



# THE SAVING WORD

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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.'

## ■ The word of the Lord.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(see front page)

### SECOND READING Col 3:1-4

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

*Look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is.*

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and

now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

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### SEQUENCE

*The sequence may be said or sung.*

Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer sacrifice and praise. / The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb; / and Christ, the undefiled, / hath sinners to his Father reconciled. / Death with life contended; combat strangely ended! / Life's own Champion, slain, yet lives to reign. / Tell us, Mary: say what thou didst see upon the way. / The tomb the Living did enclose; / I saw Christ's glory as he rose! / The angels there attesting, / shroud with grave-clothes resting. / Christ, my hope, has risen: he goes before you into Galilee. / That Christ is truly risen from the dead we know. / Victorious king, thy mercy show!

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

1 Cor 5:7-8

Alleluia, alleluia! / Christ has become our paschal sacrifice; / let us feast with joy in the Lord. / Alleluia!

### GOSPEL

Jn 20:1-9

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

*The teaching of scripture is that he must rise from the dead.*

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one

Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.'

So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

## ■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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## MASS OF EASTER NIGHT

### EPISTLE

Rom 6:3-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

*Christ, having been raised from the dead, will never die again.*

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. When a man dies, of course, he has finished with sin.

But 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.

## ■ The word of the Lord.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 117

R. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, / for his love has no end. / Let the sons of Israel say: 'His love has no end.' R.

2. The Lord's right hand has triumphed; / his right hand raised me up. / I shall not die, I shall live / and recount his deeds. R.

### GOSPEL Mt 28:1-10

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

*He has risen from the dead and now he is going before you to Galilee.*

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.'

## ■ The Gospel of the Lord.

### MASS DURING THE DAY

#### FIRST READING

Acts 10:34, 37-43

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

*We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead.*

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

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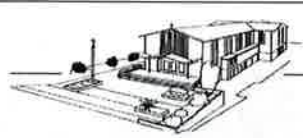
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**EASTER SUNDAY**

*Jesus believes that sinners have a future not just a past.*

**Please pray for the Faithful Departed:**

**Recently deceased:** Adelaida Soriano, Kenneth Phillips, Mary Stuanton, Marie Doran

**Anniversary:** Greg Hayson, Donald Wright, Clare Pekin, Morgan Hill, Asela Sorono, Monica Carey, Alan Smith, Jenny Moy, Robert and Yolande Aquilina, Moyah Buckley, Lydia & Zuzu Bugeya

*Please let us all make an effort to minimise risk of spreading infection and during this Easter season continue to deepen our Faith and concern for others.*

*We are very grateful that Channel 7 gave a live telecast of the 3pm Passion of the Lord and the 10.30am Easter Sunday Mass Some of you might want to contact Channel 7 and thank them.*



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***A Happy and Holy Easter to All***  
*Fr Laurie and Fr Paul wish you and all your loved ones*  
*a truly Blessed Easter.*



Sadly, we were not be able to celebrate the Easter Ceremonies together. Many priests celebrated them in empty churches. We assure you that you were and still are spiritually united with us in all the prayers and rituals. Try to make a special effort to spend some time in prayer in your own homes. Please reflect on the Scripture readings on the other side of this bulletin.

**You are encouraged to visit our parish websites:**

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While you are unable to physically attend Mass, you might like to watch Mass on:  
TV Channel 10 Sundays at 6am

or online <http://bit.ly/MassOnDemand>.

Keep updated read The Catholic Weekly online at: [www.catholicweekly.com.au](http://www.catholicweekly.com.au)

You are invited to read the reflections by Fr Paul on our website.

During this time of pandemic, you are invited to unite with others by praying:

*Prayer for those infected with COVID-19 and all those who are sick;*

We pray for all the sick at this time, especially those who may feel they have been sidelined due to the urgency around Covid-19. Through the intercession of Our Lady Health of the sick, may they receive the due attention they require and make a speedy recovery. Lord Jesus, heal them of their sickness. In your name we pray.

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*Prayer for health professionals, clergy and all those caring for the sick;*

We pray for hospital chaplains who minister to those affected by COVID-19. Through the intercession of St Martin de Pores, may they provide sure counsel and words of hope to those afflicted by the virus. Lord Jesus, give them the gift of your Word. In your name we pray.

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*Prayer for those infected with COVID-19 and all those who are sick;*

We pray for those who have been seriously weakened from Covid-19. Through the intercession of St Raphael the Archangel, may they regain their strength as well as the hope and determination to get well. Lord Jesus, be their sure hope! In your name we pray.

**EASTER PASTORAL MESSAGE**

Please watch the Easter video message from Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP  
On <https://vimeo.com/405366774>

*You are most welcome to contact Fr Laurie  
if you feel a need to speak to someone during this difficult time.*