

# Rejoice!

And go quickly and tell  
His disciples that

# He is Risen

Matthew 28:7

Dear Friends in Christ, Alleluia, Christ is Risen!

Easter2019

As Christians, that is our most joyful cry!  
Out of the darkness of Good Friday comes the  
bright, new life of the Easter experience of a  
resurrection people.

I encourage you to journey through the events of Holy Week into the Easter experience as an opportunity to deepen your spiritual lives.

The Anglican worship style is a liturgy that is steeped in tradition. We can appreciate its flow, movement and color, we can be fed by its rich tradition of music and perhaps allow ourselves to be drawn into an experience of continuity with a long tradition of liturgical worship going back many centuries to the early church.

Our liturgical tradition follows prescribed forms that, allowing for seasonal variations, are always the same. This sameness gives the liturgy the stability and predictability necessary to carry us through sacred time. In sacred time, there is no past, present or future. In sacred time, we relive symbolically the events of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection. I believe that our liturgy is a dramatic expression of our communal remembering, that is, making the past alive again.

In the season of Lent, and through Holy Week, we prepare mentally, emotionally and spiritually for the joy-filled arrival at Easter's promise of New Life. To experience the power of the Easter Story we have to embark on the journey that leads us here, a journey taken one liturgical step at a time. Easter is not something we can just parachute into at the last minute. My prayer for each of you is that you take the time to make the journey deep and significant; I promise you will not be disappointed.

Blessings on you and yours this Eastertide,

Eric+

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Eric" followed by a small cross symbol.