

Dear Friends,

We have celebrated the greatest and most wonderful event that ever occurred in the history of mankind, the Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. The Christian Faith is founded upon the fact of the Resurrection which occurred during the Roman occupation of the Palestine. The disciples were frightened and in hiding after the crucifixion of our Blessed Lord, in fear that they would also be in trouble because they were his disciples. But after the Resurrection when they had seen the risen Lord and experienced His presence and listened to his teaching, they lost all fear and | began to speak about Him publicly and preach the Gospel - the Good News that the Creator God is concerned with His creation, because He is love, the source of righteousness, justice and forgiveness.

They were no longer afraid of death because they now believed that Jesus was indeed the promised Christ foretold in their long history and that through His Resurrection the power of death had been overcome and that in Him all His disciples receive His gift of eternal life. Within weeks the followers of Jesus knew the wonderful Truth and mystery that the One God is Trinity: Father, Son and Holy Ghost, and that through Baptism they were made one with the Son, Jesus Christ, in what He called His Body the Church and which He built upon the foundation of His Apostles.

Later that One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church, guided by the Holy Ghost, was able to define the One true God as the Most Holy and Undivided Trinity. Christianity turned the world upside down, inspiring men and women to the highest ideals of love, worship, honour and the service of their fellowmen.

As in the early days the devil tried to destroy the Christian Faith through persecution and murder, so too today the same evil is rising its ugly head, trying to take people away from God and His Son Jesus Christ, trying to discredit Christ's Holy Catholic Church through infiltration, temptation, persecution and especially division. All around the world and especially in many middle east countries persecution of Christians is rampant and conversion to Christ is forbidden by law with the penalty of death. Yet for all that, many people around the world, are becoming secret believers because they have found the truth revealed by, and about, Jesus Christ which has given them a new vision and meaning to life, and made them free from the power of sin and the fear of death. In the end, however, Christ's promise will stand true that nothing will be able to destroy His Church and those who belong to Him in it will inherit eternal life.

We are also now witnessing anti-Christian behaviour and propaganda even in Britain and in other western nations. In many there is a growing climate of fear. It is, therefore, imperative that we awake out of our sleep of apathy and return to the Lord, and renew our faith by studying the Bible with the help of the Church, worshipping with the faithful, and teaching the Faith to others, especially to our children and grandchildren. If we do not share our Holy Christian Faith with others we are not truly practising Christians and our eternal future is in jeopardy. Every Christian is called by God to be a missionary, wherever they work and live, by their lifestyle, the way they speak, their knowledge of the Holy Bible and of Jesus Christ our Lord, so that the whole world may come to know Him and glorify His Name.

On the 11th April, God willing. Our Church, The Traditional Anglican Church, will hold her Synod in Lincoln at St. Catherine's Priory Centre, which is part of our Pro-Cathedral. Please remember us in your prayers, asking for God's guidance in our deliberations, and blessing our meeting together. Both Bishop Moyer, our Episcopal Visitor, and Bishop Moyer CR plan to be there. May God continue to bless you this Eastertide, and may your worship give Him glory and bring you peace and holy joy.

Your Priest and Friend,

Fr. Brian.