



THE CARMELITE

Parish of Port Melbourne and Middle Park
in the care of the Carmelites since 1882

*We acknowledge the Yalukit Willam Clan, the traditional owners and custodians of this land. We pay our respects to them.
May we walk gently here.*

Palm Sunday of the Passion of our Lord 25 March 2018

My dear Parishioners,

PALM SUNDAY

This weekend marks the beginning of Holy Week which is the most solemn week of the Church's year. The details for the Holy Week ceremonies are on the back of this newsletter and everyone is welcome to attend.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to our 1st Reconciliation candidates who celebrated the Sacrament on last Thursday evening. I trust that it was a pleasant experience for the children and their families. My thanks to Fr Matthew for assisting with the evening.

LENTEN PRAYER

Hear my voice, for it is the voice of the victims of all wars and violence among individuals and nations.

Hear my voice, for it is the voice of all children who suffer and will suffer when people put their faith in weapons and war.

Hear my voice when I beg You to install into the hearts of all human beings the wisdom of peace, the strength of justice, and the joy of fellowship.

Hear my voice, for I speak for the multitudes in every country

and in every period of history who do not want war and are ready to walk the road of peace.

Hear my voice and grant insight and strength

so that we may always respond to hatred with love,

to injustice with total dedication to justice, to need with the sharing of self,

to war with peace.

O God, hear my voice and grant unto the world Your everlasting peace.

Amen.

(St John Paul II)

Let's enter into the spirit of the mystery of the life, death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus.

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Both our Churches are fitted with a hearing induction loop. Please use the 'T' or other appropriate switch on your hearing aid. Please tell us if you experience any difficulty.

OUR PARISH

Churches

St Joseph's
cnr Rouse & Stokes Streets
Port Melbourne

Our Lady of Mount Carmel
cnr Richardson & Wright Streets
Middle Park

Sunday Masses

6.00pm (Sat) Mount Carmel
9.00am Saint Joseph's
10.30am Mount Carmel

Reconciliation

after 9.00am Mass Saturday

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(CLOSED WEDNESDAYS)**

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THIS WEEK

Monday 26 March

9.00am Mass, both churches
6.00pm Bible Study Group, St Joseph's Hall

Tuesday 27 March

9.00am Mass, both churches

Wednesday 28 March - Parish office Closed

9.00am Mass, Mt Carmel
9.00am Morning Prayer, St Joseph's

Thursday 29 March - Holy Thursday

9.00am Morning Prayer, both churches
7.30pm **Mass of the Lord's Supper, Mt Carmel**

Friday 30 March - Good Friday

10.00am Morning Prayer, both churches
3.00pm **Good Friday liturgies, both churches**

Saturday 31 March - Holy Saturday

10.00am Morning Prayer, both churches
7.30pm **Easter Vigil of the The Resurrection of the
Lord, Mt Carmel**

Sunday 1 April - Easter Sunday

9.00am Mass, St Joseph's
10.30am Mass, Mt Carmel

WE REMEMBER

Those who are sick or ill and in need of prayer: Dr Raymond Adams, Samah Al-Sayed, Michael Baine, Julian Baker, John Bassett, Karin Brown, Rosetta Bueti, John Clement, Grace Cumming, Ron Dalton, Luka Dabovic, Maureen Dickason, Joseph Dimasi, Jelena Dokmarkovic, Frances Donegan, Kevin Egan, Elenita Estrella, David Flynn, Pada Ghicui, Ivy Hemenace, Mena Horsley, Michael Junkovic, Pero Junkovic, Andres Manzano, Guadalupe Manzano, Elishka Marvan, Ben McGrath, Fr Phelin McGowan, Sian Middleton, Anika Nagorcka, Giuseppe Parissi, Charles & Edith Portelli, Pat Pringle, Rafal Rafalski, Wayne Reade, Stephen Reilly, Sr Alexia Riddington, csb, Joy Skeffington, Poppy Smith, Sash Somerset-Beauverie, Helen Stanley, Jim Sullivan, Ron Turner, Rosemary Walsh, Tami Yap.

Those who have died recently: Max Lawrie, Anthony McNamara

Those whose anniversaries of death occur about this time: Antonio Di Napoli, Giovanna Di Napoli, Irene Gorosito, Josie Hall, Marion MacLellan and Carmelite David De Loughrey.

IN OUR PARISH

Request for a lift to Mass

We have received a request from a parishioner living in Raglan Street, Port Melbourne seeking a lift to the 9am Mass at St Joseph's on Sundays. If you can assist please contact the Parish Office on 9681 9600 for further details.

Volunteers Required For Easter Liturgies

We need parishioners to volunteer their feet for the Holy Thursday "Washing Of The Feet Liturgy".

We are also looking for volunteers to help take up the collection on Good Friday.

If you are able to help please contact Michael Murray at the Parish office on Monday on: 9681-9600.

Palm Sunday Walk for Justice for Refugees

Called to Welcome and Protect
2.00pm Sunday, 25 March

1.00pm Prayer Service at St Patrick's Cathedral

1.40 Depart Cathedral to join:

Walk for Justice for Refugees

State Library of Victoria, Swanston Street, Melbourne

Invitation to Adoration and Exposition

St Joseph's Church

First Friday of each month

Mass/Morning Prayer at 9.00am followed by Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament until 10.00am

Enquiries: Mary 0402 853 566

Daylight Saving Time ends

1st April 2018



Back 1 hour

Daylight Savings

Please remember that next weekend (Easter Sunday) is the end of daylight savings. So put your clocks back an hour.

An extra hour of sleep.

You don't want to be at church too early!

MINISTERS

**31 March/ 1 April
Easter Sunday**

7.30pm Mount Carmel

Commentator: TBA

Readers: TBA

Eucharistic Ministers: TBA

Communion to the Sick: TBA

9.00am St Joseph's

Commentator: Vicki Howell

Reader: Kevin Mooney

Eucharistic Ministers: Elaine Chaffer, Kelly McEnhill, Frances Correa

Counters: Cathy Garbellini & Jan Scrivvens

Childrens' Liturgy N/A

10.30am Mount Carmel

Commentator: TBA

Readers: TBA

Eucharistic Ministers: TBA

Childrens' Liturgy N/A

Hospitality N/A

THANK YOU

for your generosity last Sunday

St Joseph's

*Carmelite and
Parish Offering* \$1094

Our Lady of Mt Carmel

*Carmelite and
Parish Offering* \$1858

IN OUR PARISH

Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land

The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land takes place on Good Friday. This collection promotes the missionary work of the church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment and housing. The collection is also used to maintain 74 churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus.

Hall Centenary Celebrations and Open House Melbourne.

This year marks 100 years since the foundation stone was laid for the Carmelite Hall in Middle Park. The Hall is the oldest building in our Middle Park precinct. On the 24th of November 1918, 5000 people arrived to see the new Archbishop of Melbourne, Daniel Mannix unveil the foundation stone.

The Carmelites would like to have the centenary of event celebrated in fitting style. The celebrations will start on the weekend of the 28th and 29th of July when the whole precinct will be open as part of Open House Melbourne. Get ready to come along, with your family and friends. You will be able to explore the architecture and history of the front and behind the scenes areas, of both our Church and Hall.

In October, the Hall will be our sole focus. The Hall has been not just a central place for our Parish, but for our whole neighbourhood. It has seen everything from Deb Balls to Wrestling, Amateur Dramatics and AFL Banner making. There will be several events to help us both celebrate, and reminisce upon the colourful history of our Hall.

There will be further details as these events draw closer.

Ann Rochford. Hall Centenary Committee.

Parish Office

The Parish Office will be closed from 3.00pm Thursday 29 March in order for our staff to get all Easter Liturgical Requisites in the churches for the Holy Week Liturgies. The Parish staff will return on Wednesday 3 April, and the office will open to the public on Thursday 4 April.

Please return your Project Compassion Boxes or Envelopes to church on Holy Thursday Evening Mass at Our Lady of Mount Carmel. Thank You.

The Carmelite Centre is a joint venture of the Carmelites of Australia and East Timor and our Parish of Port Melbourne/Middle Park.

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T: (03) 9690 5430 Website: www.thecarmelitecentremelbourne.org

Carmelite Centre Program Bookings

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via website: www.thecarmelitecentremelbourne.org

The Carmelite Library

The Carmelite Library, located in the Carmelite Hall next to the Church, is open on Tuesdays from 12.00 to 8.00pm and Wednesday to Friday 9.00am to 5.00pm.
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REFLECTION ON THIS WEEK'S READINGS

In the third verse of the rousing hymn, How Great Thou Art, we sing,

*'And when I think that God his Son not sparing
sent him to die I scarce can take it in.
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing,
he bled and died to take away my sin.'*

This verse enshrines a long-held tradition that Jesus died as a necessary atonement to God for our sins. From this perspective Jesus' suffering and death was the price of the ransom paid to evil so that we might share in God's life. Alternatively, the death of Jesus is seen as the only thing that satisfied God's anger at our sins, and caused God to love us again.

We should be very careful about what we sing! On the one hand this theology rightly shows us the extraordinary love Jesus has for us. On the other hand it says some very difficult things about God. What loving creator, for example, would say that the torture and death of his beloved son is the only way he can be happy about his creatures? What just judge, no matter how angry he or she might be at the crimes laid out in the courtroom, would allow an innocent man to die for the guilty? And how powerful is God over evil if the only way to keep it in check is through human sacrifice? These are serious questions and they have an impact on our everyday life of faith, and can sometimes alienate us from believing that God is our all-loving Father in heaven.

Today, we rightly hear a lot about victims – people, who through no choice or fault of their own, have been dealt with wrongly by others who are free to act otherwise and who know better. In some of the ways we think about the passion, Jesus becomes God's victim. Through no fault of his own, and seemingly powerless in the face of his Father's will, Jesus becomes a victim of God's need for a sacrifice, a ransom or atonement.

As a result, many of us can feel that sometimes we are God's victims too, because if God wanted Jesus to suffer and die, why should we be surprised or complain when we receive large crosses to carry as well?

Mark's account of the passion tends to reinforce Jesus as victim. Mark has Jesus eating with the outcasts, his friends betraying, denying or deserting him. He tells us that Jesus is terrified at the prospect of death and calls on his 'Abba' or 'daddy' to help him out. In the end he accepts 'the will of God' but even then feels abandoned by God on the Cross.

I often think we misread what Jesus is referring to when he accepts God's will in the Garden. Rather than refer to the particular will of the Father to see Jesus suffer and die on Good Friday, I think it's more helpful and consoling to understand it as referring to God's will that Jesus remains faithful to the way he lived. If by doing that Jesus threatened the religious and political authorities of his day so much that they have to murder him, then his death is the ultimate sacrifice which reveals how far God was prepared to go in love for us. This reveals to us that Jesus came 'to live', and that by faithfully living this life he was put to death by the powers of sin. Through the cross we see the price to be paid in confronting sin in our day and obediently living out the demands of God's kingdom of justice and peace.

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Psyche Mae from Philippines

When Psyche Mae featured in Project Compassion 2008, she was living in a squatter settlement, on the edge of a giant rubbish dump outside Manila in the Philippines. Her family was forced to pick through the rubbish to sell what they could to survive.



In 2018, Psyche Mae is now a young social worker, achieving her dream of helping others struggling to leave poverty behind them – with plans to study a Master's degree.

Thanks to the support of individuals and Caritas Australia through Project Compassion, the Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ) program helps people like Psyche Mae to learn job and income-generating skills, encourages education, addresses health and runs programs that enable members to save money and take out small, low interest loans. It's estimated around 5000 people are assisted directly or indirectly by this program.

Psyche Mae's mother is now a full-time sewer at home and her father works with the House Repair program, run by FCJ. Her brother, Franklin has graduated from tertiary education and is working in IT, while her other two brothers and her sister are studying hard.

With their jobs and the help of a community savings plan – Psyche Mae's entire family managed to lift themselves out of poverty and build a just future.

It was always my dream to have a healthy environment where dwellers have positive relationships, families are strengthened and have access to permanent employment, livelihood and other social services. And women and children and vulnerable sectors are protected!"- Psyche Mae



Your donation will support programs around the world that provide vulnerable people with the skills and opportunities they need. Project Compassion money boxes and envelopes are available for collection from the Church foyer. The money boxes are an excellent way to introduce your children to Project Compassion.

PLEASE RETURN YOUR PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES OR ENVELOPES TO CHURCH ON HOLY THURSDAY EVENING MASS AT OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL. THANK YOU.



Port Melbourne/Middle Park Parish

Lent and Easter Timetable 2018

Community Reconciliation

Monday 26 March, 7:30pm: St Joseph's

Holy Thursday 29 March

9:00am: Morning Prayer – Both Churches

7:30pm: Mass of the Lord's Supper at Mount Carmel

Good Friday 30 March

10:00am: Morning Prayer – Both Churches

3:00pm: Solemn Commemoration of the Lord's Passion –
Both Churches

Holy Saturday 31 March

10:00am: Morning Prayer – Both Churches

7:30pm: Easter Vigil at Mount Carmel

Easter Sunday 1 April

9:00am: Easter Mass at St Joseph's

10:30am: Easter Mass at Mount Carmel

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 22 MY GOD, MY GOD



All who see me laugh at me, they mock me and they shake their heads:
“He relied on the Lord, let the Lord be his refuge.

As dogs around me, they circle me about.
Wounded me and pierced me, they can number all my bones.

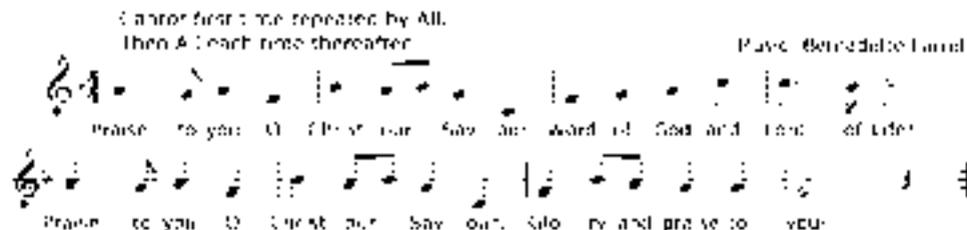
My clothing they divided, for my garments casting lots,
O Lord, do not desert me, but hasten to my aid.

I will praise you to my people, and proclaim you in their midst.
O fear the Lord and praise him, give glory to his name.

Philippians 2:6-11

He humbled himself to become like us and God raised him on high.
His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling
to his equality with God but emptied himself
to assume the condition of a slave,
and became as men are, and being as all men are,
he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross.
But God raised him high and gave him the name
which is above all other names so that all beings
in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld,
should bend the knee at the name of Jesus
and that every tongue should acclaim
Jesus Christ as Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL

Mark 15:1-39

Celebrant First thing in the morning,
the chief priests together with the elders and scribes,
in short the whole Sanhedrin, had their plan ready.
They had Jesus bound and took him away and handed him over to Pilate.

Pilate questioned him, "Are you the king of the Jews?"
"It is you who say it."
And the chief priests brought many accusations against him.
Pilate questioned him again. "Have you no reply at all?
See how many accusations they are bringing against you!"
But, to Pilate's amazement, Jesus made no further reply.

Reader 1 At festival time Pilate used to release a prisoner for them,
anyone they asked for.
Now a man called Barabbas was then in prison with the rioters
who had committed murder during the uprising.

When the crowd went up and began to ask Pilate for the customary
favour, Pilate answered them:
"Do you want me to release for you the king of the Jews?"
For he realised it was out of jealousy
that the chief priests had handed Jesus over.
The chief priests, however, had incited the crowd to demand
that he should release Barabbas for them instead.
"But in that case, what am I to do with the man you call king of the Jews?"
"Crucify him!" "Why? What harm has he done?" "Crucify him!"

So Pilate, anxious to placate the crowd, released Barabbas for them
and, having ordered Jesus to be scourged, handed him over
to be crucified.

The soldiers led him away to the inner part of the palace, that is,
the Praetorium, and called the whole cohort together.
They dressed him in purple, twisted some thorns into a crown and
put it on him.
And they began saluting him, "Hail, king of the Jews!"
They struck his head with a reed and spat on him;
and they went down on their knees to do him homage.
And when they had finished making fun of him,
they took off the purple and dressed him in his own clothes.

Reader 2
They led him out to crucify him.
They enlisted a passer-by, Simon of Cyrene,
father of Alexander and Rufus,
who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross.
They brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha,
which means the place of the skull.

They offered him wine mixed with myrrh, but he refused it.
Then they crucified him, and shared out his clothing,
casting lots to decide what each should get.
It was the third hour when they crucified him.
The inscription giving the charge against him read:
"The King of the Jews."
And they crucified two robbers with him, one on his right
and one on his left.

The passers-by jeered at him; they shook their heads and said,
"Aha! So you would destroy the temple and rebuild it
in three days! Then save yourself: come down from the cross!"
The chief priests and the scribes mocked him among themselves
in the same way:
*"He saved others, he cannot save himself.
Let the Christ, the king of Israel,
come down from the cross now, for us to see it and believe."*
Even those who were crucified with him taunted him.

Celebrant:
When the sixth hour came there was darkness over the whole land
until the ninth hour. And at the ninth hour Jesus cried out in a loud voice,
"Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani!" *{Ely, Ely, larma sa-bach-tar-nee}*
My God, My God, why have you deserted me?"

When some of those who stood by heard this, they said
"Listen, he is calling on Elijah."
Someone ran and soaked a sponge in vinegar
and putting it on a reed, gave it to him to drink,
"Wait and see if Elijah will come to take him down."
But Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last.

And the veil of the Temple was torn in two from top to bottom.
The centurion, who was standing in front of him, had seen how he
had died, and he said, *"In truth this man was a son of God."*
There were some women watching from a distance.
Among them were Mary of Magdala,
Mary who was the mother of James the younger and Joset,
and Salome.

These used to follow him and look after him when he was in Galilee.
And there were many other women there who had come up to
Jerusalem with him.

Reader 1
It was now evening, and since it was Preparation Day,
that is the vigil of the sabbath,
there came Joseph of Arimathea,
a prominent member of the Council, who himself lived
in the hope of seeing the kingdom of God,
and he boldly went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus.

Pilate, astonished that he should have died so soon,
summoned the centurion and enquired if he was already dead.
Having been assured of this by the centurion,
he granted the corpse to Joseph who brought a shroud,
took Jesus down from the cross, wrapped him in the shroud
and laid him in a tomb which had been hewn out of the rock.
He then rolled a stone against the entrance to the tomb.
Mary of Magdala and Mary the mother of Jesus were watching
and took note of where he was laid.

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APOSTLES CREED

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

I believe in the Holy Spirit, t
he holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION - **RESPONSE:** RAISE US TO NEW LIFE.

Cel: The Lord be with you. **All: And with your Spirit.**
 Cel: Lift up your hearts. **All: We lift them up to the Lord.**
 Cel: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God. **All: It is right and just.**
 The Celebrant prays the preface at the end of which all sing:

HOLY, HOLY

Holy

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts, heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest, Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest.

THE MYSTERY OF FAITH

Save us, save our life, O world, for thy yearning and yearning for You have set us free. You have set us free.

LAMB OF GOD

Jesus Lamb of God

Jesus Lamb of God

Cel: Behold the Lamb of God. Behold him who takes away the sins of the World. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

All: **Lord I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

COMMUNION HYMN UNLESS A GRAIN OF WHEAT

Demacott's Hymn

REFRAIN

Unless a grain of wheat shall fall upon the ground and die, it bears many fruits, but a single grain, with no life.

VERSE

1. If we have died with him then we shall live with him,
 2. If any one serves me then they must follow me,
 3. I Make your home in me as I make mine in you,
 4. If you remain in me and my word lives in you,
 5. Those who love me are loved by my Father,
 6. Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you;

to Refrain

1. if we hold firm we shall reign with him...
 2. where ever I am my servants will be.
 3. those who remain in me bear much fruit...
 4. then you will be my disciples...
 5. we shall be with them and dwell in them...
 6. peace which the world can not give is my gift

The words of this hymn are taken from the 1962 Roman Missal, 1962, 1968, 1970, 1975, 1978, 1985, 1988, 1993, 1995, 1998, 2002, 2005, 2008, 2011, 2014, 2017, 2020, 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026, 2027, 2028, 2029, 2030, 2031, 2032, 2033, 2034, 2035, 2036, 2037, 2038, 2039, 2040, 2041, 2042, 2043, 2044, 2045, 2046, 2047, 2048, 2049, 2050, 2051, 2052, 2053, 2054, 2055, 2056, 2057, 2058, 2059, 2060, 2061, 2062, 2063, 2064, 2065, 2066, 2067, 2068, 2069, 2070, 2071, 2072, 2073, 2074, 2075, 2076, 2077, 2078, 2079, 2080, 2081, 2082, 2083, 2084, 2085, 2086, 2087, 2088, 2089, 2090, 2091, 2092, 2093, 2094, 2095, 2096, 2097, 2098, 2099, 2100, 2101, 2102, 2103, 2104, 2105, 2106, 2107, 2108, 2109, 2110, 2111, 2112, 2113, 2114, 2115, 2116, 2117, 2118, 2119, 2120, 2121, 2122, 2123, 2124, 2125, 2126, 2127, 2128, 2129, 2130, 2131, 2132, 2133, 2134, 2135, 2136, 2137, 2138, 2139, 2140, 2141, 2142, 2143, 2144, 2145, 2146, 2147, 2148, 2149, 2150, 2151, 2152, 2153, 2154, 2155, 2156, 2157, 2158, 2159, 2160, 2161, 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Turn our hearts, — turn our—
 minds, make us branches hold-ing fast to the — vine Pa-tient
 keep — er, draw us to your ten-der mer-cy, tree of life

VERSE 1

1. We re-mem-ber we are mor-tal breath of God but of the
 earth. Through the des-et we must tra-vel tast-ing hung-er, knowing

To Refrain

VERSE 2

thirst. Turn our sin-ful we are pride-ful We have all gone a-
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 stay. Deep with-in us we are need-ful of a
 To Refrain

clean heart day — by day. Turn our

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This Holy Week let's celebrate that God spared nothing in showing us how to live. As we commemorate Jesus' life, death and resurrection may we move from being victims of a bloodthirsty God to choosing again to follow Jesus' example and live lives which are faithful, loving and obedient. May we also appreciate that this life continues to, literally, threaten 'the hell out of' those opposed to the reign of God in our world, but that as Jesus was faithful to God and God to Jesus, so they will remain faithful to us as well, no matter what.

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