

EASTER SUNDAY MESSAGE

1st SUNDAY OF EASTER – 17 APRIL 2022



Christ the Redeemer, Brazil

HAPPY EASTER

During the week we have remembered that Jesus travelled from Galilee to Jerusalem for that first Easter. He journeyed that first Easter for us, to save us.

We join with Pope Francis this Easter in praying for Ukraine. Thank you to all who have prepared and enabled our parish Holy Easter ceremonies.

At Easter we recall moments when God turns moments of dying into new life. We have moments when we die to ourselves to arise anew in Jesus. For example, dying to selfishness that we may be more loving to God and our neighbour.

Our Easter journey includes:

HOLY THURSDAY

- The gift of Jesus in the Eucharist
- The reception of the Holy Oils for the ceremonies during the year to come
- The call to service by the washing of feet
 - Adoration of Jesus after Mass as we recall Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane

GOOD FRIDAY

- The journey of Jesus to the cross
- The death of Jesus for our salvation
- The burial of Jesus in the tomb
 - Our prayer petitions included the pandemic and the cry for peace for Ukraine
 - A solidarity wreath was placed at the foot of the cross for all who have died from violence.

EASTER MASSES

- The Blessing of the new Pascal Candle for our church liturgies during the year to come
- The annual renewal of our baptismal promises and Christian faith commitment to God
- The resurrection of Jesus
- And Jesus risen in our lives – Everyday of our lives.

In today's Easter Gospel we note the special place of Mary Magdalene who witnessed to the Risen Christ. She encountered Jesus outside the tomb. Mary is a model for each of us. She is open to the invitation of Jesus to new life.

We place our concerns and issues before Jesus.
We don't bury our concerns in the tomb.

Acknowledging the injustice, trauma, ridicule and incredible pain that Jesus faced for each of us, we remember, in solidarity, those suffering here and elsewhere.

We face the pain in our world, in our families, in our community, with hope.

We place them before Jesus – with open hearts.

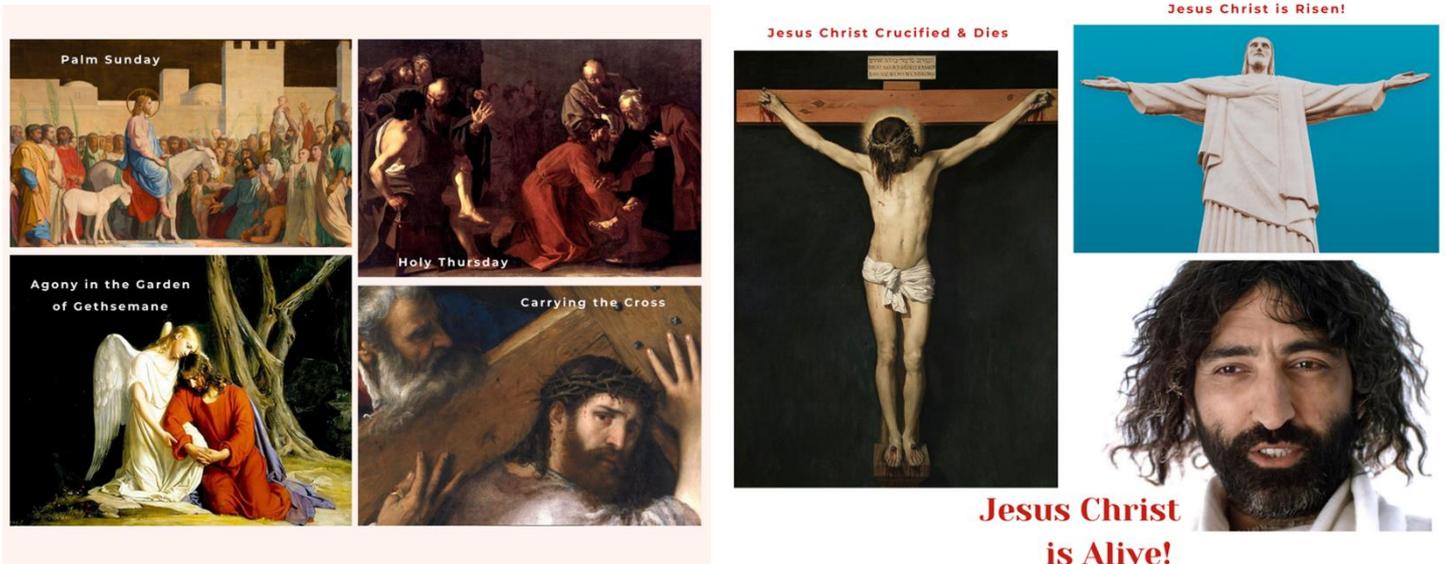
Jesus is risen from the dead. Alleluia. Alleluia.

We open our hearts to Jesus. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Father Gerry

Readings: <https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/041722.cfm>

Journey of the First Easter



The Entrance of Christ to Jerusalem on Palm Sunday by Hypolithe Flandrin

Christ Washing the Apostles Feet by Dirck van Baburen

Agony in the Garden of Gethsemane by Carl Bloch

Christ Carrying the Cross by Titian

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