAGE 2020

Dear Friends.

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!! The Lord is Risen indeed! Alleluia.

The message of Easter is a story of the victory of God over the power of sin and death. The forces of evil as powerful as they are, were finally put in their place, exposed as ultimately unreal and finally overcome in resurrection. The resurrection is the place in human history where evil, injustice and prejudice are transfigured into goodness, justice and enlightenment. Christians receive this truth in a way that transforms the way we think and the way we live. This is what saves us.

Many of us today experience challenges and difficulties in life which fills us with worry and fear. Today the world is facing the pandemic of the corona- virus which has left thousands of people dead and over a million people testing positive from this virus. But we know that God, in rising Jesus from the dead, he defeated death and evil, thus giving us hope that this COVID 19 will be defeated. This hope is that of salvation of our souls through faith.

If we are troubled or afraid or in despair because of this invisible enemy that's tormenting the world, we must remember Jesus's mighty resurrection. So, Easter is not possible without having first gone through Good Friday and also an empty tomb, but we cannot stop there, because if we stop there, we will have believed the lies of the world that violence, death, destruction even corona -virus have the final word. Instead we move on to be the Church of the Resurrection, a people filled with hope, confidence to live in the old world in the light of the new world of resurrection life.

The resurrection in every way symbolises hope, hope of new life- abundant life in Christ! We are invited to be a people of hope.

May your Easter be blessed as we celebrate the resurrection light that confounds the darkness and opens up new hope for God's world in the midst of the corona-virus. Please stay safe and adhere to the regulations set out to fight this virus.

God loves you. Happy Easter.

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