



Matthew 28:5 – 7

5 But the angel said to the women,  
'Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus  
who was crucified. 6 He is not here;  
for he has been raised, as he said.  
Come, see the place where he lay.  
7 Then go quickly and tell his disciples,  
"He has been raised from the dead,  
and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee;  
there you will see him."  
This is my message for you.'

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Our church worship services has been cancelled, I am not able to visit some of you, our community supper is not happening but Easter is coming still! Our church activities may be on hold but Easter is coming still! This is a strange time doing pastoral ministry but I am inspired to do whatever I can to reach out to all of you especially that Easter is coming still! Yes, the world may have come to a point of stand still but Jesus Christ is not.

In this holiest of weeks I want us to remember our Lord Jesus. Let us allow Jesus to lead us faithfully even as we face the Covid-19 pandemic. We used to gather together and participate in the Holy Week rites. Some of you joined me during our Easter Sunrise Services and we joyfully celebrate Easter Sunday together and take Holy Communion. This year will be a different kind of celebration. But no matter where we are and even if we are not physically together, we can celebrate Easter!

As we are confined in our homes, I want all of you to remember that we are united as a body of Christ. We may be isolated from our families but we are united through our baptism and through the work of the Holy Spirit. Therefore let us celebrate Easter for Jesus Christ conquered death for our sake. I invite you to reflect on Jesus' suffering, crucifixion and death before celebrating Easter. It is important for all of us to recognize what the Son of God went through for the redemption of humanity.

Open your Bible and start reading from **Matthew 26 -The Plot to Kill Jesus** up to **Matthew 28 Resurrection of Jesus** in this holiest of weeks. As you end reading **Matthew 28**, get a piece of paper and make a list of all the reasons why you are thankful for Jesus and what makes you joyful as we celebrate Easter. Easter is a time of new beginnings and a time to reflect on what it means to be a Christian.

Let us not forget that a sinless man sacrificed his own life for us, sinners. Let us allow Jesus Christ, the resurrected One to lead us in the 'Hope' of finding peace and experiencing the unconditional protection and love of God this Eater.

*Rejoice everyone! Jesus is Risen! Hallelujah!*

In Christ I serve,

*Pastor Nory Vedan Leachon*

You are also receiving our Easter invite card. My original plan was to distribute two of this card during worship and ask you to mail one to your friends or family. Since, I was not able to do that, I am asking you to participate in the "Hope photo sharing." Please take a photo of yourself holding the invite card and send the photo to me. You may send it via email: [noryleachon@yahoo.com](mailto:noryleachon@yahoo.com) or send via text message 617 3788749. I want to collect all the photo and do a photo collage of everyone participating. This photo will be posted in our church website, Facebook and Instagram account. The church building may be closed but we remain connected as a church - the body of Christ!

