

Day 17 – Fr Jerome’s Lockdown Reflections

Easter

12 April 2020

Readings: Jeremiah 31:1-6, Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24, Acts 10:34-43, Matthew 28:1-10

ALLELUIA, CHRIST IS RISEN....ALLELUIA HE IS RISEN INDEED

When someone we deeply love dies, we feel sorrow, loss and heartache. Time might heal these initial feelings of grief, but what never goes away is the sense of presence, of the empty space of our loved one that fills our grieving heart.

There is almost a continued encounter. The women in scripture did not find a body, they found a living man clothed in a white robe. The tomb was empty and their hearts became full of hope and expectation.

The tomb is empty but actually it is full. Instead of death, it is full of life. The purpose of these women’s going to the grave was now forgotten. The spices are left behind. They feel the need to go and tell. So too we must go. We must be witnesses of the mystery of the risen Christ in our daily lives.

Jesus, the crucified One, has been raised. **HE IS ALIVE!!!** Now, in and through us.

Are we ready for a new encounter?

Are we ready for a new mission?

There is a gospel to proclaim....**HE IS ALIVE !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! ALLELUIA**

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
Maker of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again**

in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Nicene Creed