

EASTER SUNDAY - YEAR A

FIRST READING – Acts 10: 34, 37-43

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

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 witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

■ The word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R: This is the day the Lord has made;
Let us rejoice and be glad.

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.**

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.**

The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
A marvel in our eyes. **R.**

SECOND READING – Colossians 3: 1-4

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Colossians

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, no 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 – he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

■ The word of the Lord

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;
Let us feast with joy in the Lord.

Alleluia

GOSPEL – John 20: 1-9

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

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 put 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

Happy Easter



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(st kevins parish hampton park)

The Stations of the Cross (also on YouTube)

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Let's reflect...

“Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.” (Colossians 3:2)

Do you put God first in all things? Possessions, money, power, ego can easily become gods to many of us. Do a quick check of what is important to you. Is God at the very top of the list? If not, your priorities need to be re-adjusted. Don’t let earthly things become a god before God. This is also the first commandment – I am the Lord your God, you shall not have any strange gods before me.

Easter Message to Parishioners of St. Kevin's Parish

Dear Friends in Christ Jesus,

HAPPY EASTER!

From the beginning of the liturgy on Holy Saturday night when all the natural light has faded, the prayers remind us, "May the light of Christ rising in glory dispel the darkness of our souls and minds."

And when the new Easter Candle is held high the clear statement is made for all to hear, "The Light of Christ."

The Easter liturgies invite us all to experience the life of God wrapped up together with our own lives.

This year, 2020, we have been experiencing a lot of dark nights. The whole humanity's hope is strangled by the darkness of despair, fear and crisis that come in the name of COVID - 19. These are tough times, abnormal times: these are periods of faith in which our certainties, beliefs about God, and even faith, for some, may be eclipsed.

COVID -19 is virtually the Way of the Cross for humanity. Thousands have been crucified to a cruel death by a viral organism that cannot be seen by eyes. Thousands have been walking an excruciating Way of the Cross in many countries. We pray that thousands afflicted and walking in their way of the Cross, be strengthened by the faith that the Cross ends in Resurrection.

We, Catholics and all humanity, wait with joy and hope that this Holy Saturday will end with a victorious Easter. All long dark nights end with the dawn. Evil has an expiry date. The Church is God's hope-generating agency. So with joy and hope say: "Alleluia! Jesus Christ, our Lord is risen!"

Dear Friends, in this very joyful time of Easter, I, on behalf of Fr. Des, the Parish Priest, would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support in this challenging time and different ways. I pray that you and your loved ones have a very blessed Easter! When you come before the Lord, please pray for the unity of our parish, for Fr. Des, me, and our staff. Know that we will pray for you, your loved ones and your intentions. We may not see each other this Easter time because of COVID-19, but may we meet each day in our prayers. May the Risen Lord bless you all now and for ever.

In Christ

Fr. Dong Tran

THIS SUNDAY WE PRAY

For the sick: Rosemary Rayner-Laver

For those who have died recently: Keith Fonceca, Michael Guinan

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time:
A.J. Ambrose, Patrick & Rosemund Dubier, Regina Vincent,
Ebby Joseph

