

This past Sunday Christians celebrated Easter Day - the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. The rolled away stone and the empty tomb proclaimed the then and now scandalous reality that Jesus had risen from the dead! The Resurrection dramatically reveals that Jesus, put to death by the rulers and authorities of the empire, is the Lord of all creation and that Love, the most powerful force in the universe, conquers even the finality of death.

Christ's Resurrection assures us that death is not the last word. Life, not death; Love, not hate; Forgiveness, not vengeance: these are God's pronouncements embodied in the Resurrected Christ. The Resurrection means that nothing, nothing, no, nothing that humanity may ever do can overwhelm and kill the Love of God.

We look forward to being raised with Christ after our mortal death. But resurrection is not only a future hope. We are called to live each day as Resurrection People, partnering with God in the holy work of turning the human race into the human family. A friend wrote, that Easter "makes the outrageous invitation (for us) to live together in the face of evil and violence as people of unrelenting love."

As we pray the Lord's Prayer we say, "Thy kingdom come on *earth* as it is in heaven." May God bless us with the courage and the commitment to live as Resurrection People, loving God with all our heart, and soul, and mind, and loving our neighbors as ourselves.

May God bless you each and every day as you protect and serve our community.

Blessed Eastertide.

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