



Growing Faith

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Easter - Let Us Pray

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Hi St Christopher's,

There it goes. Another academic term comes to an end.

This time of the year, we break off for Easter and reflect on the real meaning behind it.

It is, for Christians, the most important celebration of the year. But why is that the case? Is it because of all the chocolate around us and all the bunnies?

Well, not quite. But technically it also has something to do with a gift and receiving something.

During the season of Christmas, we prepare ourselves for the arrival of Jesus Christ in this world. We celebrate the fact that the Son of God became flesh and a human being like you and me.

During Easter, so Good Friday and then Easter Sunday, we can see how mighty he is and how Jesus is also fully God.

Jesus was accused of something he did not do, he never harmed anybody or committed a crime, even when he was arrested he chose to spread kindness and healed one of the soldiers arresting him. He then was sentenced to death and died a painful death on the cross.

But the story does not end there. Three days later, as three women made their way to Jesus' grave, they saw that it was empty and that Jesus' body was not there. After that discovery. An angel told them that Jesus indeed rose from the dead. Afterwards the women told everybody about this news. Back in those days that was revolutionary, because a woman's testimony would have not been listened to, still Jesus chose them to be the first witnesses.

So his life and his ministry was revolutionary back then and it is revolutionary now as well.



In a society where we are defined by the amount and kind of work we do, Jesus tells us to go and rest in his presence and remember that he is God. He takes the burdens of "I need to do/ be this, in order to belong, in order to be accepted" away and actually says, what he has done on this cross, dying for us and rising again, so we may have a restored connection to the Father, was an act of unconditional love that we don't need to earn but just accept.

So this Easter, when we eat our chocolate eggs and go on an Easter egg hunt, why don't we just pause for a couple of minutes and go back to the beginning and ask ourselves how great Jesus' sacrifice was and what impact it can have in our lives today.

I pray that this Easter you will discover the real meaning of Easter again and that you can learn more about Jesus' love for you every day.

Every blessing,

Kerstin

A Prayer

Dear God,

Easter approaches quickly.

People may believe it is time for chocolate eggs and parties

But lead us Lord, to the true meaning of Easter for when your son, our Lord and saviour died on the cross to save our sons and destroy the devils work.

Amen

“I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die.”

John 11:25

Church Support

Church Services

Please visit these church websites to see when their services are taking place:

Great Harwood Christian Fellowship: [Website](#)

St John's and St Augustine's Church, Huncoat: [YouTube channel](#)

St Peter and St Paul's Church, Rishton: [Facebook Page](#)

St. John's Church, Baxenden: [Website](#)

Peel Street Baptist Church: [Website](#)

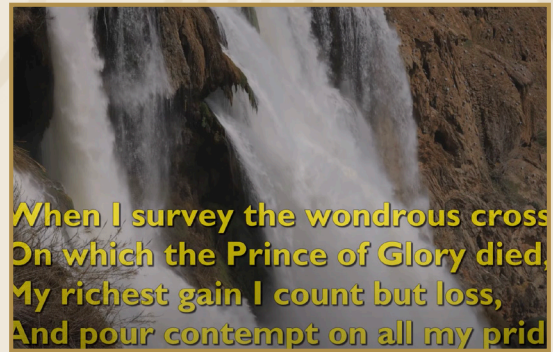
All Saints Church, Clayton-le-Moors: [Facebook Page](#)

A Song for Easter




Glorious Day (Live)
By Passion ft. Kristian Stanfill



School Song



Why not sing along to 'When I Survey the Wondrous Cross' as we worship together.



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