



Anglican Parish of
St Luke

Mosman

EASTER DAY SUNG EUCHARIST



Sunday 12 April 2020

The Service of the Light

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Christ is Risen, Alleluia!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Today we celebrate the day when our Lord Jesus Christ
passed from death to life.

Throughout the world Christians celebrate
the awesome power of God.

As we hear the story of his resurrection,
and proclaim all that God has done,
we can be confident that we shall share
his victory over death and live with him for ever.

*The new Paschal (Easter) Candle is then brought to the Priest who traces
the cross and then the Greek letter Alpha above and the Greek letter Omega
below. The numbers of the current year are marked in the space between the arms
of the cross.*

*Five nails are then inserted into the candle, reminding us of the five wounds
of Christ. The Priest lights the Paschal Candle, saying:*

May the light of Christ, rising in glory,
banish all darkness from our hearts and minds.

The Priest then raises the Candle and says:

The light of Christ!

Thanks be to God!

The Gloria

The Mosman Setting by Samuel Donovan



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on



earth. Lord God, heav'n-ly King, al - migh-ty God and Fa-ther, we



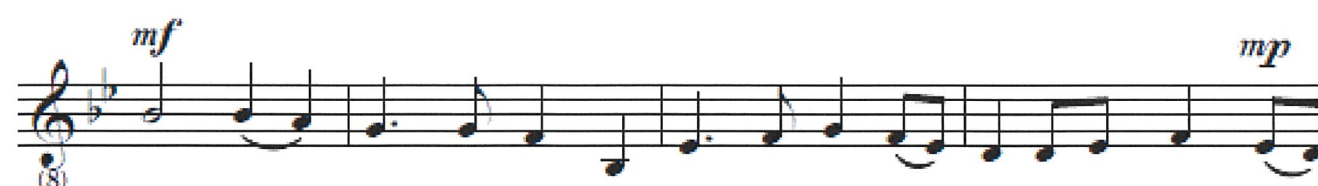
wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



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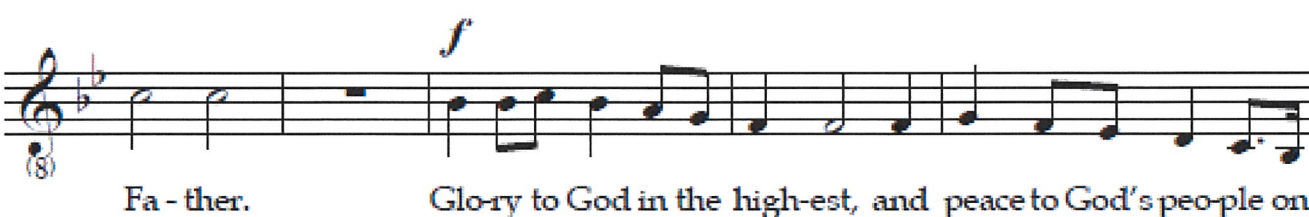
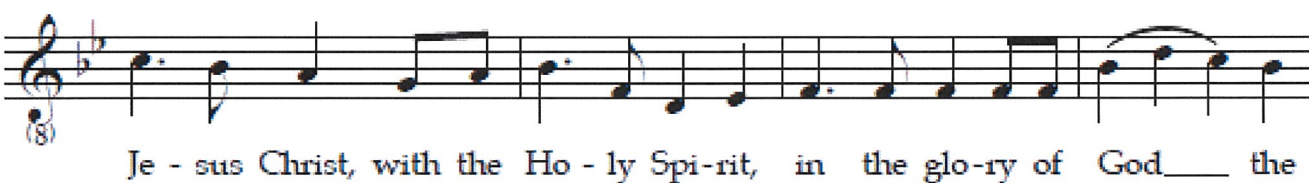
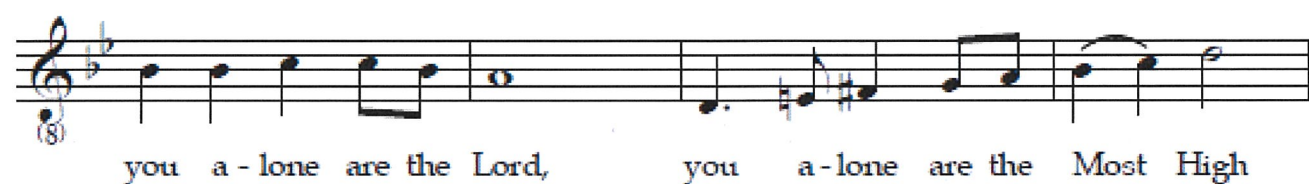
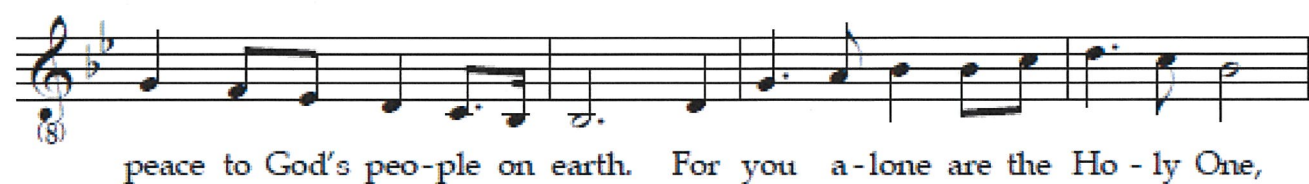
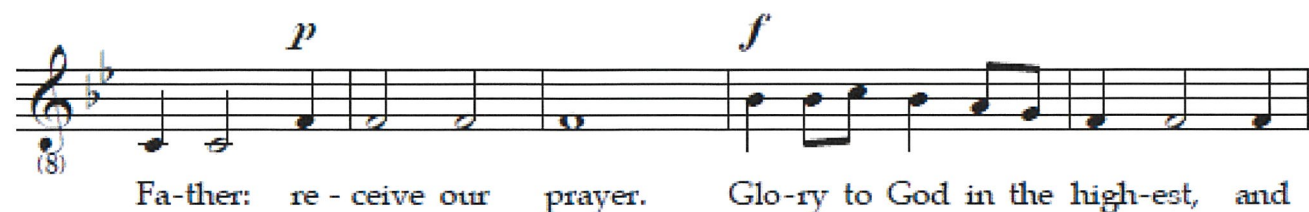
Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have



mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the right hand of the



The Presider then prays

The Collect

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have conquered death
through your dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ
and opened to us the gate of everlasting life:
grant us by your grace to set our mind on things above,
so that by your continual help our whole life may be transformed;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit in everlasting glory. **Amen.**

The Ministry of the Word

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight. I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress. No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days, or an old person who does not live out a lifetime; for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed. They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. They shall not labour in vain, or bear children for calamity; for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord - and their descendants as well. Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear. The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox; but the serpent - its food shall be dust! They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the Lord.

(Isaiah 65.17-25)

For the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

The choir sings

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 resurrection of the dead.
For as in Adam all die:
even so in Christ shall all be made alive.*

Wettan, arr. Keith Noake (1915 - 68)

A reading from the Book of Acts

Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ - he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

(Acts 10.34-43)

For the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn - TiS 360 verses 1, 6-7 (*Tune: Lasst uns Erfreuen*)

**Light's reddening dawn gleams through the sky;
heaven thunders forth its victory;**

alleluia, alleluia!

**the glad earth shouts her triumph high
and groaning hell makes wild reply:**

alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

alleluia, alleluia!

**That Eastertide with joy was bright,
the sun shone out with fairer light,**

Alleluia, alleluia!

**when to their longing eyes restored
the apostles saw their risen Lord.**

alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

alleluia, alleluia!

**He showed to them his hands, his side,
where yet the glorious wounds abide:**

alleluia, alleluia!

**the tokens true which made it plain
their Lord indeed was risen again.**

alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

alleluia, alleluia!

The Gospel

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

**Christ has become our Paschal sacrifice;
let us feast with joy in the Lord.**

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

**A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew, Chapter 28,
beginning at the 1st 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 worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

(Matthew 28.1-10)

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

The Sermon - The Rector

The Renewal of Baptism Promises

In Water We Grow - TiS 494 *(Tune: Paderborn)*

**In water we grow, secure in the womb,
and speechlessly know love's safety and room.
Baptising and blessing we publish for good
the freeing, caressing safe keeping of God.**

The Presider continues

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks that at the beginning of creation your Holy Spirit moved upon the waters to bring forth light and life. With water you cleanse and replenish the earth; you nourish and sustain all living things.

Thanks be to God.

We give you thanks that through the waters of the Red Sea you led your people out of slavery into freedom, and brought them through the River Jordan to new life in the land of promise.

Thanks be to God.

We give you thanks for your Son Jesus Christ: for his baptism by John, for his anointing with the Holy Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

We give you thanks that through the deep waters of death, Jesus delivered us from our sins and was raised to new life in triumph.

Thanks be to God.

We give you thanks for the grace of the Holy Spirit who forms us in the likeness of Christ and leads us to proclaim your kingdom.

Thanks be to God.

And now we give you thanks that we are made one with Christ in his death and resurrection. Pour out your Holy Spirit in blessing and sanctify this water so that it may be a sign of our new birth in Baptism. May we continue for ever in Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Spirit, now and for ever.

Amen.

Dear friends,
through the paschal mystery
we have been buried with Christ in his baptism,
so that we may rise with him to new life.
Now that our Lenten observance is ended,
let us reaffirm the promises we made in baptism.

Do you turn to Christ?

I do.

Do you repent of your sins?

I do.

Do you renounce evil?

I do.

I ask you to reaffirm as yours the faith of the Church.

**We believe in one God,
who made and loves all that is.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ,
God's only Son, our Lord,
who was born, lived, died and rose again,
and is coming to call all to account.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
who calls, equips and sends God's people,
and brings all things to their true end.**

This is the faith of the Church!

This is our faith.

We believe in one God:

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

God our creator,
Rock of our salvation,
has given us new birth by water and the Spirit,
and forgiven our sins
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
May God keep us faithful to our calling
now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Greeting of Peace

The Presider says

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said,
'Peace be with you'.

Then were they glad when they saw the Lord.

The peace of the Risen Christ be always with you. Alleluia!
And also with you. Alleluia!

The Offertory

Offertory Hymn

Jesus Christ is risen today - TiS 362 (*Tune: Easter Hymn*)

Jesus Christ is risen today, *alleluia!*
our triumphant holy day, *alleluia!*
who so lately on the cross, *alleluia!*
suffered to redeem our loss, *alleluia!*

Hymns of praise then let us sing, *alleluia!*
unto Christ, our heavenly king, *alleluia!*
who endured the cross and grave, *alleluia!*
sinners to redeem and save. *alleluia!*

**But the pain that he endured , *alleluia!*
our salvation has procured; *alleluia!*
now exalted he is king, *alleluia!*
and the angels ever sing. *alleluia!***

The Presider says

Blessed are you Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have these gifts to share. Accept and use our offerings for your glory and for the service of your kingdom.
Blessed be God for ever.

The Great Thanksgiving

We sing

The Sursum Corda

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere,
mighty Creator, everliving God.
We give you thanks and praise for your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who by the power of your Spirit was born of Mary
and lived as one of us.

By his death on the cross,
he offered the one true sacrifice for sin,
and obtained an eternal deliverance for his people.
And now we give you thanks that you raised him to life triumphant,
and exalted him in glory.

By his victory over death,
the reign of sin is ended,
a new day has dawned,
a broken world is restored
and we are made whole once more.

Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and singing:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and

might, heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san-na in the high - est.

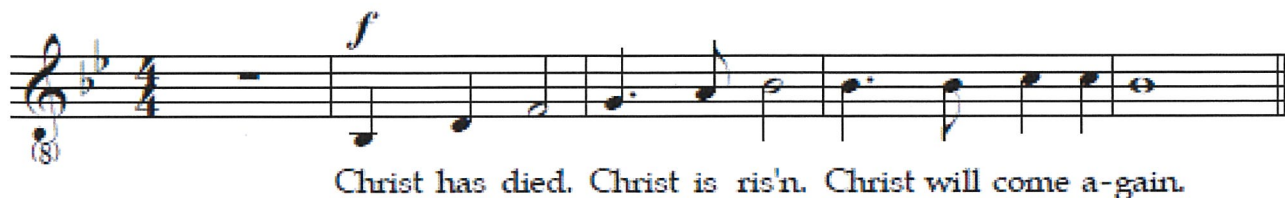
Merciful God, we thank you
for these gifts of your creation,
this bread and wine,
and we pray that by your Word and Holy Spirit,
we who eat and drink them
may be partakers of Christ's body and blood.

On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread;
and when he had given you thanks
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying,
'Take, eat. This is my body given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.'

After supper, he took the cup,
and again giving you thanks
he gave it to his disciples, saying,
'Drink from this, all of you.

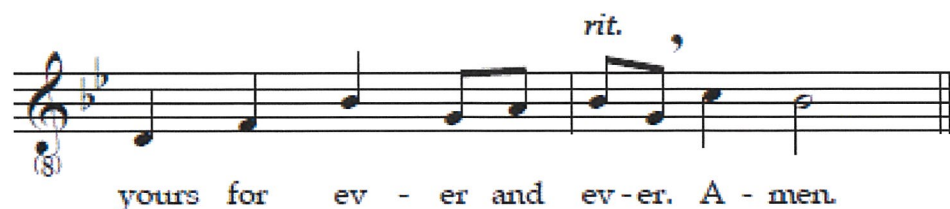
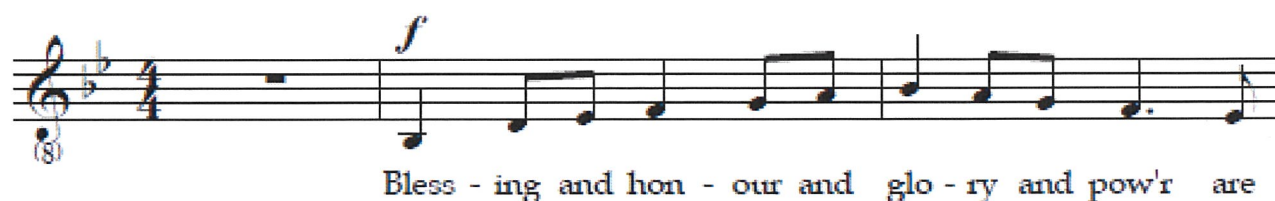
This is my blood of the new covenant
 shed for you and for many
 for the forgiveness of sins.
 Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

Deacon: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:



Therefore we do as our Saviour has commanded:
 proclaiming his offering of himself
 made once for all upon the cross,
 his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
 and looking for his coming again,
 we celebrate, with this bread and this cup,
 his one perfect and sufficient sacrifice
 for the sins of the whole world.

Renew us by your Holy Spirit,
 unite us in the body of your Son,
 and bring us with all your people
 into the joy of your eternal kingdom;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord,
 with whom, and in whom,
 in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
 we worship you, Father,
 in songs of never-ending praise:



**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 for ever. Amen.**

Breaking the bread, the Presider says

We sing together the Agnes Dei:

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The Invitation

The gifts of God for the people of God. Come let us take this holy sacrament of the body and blood of Christ in remembrance that he died for us, and feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving. **Amen.**

Communion Hymn - TiS 382 (*Tune: Noël Nouvelet*)

Now the green blade rises
from the buried grain,
wheat that in the dark earth many days has lain:
love lives again,
that with the dead has been.

*Love has come again,
like wheat that springs up green.*

In the grave they laid him,
Love whom hate had slain,
thinking that he never
would awake again, laid in the earth,
like grain that sleeps unseen.

*Love has come again,
like wheat that springs up green.*

Up he sprang at Easter,
like the risen grain,
he who for the three days
in the grave had lain,
raised from the dead
my living Lord is seen:

*Love has come again,
like wheat that springs up green.*

When our hearts are wintry,
grieving, or in pain,
then your touch can call us
back to life again -
field of our hearts
that dead and bare have been:

*Love has come again,
like wheat that springs up green.*

After Communion

Eternal God, giver of life,
in the breaking of the bread we know the risen Lord.
May we who celebrate this holy feast
walk in his risen light
and bring new life to all creation.

Father,
we offer ourselves to you as a living sacrifice
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen

Final Hymn

Thine be the glory- NEH 120 (*Tune: Maccabeus*)

Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won;
angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes, where thy body lay.

*Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won.*

Lo, Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;
let the Church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
for her Lord now liveth, death hast lost its sting.

*Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.*

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of Life;
life is nought without thee: aid us in our strife;
make us more than conquerors through thy deathless love;
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.

*Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.*

The Blessing and Dismissal

The blessing of the Living God, who brings light out of darkness,
be upon you now and forever.

The blessing of the risen Christ, who sends you as apostles into all the world
be upon you now and for ever.

The blessing of the Holy Spirit, who fills the church with joy and praise,
be upon you now and for ever.

And the ✠blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord, Alleluia, Alleluia.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

A Homily for Easter Day 2020

The Rev'd Dr Max Wood

As we reflect upon Easter, the event and core aspect of our Christian faith, one of its characteristics to me, if we are to apply a modern term to it, is portability.

Orthodox Christian teaching maintains that the Resurrection did occur as an historical event in the economy of human and salvation history. It happened at a particular time, at a particular place in the world.

There was a Garden. There was a tomb into which the crucified Jesus' body had been laid. While our Gospel accounts differ on the precise events on what we refer to as the first Easter Sunday, we just heard Matthew's version, what they all testify to, is the reality of Jesus' resurrection in the economy of human and salvation history. It has a static aspect to it.

But in another important sense, the Resurrection of Jesus, has a portable aspect to it as well. As a theological reality, its application is universal and portable.

In the famous prologue to his gospel, John talks of Jesus, the Word, as being "in the beginning", as being "with God", and being "God". Jesus, is part of the divine intention, and life sustaining of the beginning and subsequently of all of creation.

And if we accept that you can't separate the Resurrection from Jesus, then the Resurrection is part of the divine intention, and life sustaining of the beginning and subsequently of all of creation.

It has, what I'm terming, this portability aspect.

It is always present and applicable. And we can use and draw strength and courage from what we believe about Resurrection, as much today, as any day, past or future.

So where am I heading with all this?

Well, like, as I imagine, will be suggested in thousands of Easter Sermons around the world today, Resurrection promises us, that although times can be dark, and troubling, can be filled with anguish, fear, confusion, or despair, God's love in Resurrection promises us that this situation, will not ultimately prevail or be victorious. Resurrection promises us that even death, will not ultimately prevail or be victorious.

This doesn't make the dark and troubling times any less dark or troubling. But what it offers is the hope that they will pass, and the hope, that they will not ultimately win. John said: "the light shined in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it". This present situation is dark, but God assures us he will not let it overcome us.

This does not mean things will go back to how they were in every sense. The example of the Resurrected Jesus as recorded in the Gospels, does not present a "resuscitated Jesus", a Jesus who died and came back identical to how he was before.

The Gospels present a "resurrected Jesus", where there were aspects of change and continuity with the Jesus his followers knew before. And so it will be for us.

Many aspects of life will change from before. But the promise of Resurrection is that they will not end. The Resurrected Jesus demonstrates that even the worst death imaginable, will not be the end and will not ultimately be victorious.

And this is the surety and hope that we can take hold of today, even in our darkness, and for all eternity.

The Lord be with you.