

THE FAITH OF EASTER

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For most of us Christmas was great. Family, dinner, presents, carols and being together.

Not so in many places and countries. Covid did not go away. Injections provided helped and lessened the impact, but Covid did not go away. A variant called Omicron has emerged, spreading everywhere. Hospitals are not coping.

The psalmist praises a God who heals all diseases. What do Christians make of this? So many dying from Covid?

We live in a world where we are subject to sin and disease and death. The promise of Easter is that whatever happens in this life there is new life and a new beginning.

There are many crosses to bear on our journey. But the cross of Good Friday becomes an empty cross on Easter Day.

God raised Jesus from the dead. In church we affirm the faith of Easter, that nothing can separate us from the love of God.

Reflection:

The promises of Jesus ring true for every situation in life: "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and take you to myself, so that where I am you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going."

Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?"

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

John 14:1-7

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