



He is risen! Now what?

Dan Doyle gives insight into how we should live into His word now He's risen.

Easter! He is Risen! The Great Sacrifice and Glory have been fulfilled and everything is new. Nothing will ever be the same. This is our faith. This is our hope. Now it must become the purpose and the meaning of our very lives.

Jesus is the perfect example of one who "walks the talk." What he did matched every word from his mouth. We are not God and can not be perfect in our humanity like Jesus. He does not expect us to be perfect. But he challenges us to "be all we can be," trusting that he will be with us and that he will give us all that we need to be successful.

Jesus is our joy. He is our light, the shining star we are to set our sites on and follow. He is our hope, the fullness of our salvation. He has prepared the way for us. With him we no longer wander alone, lost in the desert of our sins. In his public ministry he told us how to love; with his suffering and death, Jesus fulfilled those words. Jesus is God's love made visible, tangible, and immediately present to us. His resurrection shows us that God's love is powerful beyond all the false powers of the world.

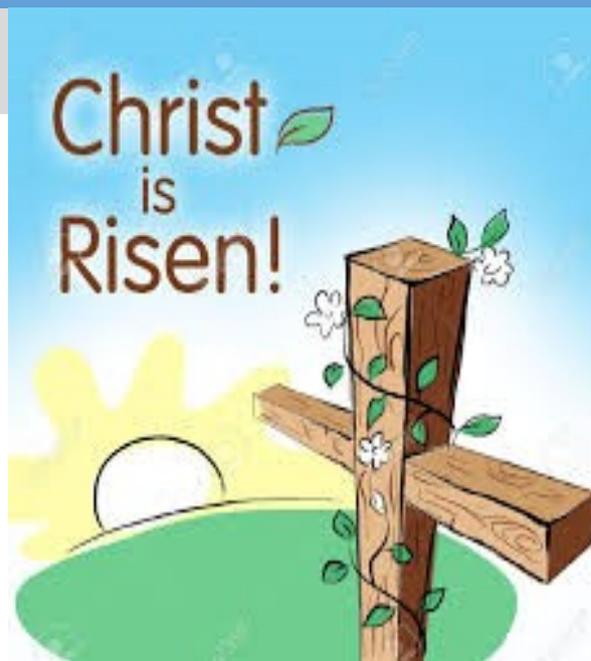
This is why Paul writes to the Colossians and to us today, that because of Christ, all that was promised from of old, has been fulfilled in him. Now we must set our hearts and our minds on the things above. We have seen that earthly things can not satisfy, that only God can answer our deepest prayers and make us whole. In Jesus, the light of salvation has been lit, it is unquenchable, it is the "true north" our souls can follow—all the way home.

It is time for us to lift our eyes up toward the things above. We need to practice the art of walking our talk, imitating the love and forgiving generosity of Jesus in our daily lives. Jesus asks us to be his small, yet recognizable lamps in the darkness of worldly concerns, showing the way of Jesus, to our brothers and sisters.

On Easter Monday, it is proper to pick up the flag of our faith again, to make the joy of the Resurrection "incarnate" in our own lives, in our own actions and words in the world. Jesus has done his part. Now it is our turn. Let us turn away from the false hopes and desires of earthly things and set our eyes on the things above. Let our Easter joy be turned into a lively, effective imitation of Christ so that those who do not yet know him may encounter him in us. Amen!

Brothers and sisters: Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you too will appear with him in glory. – Colossians 3:1-4

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Your Weekly Offering

WEEKLY OFFERINGS: Thanks to everyone who have continued to make their weekly offering.

Envelopes: You may do this by putting your pledge in the envelopes and bring them to church when we restart Sunday services.

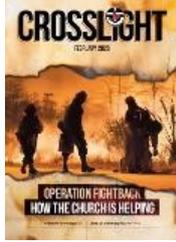
Direct Debit: (include your envelope number if applicable)

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Church on the Internet - Sunday 10am (doors open 9:45 am)

If you don't have Zoom on your computer/laptop/iPad/Smartphone, click here to download

<https://zoom.us/support/download>

Then click on this link or the "Sunday Church" image to join our Service -

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85247373230?pwd=WIM2UHJEemFWS3RScnNqM3puaGdZdz09>



Otherwise open Zoom and enter the following - **Meeting ID: 852 4737 3230** **Passcode: 836844**

You can also join us on your phone by dialling **03 7018 2005** *(same as before)* and entering the above meeting details.

The above link and meeting details apply for all our services until the **April 25th 2021**.

A little bird told us ..

Not allowed to mention names, but we believe a certain couple whose names rhyme with Bob & Sandra celebrated a special anniversary last Sunday. I think the number 56 was mentioned? If only we'd known before the service I'm sure our pianist would have obliged us with the bridal waltz.

Congratulations Bob & Sandra!

(beats me how forty year olds can celebrate 56 years of wedded bliss)



Social Collection Department

BayCISS - collection of goods by Graeme & Joan Wood has recommenced. Leave goods with them at 66 Bernard St. Cheltenham, or call them on 9555 0463

Emerge - Financial help is the best way to help - Cheques to - GPO Box 420 Melbourne VIC 3001 or donate via the website www.emergesupport.org.au Emerge welcomes vouchers for supermarkets or art materials which children could use at home - materials, pencils, colouring books etc. Margaret Bode is happy to take items to the Moorabbin office if you leave them at her home, 16 Monaco Street Parkdale.



Videos on the internet

We now have our own YouTube Channel. Click on the YouTube logo or

<https://youtube.com/channel/UCPNMmOZcLZG12hSd9-HiJcQ>

to view selected sermons and service preludes



Prayers of the People

We pray especially for -

Barb Loosemoore

Bronwyn

Anita and Rod

Val and Peter

Alan & Joanne *(Family of Helen Cole)*

Bruce & Valda *(friends of Jo-ann & David)*

Jenny, Janine, Cec

and June Bartholomeusz

Audrey Fewster

Margaret's neighbour Joan

Gloria Sampson & Family

Grace Fairbank

Betty Kneen

Dawn's daughter Lyn

Lourdes and her family

Gemma and Teresa

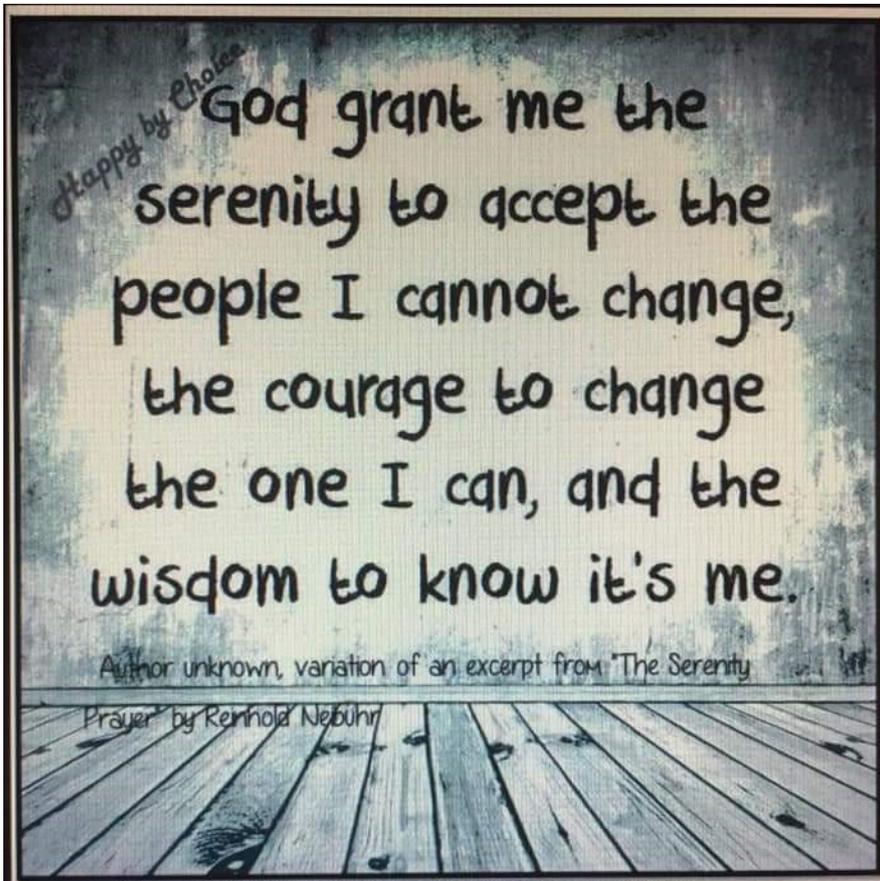
Nicole & David

Heather *(daughter of close friend of Graeme & Joan)*

Tina and her two teenage sons *(also friends of Graeme & Joan)*

Susan Bartell

On the lighter side ...



Gsus is risen

The image shows two bars of musical notation on a five-line staff. The first bar contains three whole notes: G (first line), B (second space), and D (third line). The second bar contains three whole notes: G# (first space), B# (second line), and D# (third space). This illustrates the concept of raising each note of a G major chord by a semitone to create a Gsus chord.

One for musicians. Without being technical, the *notes* in the first *bar* of music form the *chord* of 'G major with a suspended fourth' - shorthand **Gsus**. The *sharp* signs (#) in the second bar mean that all the notes have been **raised** by a *semitone* - hence "**Gsus is risen**"



Try telling that to a retired person!