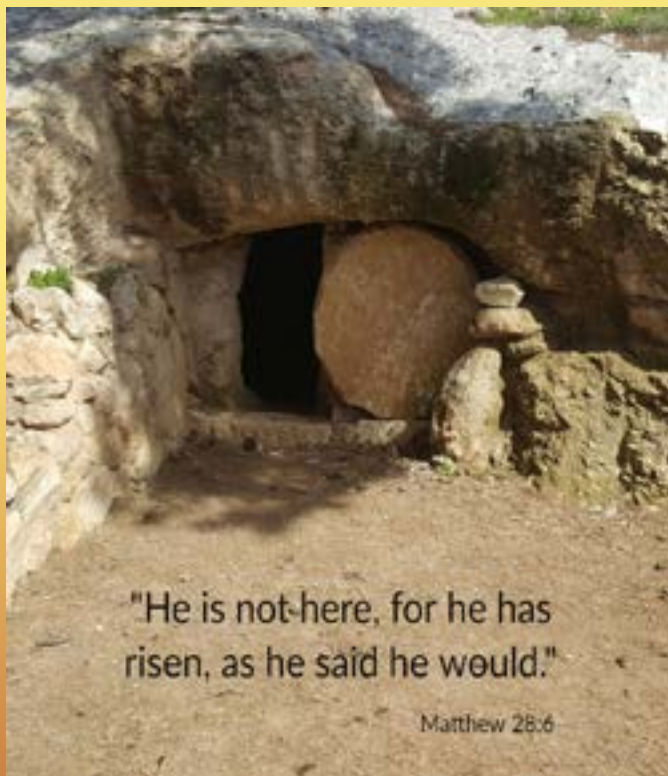


EASTER SUNDAY 2026



"He is not here, for he has
risen, as he said he would."

Matthew 28:6

THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

ST JOSEPH'S, PORT MELBOURNE
OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL, MIDDLE PARK

Dear sisters and brothers,

**“He has risen from the dead and now he is going before you to Galilee;
it is there you will see him.”**

This is the message that the angel gave to Mary of Magdala and the other Mary who came to mourn Jesus at his tomb, but found it empty. Then, in Matthew’s account of Jesus’ resurrection, we hear that *filled with awe and great joy the women came quickly away from the tomb and ran to tell the disciples. As they were doing so, we hear that coming to meet them, was Jesus. ‘Greetings,’ he said. And the women came up to him and, falling down before him, clasped his feet (in adoration of the one they now recognised as God). Then Jesus said to them, ‘Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers that they must leave for Galilee; they will see me there.’*

We note that Jesus’ *disciples* have become *his brothers*. They now share his risen life with him and they will encounter him themselves in *Galilee* – the place where Jesus shared his earthly life with them. Now they will share his risen life with him in the place where their everyday human lives are lived.

We, who have been *baptised in Christ Jesus*, as St Paul told the Romans, *were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father’s glory, we too might live a new life.*

As the brothers and sisters of Jesus, we are invited to encounter the risen Jesus in the Galilee of our lives, that is, in the circumstances and the people who are part of our everyday lives. It is in these people and in these circumstances that we too are called to *live a new life* – that is, life in the risen Christ.

Amidst the turmoil and suffering of our lives and in the midst of so much suffering and evil that surrounds us, our Easter celebration of the risen Christ calls us to hold fast to him and to find in him the courage, joy and hope that we need in order to be people of the resurrection and witnesses to his glory.

Happy Easter!



PROCESSIONAL HYMN: JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN TODAY

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
suffer 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!

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
Praise eternal as his love; Alleluia!
Praise him, now his might confess, Alleluia!
Father, Son and Spirit blest. Alleluia!

*Text St. 1. Surrexit Christus hodie Latin 14th C. St. 4 Charles Wesley
Tune Easter Hymn*

PENITENTIAL ACT (SUNG)

Cantor: Lord have mercy.
All: Lord have mercy.

Cantor: Christ have mercy.
All: Christ have mercy.

Cantor: Lord have mercy.
All: Lord have mercy.

GLORIA (SUNG)
Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.

CURTIS STEPHAN

We praise you, we bless you,
we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen, amen.

OPENING PRAYER

Cel: O God, who on this day,
through your Only Begotten Son,
have conquered death
and unlocked for us the path to eternity,
grant, we pray, that we who keep
the solemnity of the Lord's Resurrection
may, through the renewal brought by your Spirit,
rise up in the light of life.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

The Congregation Sits

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING ACTS 10:34, 37-43

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism.

God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil.

Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand.

Now we are those witnesses - we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead - and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead.

It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM - LET US REJOICE (PSALM 118)

**Response: This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.
This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.**

Give thanks to the Lord for God is good, God's mercy endures forever;
Let the house of Israel say: "God's mercy endures forever."

The hand of the Lord has struck with power, God's right hand is exalted,
I shall not die, but live anew, declaring the works of the Lord.

The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.
Lord of love and mercy has brought wonder to our eyes.

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SECOND READING

ROMANS 6:3-11

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life.

If in union with Christ we have imitated his death, we shall also imitate him in his resurrection. We must realise that our former selves have been crucified with him to destroy this sinful body and to free us from the slavery of sin.

We believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him any more. When he died, he died, once for all, to sin, so his life now is life with God; and in that way, you too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

The Congregation Stands

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

CURTIS STEPHAN

**Refrain: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Speak, O Lord, your servant is listening;
you have the words of everlasting life. **Refrain**

GOSPEL MATTHEW 28: 1-10

After the Sabbath, and towards dawn on the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala and the other Mary went to visit the sepulchre. And all at once there was a violent earthquake, for the angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled away the stone and sat on it. His face was like lightning, his robe white as snow. The guards were so shaken, so frightened of him, that they were like dead men. But the angel spoke; and he said to the women, 'There is no need for you to be afraid. I know you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here, for he has risen, as he said he would. Come and see the place where he lay, then go quickly and tell his disciples, "He has risen from the dead and now he is going before you to Galilee; it is there you will see him."

Now I have told you.' Filled with awe and great joy the women came quickly away from the tomb and ran to tell the disciples.

And there, coming to meet them, was Jesus. 'Greetings,' he said. And the women came up to him and, falling down before him, clasped his feet. Then Jesus said to them, 'Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers that they must leave for Galilee; they will see me there.'

Cel: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Congregation Sits

HOMILY

BLESSING OF BAPTISMAL WATER (ST JOSEPH'S ONLY)

RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES

The Congregation Stands

Cel: Do you renounce sin, so as to live in the freedom of the children of God?

All: We do.

Cel: Do you renounce the lure of evil, so that sin may have no mastery over you?

All: We do.

Cel: Do you renounce Satan, the author and prince of sin?

All: We do.

Cel: Do you believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth?

All: We do.

Cel: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary, suffered death and was buried, rose again from the dead and is seated at the right hand of the Father?

All: We do.

Cel: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting?

All: We do.

BLESSING OF THE PEOPLE WITH EASTER WATER

Celebrant blesses congregation with Holy Water.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

COLLECTION

OFFERTORY: WATER OF LIFE

STEPHEN DEAN

**Refrain: Water of life, cleanse and refresh us;
Raise us to life in Christ Jesus.**

All you who thirst, come to the waters, and you will never be thirsty again.

Refrain

As rain from heav'n, so is God's word, it waters the earth and brings forth life.

Refrain

Dying with Christ, so we shall rise with him, death shall no longer have pow'r over us. **Refrain**

Turn to the Lord, cast off your wickedness, you will find peace in his infinite love.

Refrain

The Congregation Stands

**All: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands
for the praise and glory of his name,
for our good
and the good of all his holy Church. Amen.**

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.

HOLY, HOLY (SUNG)

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Hosts.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest

Hosanna in the highest

The Congregation Kneels / Sits

MEMORIAL ACCALAMATION (SUNG)

We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again

Cel: Through him, and with him, and in him,
O God, almighty Father,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honour is yours,
for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

The Congregation Stands

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

SIGN OF PEACE

LAMB OF GOD (SUNG)

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us, grant us peace.

The Congregation Kneels / Sits

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 - ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA, GIVE THANKS

**Refrain: Alleluia! Alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Give praise to his name!**

Jesus is Lord of all the earth,
He is the King of creation. **Refrain**

Spread the good news over all the earth.
Jesus has died and has risen. **Refrain**

We have been crucified with Christ;
Now we shall live for ever. **Refrain**

Come, let us praise the living God;
Joyfully sing to our Saviour. **Refrain**

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CONCLUDING RITES

The Congregation Stands

Cel: The Lord be with you.
All: And with your Spirit.

RECESSIONAL HYMN - PILGRIMS OF HOPE

Original text: Pierangelo Sequeri

English translation: Andrew Wadsworth

**Refrain: Like a flame my hope is burning,
may my song arise to you:
Source of life that has no ending,
on life's path I trust in you.**

Every nation, tongue, and people
find a light within your Word.
Scattered fragile sons and daughters
find a home in your dear Son. **Refrain**

God, so tender and so patient,
dawn of hope, you care for all.
Heav'n and earth are recreated
by the Spirit of Life set free. **Refrain**

Raise your eyes, the wind is blowing,
for our God is born in time.
Son made man for you and many
who will find the way in him. **Refrain**

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The Carmelites wish you a very happy Easter.



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