

## FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Brothers and Sisters



Today we celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead. God has fulfilled the promises he made to our forefathers in the Old Testament, and sent his Son to us, so that he may proceed us into the tomb, and break the power of death. This victory is achieved by his humility, submission and obedience to the Father.

This year we are able to celebrate Easter in person, unlike last year when we were in complete lockdown. Some people are still in lockdown, and some have still not been to Church in over a year. God has an appointment with each one of us today, to bring us with him to the experience of eternal life, heaven.

The event of the Resurrection comes to meet each one of us, no matter where we find ourselves; it pierces our fears our worries our anxieties our uncertainties and makes present the absolute certainty of the love of God, a love which transforms us to be bearers of Christ himself.

I personally welcome all of you who will participate with us in our liturgies in person, and those of you who are following us via the live streams. Know that you are loved by God the Father. Christ has confirmed this love in the forgiveness of our sins, in his vanquishing death, darkness and doubt.

Christ Risen is standing at the right hand of the Father interceding for each one of us. He is showing his glorious wounds to the Father, and praying for us.

The resurrection of Christ in the flesh is offered to each one of us sacramentally, existentially. We can experience a new principle of life within us, the life of one who is risen victorious over death. This life is found in the absolute certainty of the love of God the Father, God who allows everything to contribute to our good.

“Why are you crying?” the Risen Christ asks Mary Magdalene at the tomb, “Go and tell my brothers that I ascend to my God and your God, to my Father and your Father”.

May we welcome the presence of the risen Christ who comes to greet each one of us this Easter morning, may his life be our life, may his love be our love, may his Father be Our Father. HAPPY EASTER!

Fr. Sean