

3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 14, 2024

As spring continues to unfurl new shards of light and life in nature, in the darkness of the tomb and within us, Resurrection takes root. Surrounded by examples of new life we celebrate the eternal story of Christ Risen from the dead. These fifty days towards Pentecost are supported by the appearances of the Risen Christ to the Apostles, disciples and the early Church. Great stories of the birth of the Church are presented in the Acts of the Apostles, reminding us of the unity and vision leading this growth.

Again, in the Gospel passage, in the context of a meal, the Church is gathered, nourished and sent to be instruments of God's presence in the world. The foundational aspect of the Eucharist forms this group of people into the Church. Eucharist is the source and summit of our lives. (Vat. II documents)

'Thus it is written, that the Christ is to suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in His name to all nations beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.' (Luke 24:48)

In the midst of conflict, division and war, our witness is of life, love, reconciliation and mercy. May we be bright examples of this to our community, neighbourhood and families.

Christ is Risen! Christ is truly Risen! Alleluia!

Peace and joy! Fr. Don