

## Easter Reflection

As Jesus died on the cross the crowds drifted away and just a handful of well-wishers gave him a hurried funeral.

The events surrounding Jesus' death drew crowds, but the resurrection happened in silence.

His death was noisy as God let the human drama run its course, but the resurrection was entirely God's act.

It was silent because God does not need human intervention or endorsement. Yet, the silent resurrection was so powerful that it transformed the first disciples and over the centuries has attracted many millions of witnesses.

All four gospel writers described the last days of Jesus' life in great detail.

Jesus' death and resurrection are the foundation of the Christian Faith. We believe that from the formless and void earth came creation, as from the chaotic, confused and crowded situation surrounding Jesus' death, came a new and higher order of life.....the resurrection.



God let the resurrection run its course and we, as Christian disciples, should not shy away from but face up to the reality of human situations, even when they bring destruction. For without death there is no resurrection, without decay there is no new life. But our risk taking is with the

assurance that the new life, of which Jesus is the first fruit, is entirely in the hands of God.

Being a Christian, a follower of Christ, means sharing in his death and resurrection.

As St Paul said in his letter to the Corinthians

*Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has passed away, behold the new has come.*

This new life begins here and now!

Our hymn today is **Thine be the Glory**



## PRAYER

Risen Lord,  
from our despair and darkness,  
from our lack of hope,  
from our disappointments  
and lack of vision raise us up to be  
bringers of hope,  
grounded in faith,  
loyal to the truth and full of expectation  
for tomorrow and all our tomorrows

Risen Lord,  
Who called Mary by name,  
so call us that we may willingly respond to  
your call.