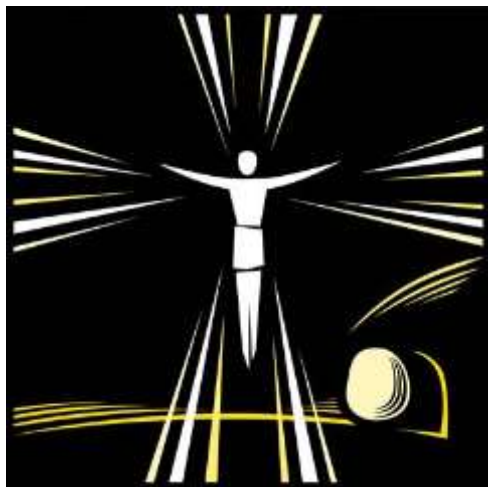




**Scripture Commentary by Dianna Bergant CSA**



## He saw and he believed

recognised as a marvel for which to give praise and thanks.

The second reading contains the fundamental teaching about the resurrection and the way it transforms the lives of Christians. Set against the backdrop of ancient cosmology, it delineates between the world below (earth) and the world above (heaven). Having risen from the dead, Christ is now in the realm of heaven where he sits at God's right hand. There he is 'in God'. Believers have died and risen with Christ and are, therefore, summoned to a life that reflects this new reality. Though still in this world, they must be attentive to the things of another world. Actually, they now live in two worlds or, to use eschatological language, they have already entered 'the age to come'.

Peter describes the scope of the spread of the gospel. Although Jesus' ministry had a beginning – his baptism by John – it does not seem to have an end. It continues through those commissioned to preach the gospel and to bear witness to it. This is precisely what Peter does; he bears witness to the resurrection (v.40) and proclaims the universality of its effects (v.42). Peter insists that Jesus' resurrection was a work of God, a genuine resurrection from the dead and not merely a resuscitation. The appearances of the risen Christ were authentic experiences and not hallucinations. Finally, appointed by God, Jesus fulfils the eschatological role of the judge of the living and the dead (v.42; cf. Dan 7:1).

The responsorial psalm praises God's power and victory, which make manifest God's goodness and mercy. The Hebrew word for mercy (hesed) is a technical term denoting God's steadfast love for God's covenant partners. God is depicted as a mighty warrior whose strong hand prevails over forces that threaten the security of the people and the very life of the psalmist. Thus, the psalmist announces abroad the mighty works of the Lord. The final image describes a reversal of fortune. The stone that was rejected becomes the very foundation of the entire building. Salvation was brought about by God and is

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	Sun 7.30am	Jim Kelly (Easter roster)	Pauline Joseph
	Sun 9.00am	Rosa Denobrega (Easter roster)	Corrie Barnes
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Tue 2	8.00am	Mass (Octave of Easter)
Wed 3	8.00am	Mass (Octave of Easter)
Thu 4	8.00am	Mass (Octave of Easter)
Fri 5	8.00am	Mass (Octave of Easter)
Sat 6	6.00pm	Vigil Mass (Second Sunday of Easter)
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### Confirmation

5.00pm Friday, 17 May 2024

**Commitment Mass 6pm Sat 27 April**  
For those who are not St Pius X students

Parent/Child Workshop 5.30pm  
Tuesday 30 April 2024

### First Holy Communion

9am Sunday, 25 August 2024

**Commitment Mass 6pm Sat 27 April**  
For those who are not St Pius X students

Parent/Child Workshop 5.30pm  
Tuesday 6 August 2024

### First Reconciliation

5.00pm Saturday 22 October 2024

**Commitment Mass 6pm Sat 27 April**  
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Parent/Child Workshop 5.30pm  
Tuesday 8 October 2024

**Commitment Liturgy 5pm Fri 26 April**  
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## Divine Mercy Sunday

### Jesus said to Faustina

"I want to grant a complete pardon to the souls that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion on the Feast of my Mercy. Whoever approaches the Fountain of Life on this day will be granted complete forgiveness of sins and punishment".  
A Divine Mercy Sunday Mass will be held at the Cathedral on Sunday, 7 April at 3pm, prayers starting at 2.30pm.



## First Reading

Acts 10:34. 37-43

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

## Responsorial Psalm

Ps 117:1-2. 16-17. 22-23. R. v.24

(R.) This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,  
for his love has no end.  
Let the sons of Israel say:  
'His love has no end.' (R.)
2. The Lord's right hand has triumphed;  
his right hand raised me up.  
I shall not die, I shall live  
and recount his deeds. (R.)
3. The stone which the builders rejected  
has become the corner stone.  
This is the work of the Lord,  
a marvel in our eyes. (R.)

## Second Reading

Colossians 3:1-4

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

## Gospel Acclamation

1 Corinthians 5:7-8

Alleluia, alleluia! Christ has become our paschal sacrifice; let us feast with joy in the Lord. Alleluia!

## Gospel

John 20:1-9

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.'

So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

## Reflection for Young People

By Lisa-Marie Calderone-Stewart

Jesus' tomb was empty. It had even been cleaned up. The linen burial cloths were folded and rolled up neatly. Everything was left in order and taken care of. Jesus was clearly finished with this grave. No more of this 'death business' for him. He left it totally behind, and was fully alive, never to know the sufferings of death again.

Have you ever made a transition in life? Did you ever take a step and know that a part of your former life was totally behind you? What happened? How did you feel? Did you find yourself trying to take care of things or leave things in order in any way? Obviously Mary, Peter and the other disciple were close friends with one another and with Jesus. It is easy to picture the three of them running to the tomb together to be sure of what actually happened.

Who are the Marys and Peters in your life? Have you ever hurried to get to some important place? Have you ever struggled with someone else to figure out what was really happening in an important situation that affected you or a friend of yours? What happened and how did that affect your relationship?

## Next Sunday Readings

Second Sunday of Easter - 7 April 2024

First Reading: Acts 4:32-35

Second Reading: 1 John 5:1-6

Gospel: John 20: 19-31

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