

## **L**ife during Lockdown: **We are alive with Jesus** **The Easter Season**



Dear Saints,

There was a massive amount of preparation and anticipation building which brought us to Holy week and the Easter Season. The Lenten season provided us with an opportunity to focus on our personal conversion and maybe even our corporate conversion as a Church and the broader community we live in. The least we could expect therefore at the end of Lent would be to be persons who have gone through a personal transformation, with hearts open and ready for Easter.

This Season continues until the Day of Pentecost. Fifty days of celebrating the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Not that this does not happen every Sunday, but the Easter Season provides opportunity for the church to reflect on the biblical witness concerning the rumours of the resurrection and the meaning of the resurrection in our lives. The Church is publicly commemorating, observing and remembering the resurrection of our Lord and the change it brings in our lives and reality. We are publicly gathering as church to glorify the resurrection.

It is interesting to see that the first scripture readings of the daily Eucharistic Service during these fifty days are not from the Old Testament as is generally the case, but from the book of Acts. We are presented with the Acts of the Apostles every day. In this way the Church passes down the recorded stories of the first Christians and proclaims them every Easter season. We are still left with the question, "What does the resurrection mean?"



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# The Messenger

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This has been a year of pandemic, social, economic, and political disruptions at a global scale. We have been exposed as a world built on inequality and injustice. There is a collective knowing that our ways of life, which we describe as normal, are deeply unfair and unsustainable.

David Ewart has the following to say with regard to the meaning of Easter ;

*"Easter provides a whole season to reflect on the Good News that the oppressive political system that executed Jesus is not the only game in town. The proclamation, "He is risen!" is not just the celebration that the individual person of Jesus is risen. We are celebrating that every thing Jesus stood for is risen. Is undefeated. Is the true and trustworthy. His struggle is now our struggle. His story is now our story. How do we want to write our chapter of the life of Jesus?"*

*(www,holytextures.com)*

May you be inspired this Easter Season, to explore and live out this glorious reality that the life-giving Spirit is present in you, renewing through you the whole created order.

*Yours in Christ as always,  
Revd. Jacque*



**Lenten Walk:** Since Ash Wednesday we walked from Midrand through South Africa, Botswana, Namibia, Angola, the DRC, the Congo, Cameroon, Nigeria, Niger, Algeria, Libya and Egypt. On Holy Saturday we reached Jerusalem in Israel. We prayed for the communities where we passed, especially with regard to the COVID and the gender based violence pandemics.

And we give to the St Monnica's COVID outreach programme, 1 rand for each kilometre we walked. You can deposit it in the church account with reference "Lenten Walk".