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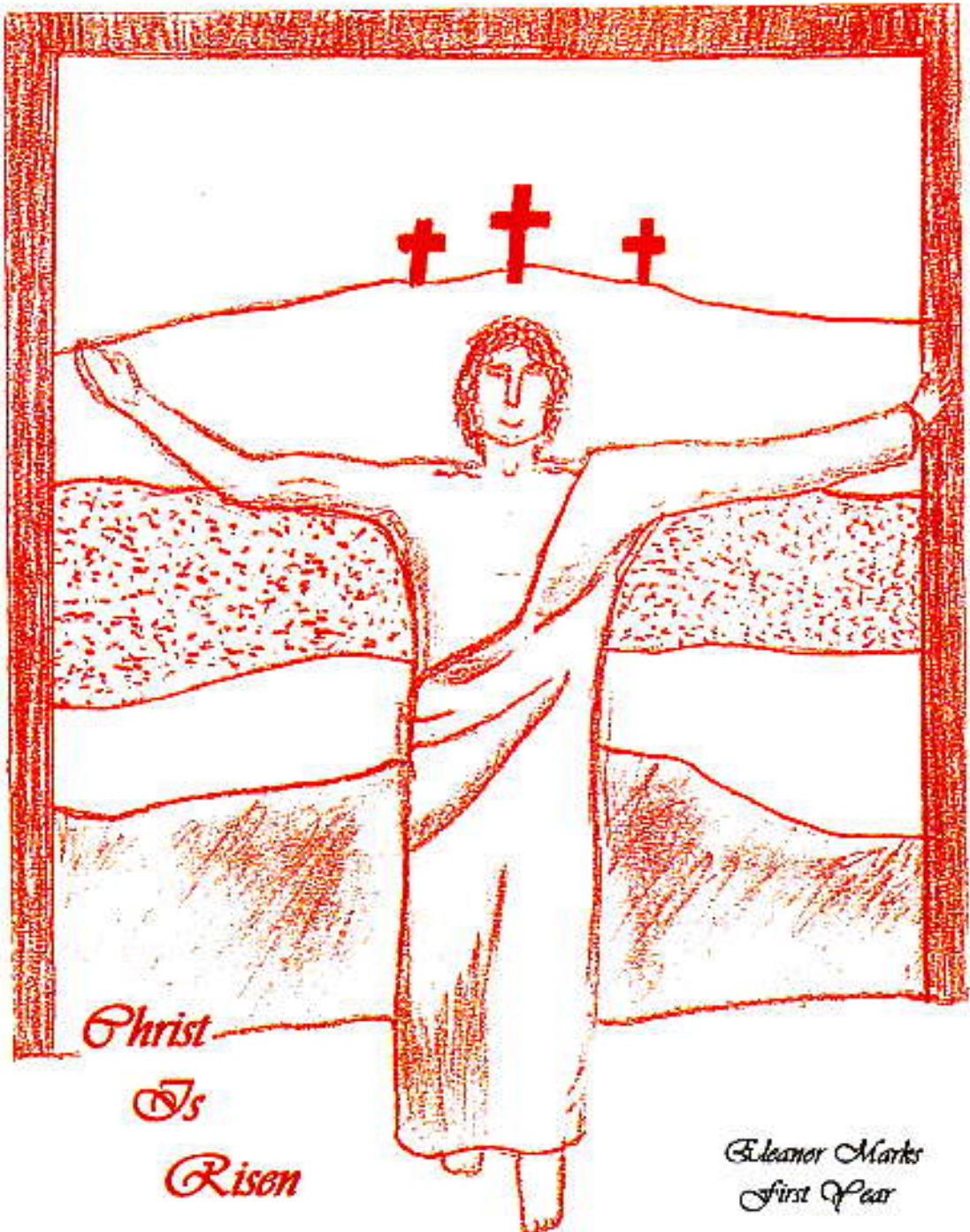
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CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
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*Christ
Is
Risen*

*Eleanor Marks
First Year*

* Sending of The Holy Spirit to be with us until the end of time Holy Spirit embodies the Spirit of Jesus, God the Father and our unique qualities; is a dove for Peace, to 'fly' metaphorically to anyone and anyplace who needs it; is the moving presence of God, like an active apostolate, bringing the Gifts of the Holy Spirit, the living word of God, which The Lord Jesus Christ was and embodied and taught whilst here on earth. So it is not that Jesus has been replaced by the Holy Spirit, but that United, together



OUR
**PARISH
PRIEST**
writes

EASTER GIFT

"Stay with us, Lord" is the title of Pope John Paul's letter for this year of the Eucharist. It echoes the invitation of the two disciples who unknowingly met the Lord on the road to Emmaus as they fled Jerusalem in fear. Calvary seemed to mark the end of the presence of Jesus among them and they were devastated. Indeed, even the Resurrection and later, the Ascension, seemed to indicate his leaving them.

* However, Jesus was never going to abandon his followers. The Spirit of the Risen Jesus continues to live on through his Church, in the Word and Sacraments, in the hearts of each one of us believers, in the loving service of his followers in the world. But the life-giving core of His presence among us is the Eucharist, celebrated in the Mass and reserved in the tabernacle. His presence here is aptly called the real presence, not in an exclusive way, as if other forms of Christ's presence were not real, but to highlight that in the Eucharist, Jesus is substantially present, whole and entire, in the reality of his body and blood. Faith demands that we approach the Eucharist fully aware that we are approaching Christ himself.

Jesus has responded awesomely to the invitation, "Stay with us, Lord." How do we respond to his gift of himself?

"TAKE AND EAT ... TAKE AND DRINK" with God his Father in the visible Holy Trinity

At the Last Supper Jesus invited his disciples to eat *and* drink. For nearly 1,200 years all Christians received communion under both kinds. Then beginning in the 12th century the West gradually abandoned communion in the form of wine except for the presiding priest. Various factors - from fear of spillage to the realisation that in the bread alone we receive Christ whole and entire - led to this change.

Once more we are asked to share in the full richness of the symbolism by eating *and* drinking. In our parish we have the opportunity to receive under both kinds on Holy Thursday, Holy Saturday and on Corpus Christi at the 10.30 a.m. Mass. By doing so we show more clearly that the Eucharist is a meal and a festive meal at that; we are reminded that the blood of Christ was shed for us; and most of all we respond to Jesus' command - "Do this in memory of me."

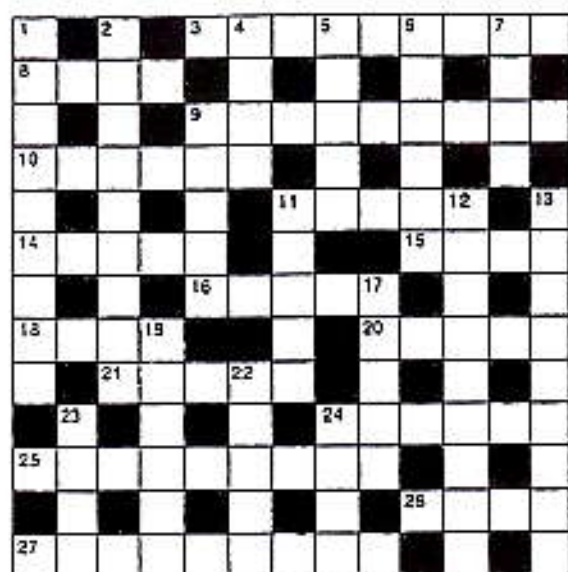
Now we can truly say with full hearts:
When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus, until you come in glory.

COMMUNION FOR THE HOUSEBOUND

Nowadays our sick and housebound have the opportunity to receive Holy Communion more frequently in their homes with the help of our Eucharistic Ministers. On First Fridays the priests visit. Please contact one of the priests or Eucharistic Ministers, if you or a relative or neighbour would like to be included.

we may all still wish to be with God Bless You if you read This. (From U)

EASTER CROSSWORD



Entries by Sunday 10th April

Name _____

Address _____

Across

3. "Yet here I am among you as one ..." Lk.22 (3,6)
8. Swindle you, this black scavenger of dustbins. (4)
9. One might call this broker a middleman. (2-7)
10. To affirm thus, one has confidence. (6)
11. With 'er it precedes the main course, or gets the car going. (5)
14. To slice like this leaves one very sad. (3,2)
15. And ... etc. etc. (2, 2)
16. As this you might get in on the act temporarily. (5)
18. Sounds like a young girl, sadly. (4)
20. This job's a right mess. (5)
21. Choose for the more rounded version. (5)
24. There's a Little one between Dunkettle and Fota. (6)
25. Small amount of money kept handy, probably to buy a present for the dog. (5,4)
26. Might this cleaning lady use the iron too hot? (4)
27. Hip, hip, hooray, with gusto, to raise the spirits. (4,5)

Down

1. Did the colourful hero of the Old Testament wear this in bed? (9)
2. To use ramp, turning it around, one might catch the small animal. (9)
4. Do owls do this to show they care? (4)
5. Exhausted from buying all round you. (5)
6. Could be a troublesome lot, or maybe they're just propelling the boat along. (6)
7. Sightseers. (4)
9. You're entitled to complain so - with such a pain. (5)
11. Is put to change, several times to benefit your muscles. (3,2)
12. Oh the coat can be turned, but painfully! (9)
13. "Anyone who follows me will not be walking ..." Jn.8 (2,3,4)
17. Sounds hard-hitting to embarrass so. (5)
19. Sharply criticised for having put a roof over one's head. (6)
22. Prophet of the Old Testament who follows Jonah. (5)
23. This clue amounts to nothing. (4)
24. Smaller version of 24 across. (4)



Who will roll back the Stone?

They were saying to one another, "Who will roll back the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked, they found that the stone had been rolled back. (Mk 16:1-8)



We have journeyed through another Lent together, and there is only one thing that stands between us and the Resurrection - the stone.

For each of us the stone is different.

For one it might be some long-lasting hurt,
for another it may be the pain that lingers after the death
of a loved one,
for me it may be boredom,
for you it might be the cynicism of too many unrealized
promises.

One thing is certain,
there is something that is keeping us
from fully experiencing the fullness of life
that is the gift of Easter.

If we will let God into our lives this Easter, God will roll
away the stone that keeps us from deeper belief.

Risen Lord,

Let the light of your presence shine on the darkened areas of our lives.

May the light of your goodness cast out the shadows of our doubt.

Help us to realise that you have rolled away

whatever keeps us from experiencing you in the fullest.

Amen