

Reflection Easter Thursday 2021

The words Peter addresses to the people who witnessed his curing of the cripple in the Temple apply to us and are echoed in Psalm 8. God chose us and made each of us little less than a god. With glory and honour God crowned us, gave us power over the works of our hands and put all things under our feet. More than we can ever cope with. The real challenge is how we will use this God-given power.

The answer to the challenge, as always, is found in Jesus. When Jesus appeared to his disciples after his resurrection, he opened their minds to scripture. Jesus will also open our minds to know how best to use the powers he has given us. Let us open our hearts, our minds and our souls to the presence of Jesus in this Easter season. The Jesus who comes to us bearing peace. The Jesus who wants to help us live our lives fruitfully so that, like Peter, we are aware that it is Jesus we glorify whenever we allow him to work through us for the healing of others, for the healing of the world and for the healing of creation.

Lord, we lift our hearts to you.

As the dawn breaks,
may we carry the unity we share into every moment,
knowing that we are one with the risen Christ.

Lord, we lift our eyes to you.

As the sun rises, may this moment stay with us,
reminding us to look for the beautiful colours of promise in your word.

Lord, we lift our prayers to you.

As the dew air falls,
may we breathe this morning in
and know that, like the earth,
you sustain us, keep us and work within us always.

And so, we lift our voices to you.

We celebrate the greatest day in history,
when Jesus rose from death, defeated darkness
and bathed the world in stunning resurrection light.

May we ever live to praise you! Amen.

What do you call a sleepy Easter egg?

Egg-zosted! (zosted = worn-out)