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A Prayer for Today

Lord of all life and power, who through the mighty resurrection of Your Son overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in Him: grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to You in Jesus Christ, may reign with Him in glory; to whom with You and the Holy Spirit be praise and honour, glory and might, now and in all eternity. Amen



English Worship Service is live-streamed, 9:30 a.m.:

- YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/

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Welcome to a gathering of God's people. We gather to worship the risen Lord Jesus and to encourage one another to obey Him.

1. BLESSED EASTER

'Christ is risen'! 'He is risen indeed'!! Easter greetings to one and all. Bishop Melter, and the whole diocesan leadership, together with our PCC and church staff, wish everyone a meaningful celebration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

A special welcome to all guests and visitors; and to those who made a special effort to worship onsite today. Please stay after the Service to share a meal together.

The church office will be closed from tomorrow to Wed. We thank the church staff for their hard work over the past few weeks - throughout Lent, the Holy Week and the AGM. Office reopens on Thurs, 4 Apr.

2. BUSY RAYA AHEAD

- Evergreens next Sat, 6 Apr: seniors gathering,
 Omega Hall, 9:30 am. Easter celebrations.
- EN youth -10-11 Apr: retreat at Kundasang.
 Theme: 'Parable of the Hidden Treasure'.
 Activities include cook their own meals, hiking to local village, sleep under tents, bible study and more.
- BM congregation -10-12 Apr: 50 of us are joining the BM Prayer Conference, St. Patrick's Church, Tawau. Theme: Breakthrough Impact.
- Diocesan Clergy 9-12 Apr: World Anglican Chinese Clergy Conference, Taiwan. About 30 clergy and their wives will be joining; including our Rector and Lorraine.





3. **DIOCESAN HAPPENINGS**

- 30 Apr-2 May CH & EN Young Adults' Conference, All Saints' Cathedral, KK.
 Open for registration. RM200 per person. Subsidy available. To date, over 100 registrations.
- 28-30 May CH & EN Youth Camp,
 Vision School, Tawau. Open for registration. RM135 per person (includes food and lodging).

EASTER MESSAGE

- Bishop Datuk Melter J. Tais

Dear brothers and sisters, I greet you in the most precious name of the risen and living Jesus.

Today, as we gather to celebrate Easter, let us remember the profound significance of this day.

Easter marks the pinnacle of our faith, namely,

the resurrection of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. It is a reminder of the triumph of light over darkness, hope over despair, and life over death.

In the Gospel of Matthew 28:6 we read, "He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay." These words echo through the ages, carrying the message of victory and redemption. The empty tomb stands as a testament to the power of God, who raised Jesus from the dead, conquering sin and granting us eternal life.

As we reflect on this miraculous event, let us also ponder the words of the apostle Paul in Romans 6:5 which says, "For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his." Through Christ's resurrection, we are offered the promise of our own resurrection, that is, a glorious transformation that transcends the limitations of this mortal life. It is a promise of new beginnings, restoration, and eternal joy in the presence of our Heavenly Father.

Today, let us rejoice in the resurrection of our Lord, knowing that through His sacrifice, we are redeemed, forgiven, and reconciled to God. May the hope and joy of Easter fill your hearts and inspire us to live lives of faith, love and service to others.

I take this opportunity to wish you and your loved ones a Blessed and Joyous Easter.

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A NEW CREATION

"Early on Sunday morning, while it was still dark ..." - John 20:1

- 1. Easter the resurrection of Jesus Christ
 - a most unique celebration
- 2. The resurrection of Jesus Christ a new creation
 - "while it was still dark" Genesis1:1-3, John 1:1,14
 - victory over sin, death, decay
 - a promise of our own resurrection
 - a promise of Jesus' return
- 3. A new beginning
 - for Mary Magdalene
 - for Peter and John, and the disciples
- 4. A new beginning
 - for all who turn to Jesus







FOR PRAYER

Our beloved World

pray for world peace; esp., in troubled areas
 [that we may not lose hope because Christ is risen and is coming back]

Our beloved Country

pray for harmony among the different people groups
 [that Christian people may share the love of God]

Ourselves

- pray for a renewed life dedicated to love and to serve [that the resurrection of Jesus may influence us more and more]
- pray for the sick in body, mind and spirit; and for our 5 special friends. Name them in our prayer.