

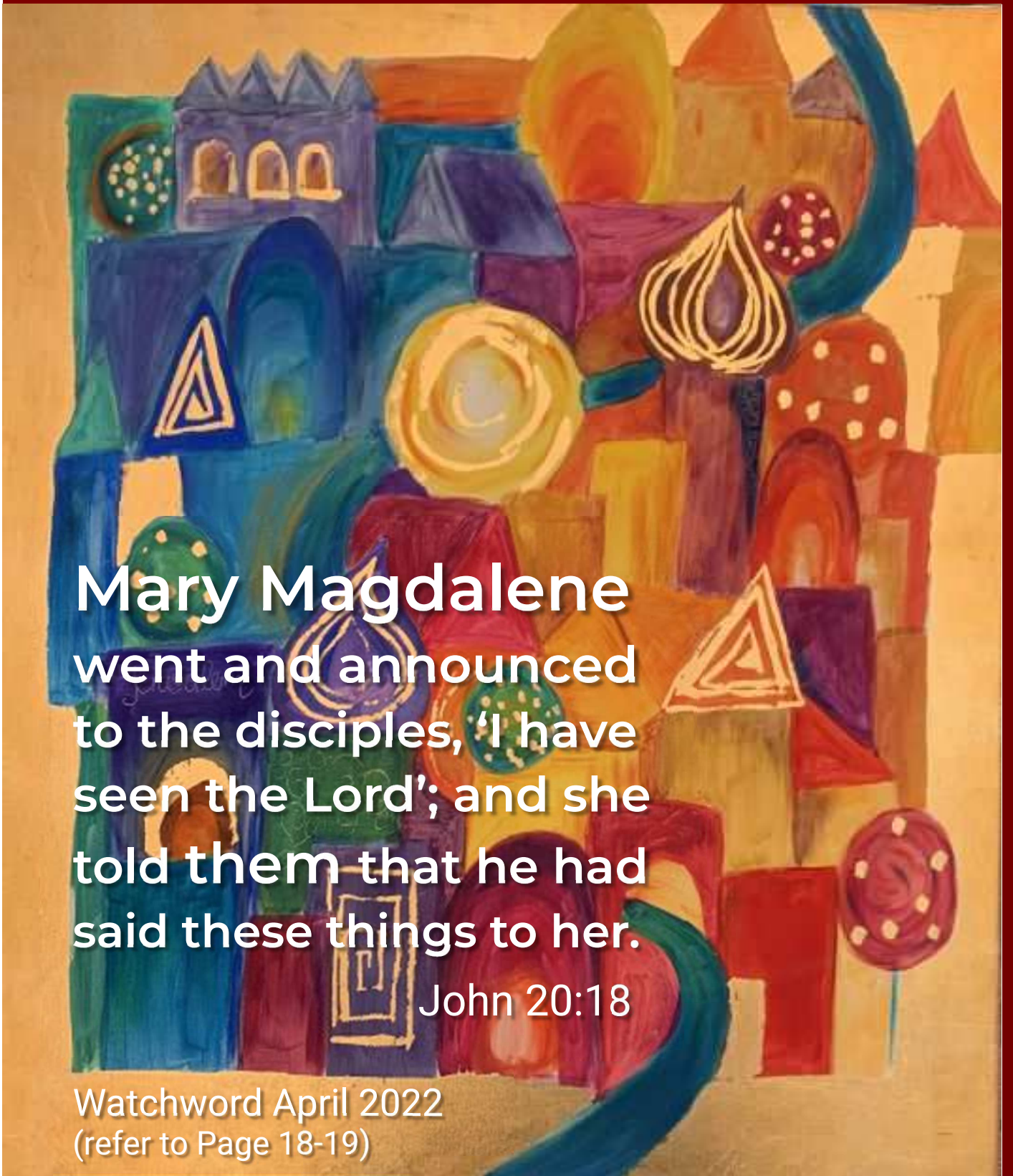


**LUTHERAN PORT ELIZABETH**  
Friedenskirche Church of Peace



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**Mary Magdalene  
went and announced  
to the disciples, 'I have  
seen the Lord'; and she  
told them that he had  
said these things to her.**

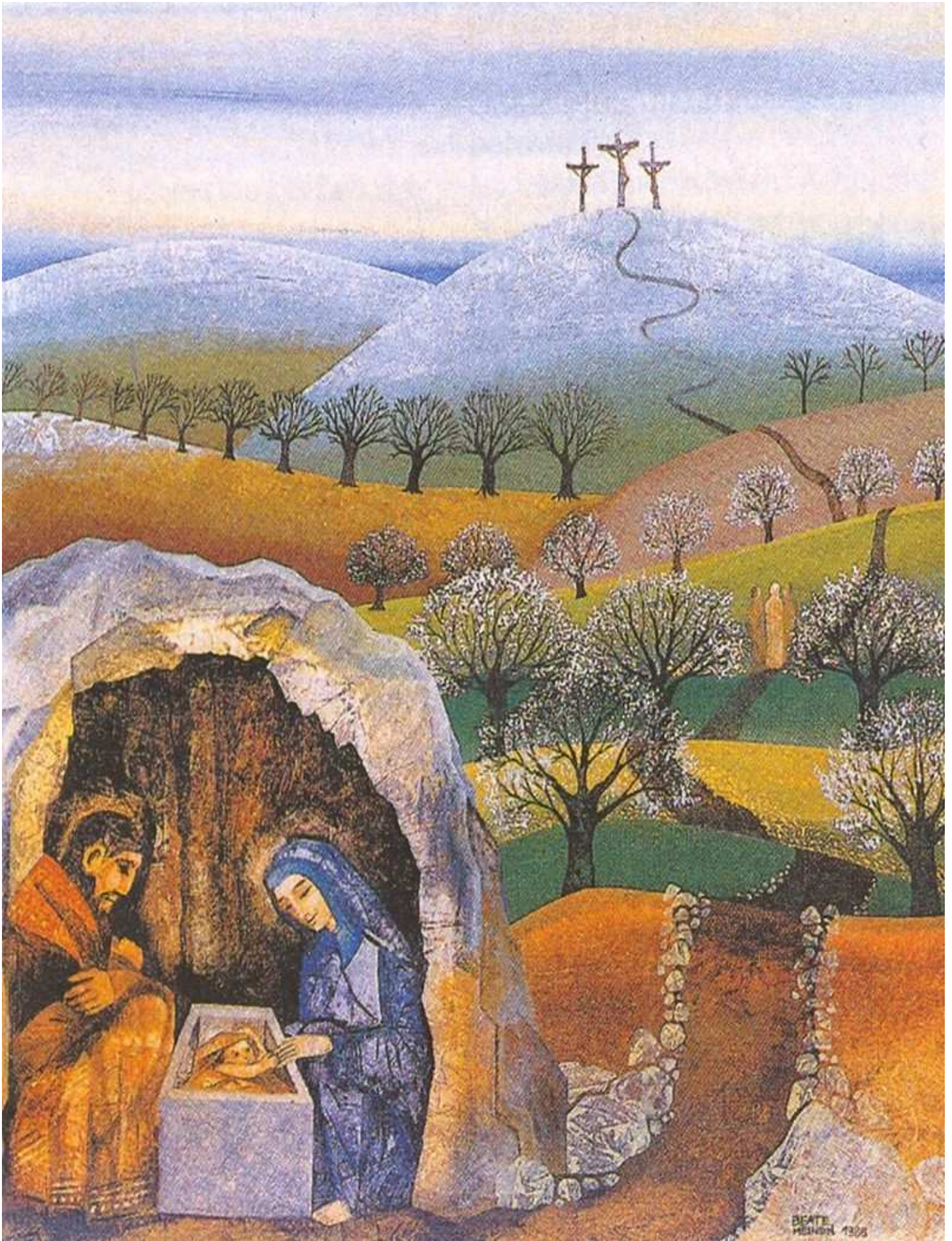
John 20:18

Watchword April 2022  
(refer to Page 18-19)

**Christ and His Church invite you!**  
**Christus und Seine Kirche laden Dich ein!**



## From the Pastor's Heart





## From the Pastor's Heart

Dear Readers !

What a time! By the time you receive this newsletter, we will celebrate soon Easter. "O death, where is thy cruel sting? O grave, how canst thou harm us? Though Satan rage, what evil thing can hurt us? All praise to God, the battle's done. A great and glorious victory won through Jesus Christ our Saviour." This hymn celebrates the resurrection of Jesus as the victorious end of a war drama.

Resurrection as an uprising against life-hostile powers, which nevertheless ensnare us humans again and again disguised and offer themselves as fulfilment of our lives. Easter as a rebellion against idols that promise to strengthen our self-esteem and usually cause nothing but frustration and dejection when they make us believe that "wanting" or "getting rich" is the never-ending goal of life in a fun society, in which one can apparently buy "palaces, gardens, red cheeks and much more" at will, as Goethe already formulated it in Faust and gave these aims in life the name of the journey-men "Raufebold", "Habebald" and "Haltefest" in reference to Isaiah 8:1-3

Easter stands up to these henchmen. This is also why Christians used to be baptised at Easter and dressed in white robes as a sign of a new beginning. On the Sunday after Easter, they still showed themselves in their new clothes, and that is why this day is still called "Quasimodogeniti" after a passage from the First Letter of Peter and translates as: "Like newborn children".

In baptism, the Christian hears his ultimate identity.

And in this awareness he sees the world anew. The name of the next Sunday shows this: Misericordias Domini. It refers to Psalm 33:5: "The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord." Friedrich Spee acclaims this in his Easter hymn: "The whole world, Lord Jesus Christ, hallelujah, hallelujah, is joyful in your glory. Hallelujah, hallelujah." Despite plague and war, Spee does not allow himself to lose sight of the goodness of God in the world.

On the following Sunday, this attitude to life is to be heightened still further: "Jubilate!" Rejoice! Paul Gerhardt's Easter hymn expresses this. "Awake my heart, rejoicing..."

Dietrich Bonhoeffer said on this - "The church talks about the new world in the old world. And because the new world is more certain to her than anything else, she recognises the old world solely from the light of the new world. The old world can find no pleasure in the Church, because the latter speaks of its end as if it had already happened."

A few more Sundays and the Easter season will be crowned with the feast of Pentecost: the outpouring of the Holy Spirit and the birthday of the Church of Jesus Christ, whose promise remains valid: "Behold, I make all things new."

I wish you all a blessed Easter !  
Your Pastor, Andreas Wernecke

# COVID –Thoughts

## COVID never rests ...

After two years of battling Covid, many of us are tired of wearing masks, tired of restrictions on social interaction with friends and loved ones. Nevertheless, it seems that Covid-19 never rests. It is always around - mutating all over the globe and ready to infect especially the vulnerable and unvaccinated.

It was recently reported in South Africa that approximately 80,000 vaccine doses are to be destroyed by the end of March as they will have reached their expiry date. These are 80,000 vaccination opportunities paid for, but lost. There are still many who need to be vaccinated or need to have reached the recommended vaccination level to provide maximum efficacy against the virus.

The Omicron BA.1 variant was first reported by South Africa in November 2021 and has since replaced the Delta variant in most countries as the most prevalent strain. The World Health Organisation (WHO) classified Omicron as a "variant of concern." The Omicron BA.2 sub-variant nicknamed "Omicron's little brother", was identified in India and South Africa in late December 2021.

Covid has infected worldwide in waves. South Africa is in the trough after the fourth wave. Throughout the world, countries are working at recovering their economies from the negative financial impact that Covid-19 has inflicted. There appears to be a



three way tussle between the higher transmissibility of Omicron and the relaxing of Covid restrictions by countries. The third factor in this tussle is vaccination. The first one or two jabs has now needed a third or even fourth booster shot in order to maintain the efficacy of the vaccine. Trying to look into the crystal ball of the future, it looks as though the trend may be to have regular booster vaccinations to keep Covid in check. But as with the common cold, infection is lurking in the shadows waiting for the unwary and apathetic.

WHO still recommends persons to keep a physical distance of at least 1 metre from others; wear a well-fitting mask; open windows to improve ventilation; avoid poorly ventilated or crowded spaces; keep hands clean; cough or sneeze into a bent elbow or tissue; and get vaccinated when it's their turn.

Reinhard Walle  
Committee Chairman

# COVID – Information

Dear members, dear friends

Under the present COVID-level regulations we are able to offer **live services at our Church of Peace**, but for those who cannot come, we publish handouts so that you can celebrate the service also at home.

These are available at our WhatsApp-Group:

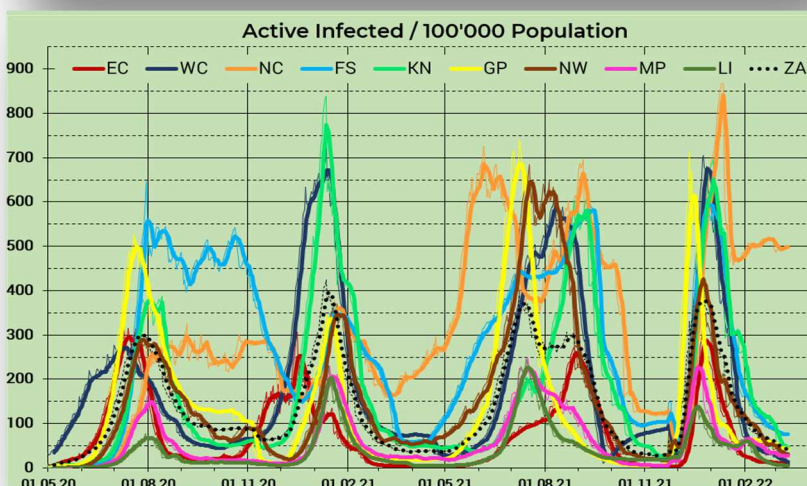
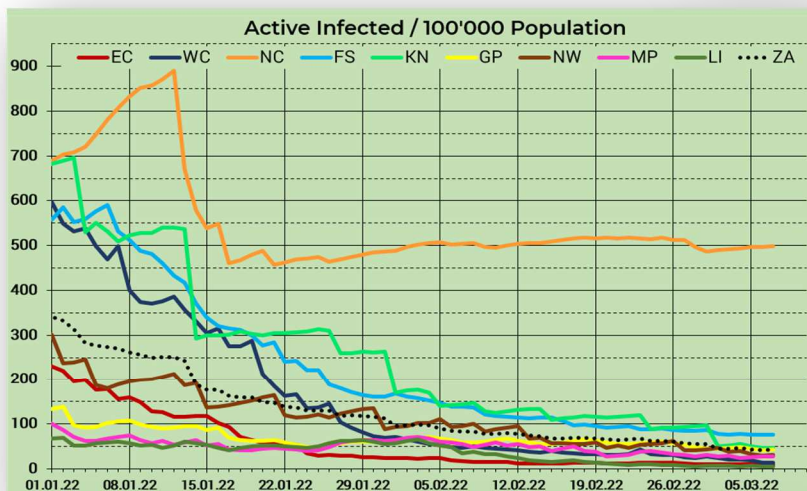


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If interested, send sms to Henry Newman  
**078 703 7003**

Bring and wear your **face mask** the whole time. **Sanitize** and sign the **Register** when entering the church

**The following regulations apply:**

- ❖ Max. 45 persons per service
- ❖ 3 persons per pew (1-1-1) or for couples (2- -1), larger families from the same household can sit together in one pew
- ❖ Every second pew remains free
- ❖ Foyer and Mezzanine have additional chairs 1.5 m apart
- ❖ The Organ will play and you can sing the hymns. The lyrics will be projected (no hymn books).
- ❖ Communion is received individually (disposable cups)
- ❖ No gatherings before/after service in the Foyer



Opposite is an overview of the number of people actively infected with the Corona virus every day for the last few weeks (28.01.2022 till 31.03.2022), as well as since the beginning of the pandemic (1 May 2020 to 28 March 22).

Eastern Cape (EC red) and the adjacent provinces Western Cape (WC dark blue), Northern Cape (NC orange), Free State (FS light blue), KwaZulu Natal (KN neon green), and for comparison Gauteng (GP yellow) and total South Africa (ZA black dotted). For a better comparison between the provinces the numbers are scaled to cases per 100,000 inhabitants.

Data source: [sacoronavirus.co.za](https://sacoronavirus.co.za)



# Easter Market 2022



Lutheran Church Hall,  
Cnr Martin Rd & Luke Ave  
Springfield

Continental and a variety of other Cakes together with a cup of Filter Coffee as well as:

- German Frankfurter rolls plus
- Take-aways: Delicious Curry and rice.
- Baked goods
- Hand crafts for sale
- White elephant table to browse around
- A wonderful Easter Hamper to be raffled off.

As part of our fundraiser, an Easter Market Hamper will once again be raffled off this year.

The opportunity to win this special beautifully made up hamper is well worth the R5 cost of each ticket you take.

Each list has 20 tickets so donating toward a part or full list increases the chance of winning!

The draw will take place on the day of the market.

**Get your tickets now.**

Contact or WhatsApp  
Elizabeth @ 071 572 0433

**Covid safety protocols  
to be observed**



# Invitation Special General Meeting 24 April 2022



**Lutheran Church Springfield - Port Elizabeth**

**Friedenskirche - Church of Peace**

**Church Committee Nomination Form**

**Kirchenvorstand-Vorschlags Formular**

**Period 2022-2023**

**Periode 2022-2023**

Nominations, including self-nominations, must be submitted (on this Nomination Form) to the Chairman of the Church Committee in writing. Nominations are also accepted verbally until the start of voting at the SGM. A nomination will only be valid if the candidate declares in writing or verbally at the meeting, that the candidate is willing to take office if elected.

Wahlvorschläge, einschließlich Selbstnennungen, müssen dem Vorsitzenden des Kirchenvorstands schriftlich (mit diesem Vorschlagsformular) vorgelegt werden. Wahlvorschläge werden auch mündlich bis zum Beginn der Abstimmung an der Gemeindeversammlung entgegengenommen. Eine Nominierung ist nur gültig, wenn der Kandidat/die Kandidatin im Vorfeld schriftlich oder an der Gemeindeversammlung mündlich erklärt, dass er/sie bereit ist, das Amt zu übernehmen, wenn er/sie gewählt wird.

*We kindly ask you to fill in the reverse side ↵*

# Invitation Special General Meeting 24 April 2022

## Dear members

You are all cordially invited to an Special General Meeting (SGM) (As agreed at our last AGM). This will take place on

**Sunday, 24 April 2022  
after the service**

The **main focus** will be the urgent filling of important vacant positions to the Church Committee.

Please reserve this date. We trust there will be a good turnout.

Reinhard Walle  
Committee Chairman a.i.

## Agenda

1. Opening Prayer
2. Announcement of Minuting Secretaries
3. Attendance List
4. Elections
  - 1) Church Committee 2021-2022  
Church Committee 2022-2023
  - 2) Delegates to Synod and CCE  
elected for the period  
2023-2026
5. General
6. Closing with Our Father

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### Proposer's details Information Antragsteller(in)

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Adresse \_\_\_\_\_  
Cell phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

I propose the following person or myself as a member of the church committee  
Ich schlage die folgende Person oder mich selbst als Kirchenvorsteher vor:

### Candidate's details Information Kandidat(in):

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Adresse \_\_\_\_\_  
Cell phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of the Candidate  
Unterschrift des Kandidaten: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please read the information on the reverse side* ↩



## Holy Week

The "Holy Week", the days between Palm Sunday and Easter, is a special time. How do we allow ourselves to be drawn into the story of Jesus' suffering and death - and of his resurrection? Some have been on an inner journey through the seven weeks before Easter since Ash Wednesday. In the last seven days, the events intensify. If you join us on the journey and read what the Gospels tell us, you will be drawn into the story that happened back then.



**Palm-Sunday 10 April 2022**  
Mark 11:11



**Monday 11 April 2022**  
Luke 19:41



**Tuesday 12 April 2022**  
Matthew 26:6-7



**Wednesday 13 April 2022**  
John 13:37



**Maundy Thursday 14 April**  
Psalm 78:19



**Good Friday 15 April 2022**  
Luke 23:49



**Holy Saturday 16 April 22**  
Mark 15:46



**Easter Sunday 17 April 22**  
John 20:15

## Friday-Takeouts

On Friday, mum's kitchen stays cold! Delicious take-aways are available in our church centre.

More details every Monday via our church WhatsApp group:



**Lutheran Congregation**

Not yet a member? Please  
sms to Henry Newman  
**078 703 7003**

*Example for Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2022*

### FRIDAY NIGHT TAKEOUT

*Mom's Night off!*

This Friday 01.04.2022 – Something to  
Crow about!



#### Savoury:



**Chicken Cordon Bleu**  
with Ratatouille – mmm – R30

#### On the sweet side of life:



**Apple Crumble Pie!**  
Comfy and homemade – R15/slice

#### Traditional with a twist:



**Ebony and Ivory Chocolate**  
and Hazelnut Pannacotta – R20

*(Covid safety protocols will be maintained.)*

#### To place your order:

Please order with Rivka at cell **066 110 7124**  
**NB → by latest 9pm this coming Wednesday**

Pick up your order at the Luke Ave Church hall  
at the Kitchen Hatch **16:30 – 18:00 on Friday.**



# Birthdays April 2022

04 April

Sigi | Sauer

09 April

Thomas | Jachens

10 April

Liz | Tessendorf

11 April

Gisela | Ruppelt

Kerilee | Thompson

15 April

Erica | Tessendorf

16 April

Hans | Rohwer

19 April

Wayne | Böttcher

23 April

Aiden | Groenmeyer

27 April

Mercia | Fillis

28 April

Christian | Seifert



# Divine Services April 2022

3 April 2022 18:00 (D)  
Judica



**Watchword (Matthew 20:28):**

*"Just as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."*

Jesus Christ took upon Himself the suffering of this world, its sickness, a world that despises and mocked and nailed to the cross the love of God.

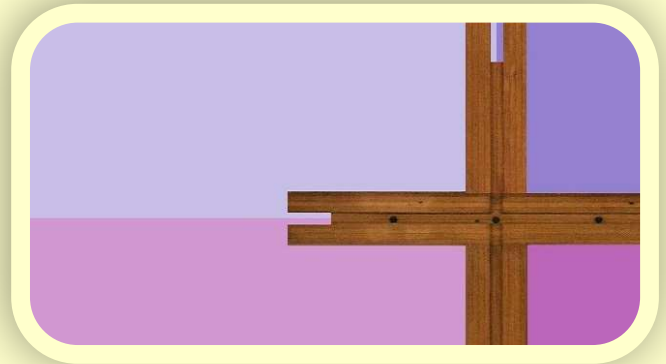
Don't fear! Be brave, look to me. Do not lock your stare on the disasters or miracles, as if God wanted to show himself in those alone.

But these can also be signs and an encouragement to again turn to God. Surely you will find God, in the midst of all the turmoil and suffering.

Perhaps this strange break from our hectic schedules makes a lot of sense and can be good for us, - a Sabbath break from the hustle and bustle where we tend to quickly lose ourselves. Let us ask God to keep us calm and guide us through this difficult time.

**Sermon**  
Mark 10:35-45

6 April 2022 18:30 (E)  
Lenten Devotion



**Watchword (1 Corinthians 1:18+25):**

*"For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength."*

The hymn "When I survey the wondrous cross" plays with concepts of our material world and contrasts them - even more clearly in the English original than in the German translation - with God's world. - God's world: Wealth and splendour are here on the human side, my richest gain, all the vain things that charm me most. But the true divine crown is not made of precious stones, but of thorns. The man on the cross is a king of the suffering, who changed death into new life. His suffering is more precious and valuable to those who believe in him than all earthly goods.

**Sermon**  
When I survey the wondrous cross

# Divine Services April 2022

10 April 2022 09:30 (E)  
Palm Sunday



**Watchword (John 3,14 b.15):**

*"The Son of Man must be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life."*

There are moments in life when nothing is as it seems. A cheerful face hides deep sorrow, the hard exterior can hide a soft heart, and behind what appears to be such a bleak future lies a new opportunity. These moments are uncertain and vague. Palm Sunday leads into such a moment in time: The hands, which swing palm branches, are already balled into fists. The beautiful "Hosanna" becomes the awful "crucify". Cheerful faces turn cold and hard. And yet it is Jesus' Death on the Cross that brings Life to us. His Way into darkness was a way into the Light, - today, on Palm Sunday, we remember that. In the beaten, the vulnerable and the despised, God is very close. Only a few recognized this truth, like the woman who prepared Jesus' body for death and burial by pouring precious oil over his head.

**Sermon**  
Johannes 17:1-8

14 April 22 18:30 (E)  
Maundy Thursday



**Watchword (Psalm 111:4):**

*"He has gained renown by his wonderful deeds; the Lord is gracious and merciful."*

When did I last see him? What words were spoken and what was forgiven? How important are these questions, when a loved one dies? Good for those, who could say goodbye or even heard a last word. Maundy Thursday tells of the last legacy of Jesus. Jesus takes a lot of time to say goodbye, encourages the disciples, washes their feet, and gives them words and signs for the time without him. And the legacy lives. Even today, Christians confess: In the Lord's Supper Jesus is very close, even after 2000 years. He shares in his new life. We honour him when we break the bread and share the wine, peacefully and without divisions. Today, since we are not able to gather and celebrate Communion together we especially remember Jesus' words: 'I am the Bread of Life for you'. His Word is our Bread and we feed on him.

**Sermon**  
1 Corinthians 10:16-17



# Divine Services April 2022

15 April 2022 9:30 (E+D)  
Good Friday



## Watchword (John 3:16):

*"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life."*

Crucified, dead and buried: on Good Friday Christians commemorate the death of Jesus. His cry 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?' addresses the questions connected with this day about God's presence in suffering.

He is betrayed by friends, mocked, tortured and finally executed on the cross. The first Christians confessed: Jesus died for our sins. Nothing we do can be so bad that we are lost. But today more and more people are having difficulties with it: Does God need a sacrifice to atone? He does not need it, but he is very close to the people in suffering. There should be no barriers between him and us. The sign of this is the cross that connects heaven and earth.

**Sermon**  
Exodus 32:1-6.15-20

17 April 2022 09:30 (E)  
Easter Sunday



## Watchword (Revelation 1:18):

*"I was dead, and see, I am alive for ever and ever; and I have the keys of Death and of Hades."*

*Easter is the feast of pure joy. A joy that is so pure because it knows the depths of suffering, yet also knows that it's not all there is to life, that there is more.*

Our first love or the birth of a child or rescue from great danger – there are events that fill us with unspeakable, deep joy. You want to sing and cheer or you simply don't get a word out for all the happiness. Easter is the pinnacle of amazement and joy! The three women at the tomb, the disciples to whom the Risen One appears, and Mary Magdalene, they cannot remain silent: Jesus lives! Love has conquered death. Death has lost its last power over us. Jesus' resurrection changed everything. Those who live against all odds in this trust can act more freely and can stand up to all that threatens life. "Death, where is your sting?"

**Sermon**  
2 Corinthians 6:1-10

# Divine Services April 2022

24 April 2022 09:30 (E)  
Quasimodogeniti



## Watchword (1 Peter 1:3):

*"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy, he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead."*

"Blessed are those who do not see and yet believe": The "unbelieving Thomas" confronts us with the desire to see and understand the contents of faith. Faith in the resurrection, however, is not directed towards a demonstrable fact. It is an act of confidence.

"I only believe what I see," is what many say. What I can explain with my mind, what I can grasp with my hands, only that is real. Resurrection? That does not fit! At first many disciples could not believe the message of the resurrection of Jesus.

They were thus also able to believe what they did not see: the invisible communion with Christ. Christians are already sharing in his new life. Can we believe that?

**Sermon**  
Isaiah 5:1-7

1 Mai 22 9:30 (D)  
Misericordias Domini



## Watchword (John 10:11.27-28):

*Christ says: "I am the good shepherd. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish."*

Sometimes I wish that there's someone who cares for me, who shows me the right way and guides me through dangers unharmed, one who quenches my thirst for life and tries to find me when I get lost. Jesus as the "Good Shepherd" stands at the centre on this second Sunday after Easter. The New Testament confesses Christ as the good shepherd, who does not give up the lost and who leaves his life for those entrusted to him. Every single one counts. However, the biblical texts also warn against bad shepherds, who only think about their own well-being, run away from danger and do not strengthen the weak. It is important to stick to the good shepherd and to look after others like he did.

**Sermon**  
1 Kings 19:1-8(9-13a)



# Prayercards April 2022

1 Apr Andreas Seifert

2 Apr Ayesha van Wyk

3 Apr Candice Burger

4 Apr Christine Paetzold

5 Apr Clinton Sternberg

6 Apr Elisabeth Wagner

7 Apr Erica Thompson

8 Apr Genia Lokotsch

16 Apr Liz Tessendorf

17 Apr Marita Fröhlich

18 Apr Michael Koch

19 Apr Molly Trumpp

20 Apr Morney Visagie

21 Apr Nicholas Jachens

22 Apr Nicolas Sternberg

23 Apr Phil van Rensburg

OUR FATHER WHO  
ART IN HEAVEN  
**HALLOWED**  
BE THY NAME

THY KINGDOM COME THY WILL BE DONE  
ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN  
GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD  
AND FORGIVE US OUR TRESSPASSES  
AS WE FORGIVE THOSE WHO TRESSPASS

9 Apr Gerhard Fröhlich

10 Apr Gisela Mahlert

11 Apr Helma Weber

12 Apr Jordan Visagie

13 Apr Josef Ritter

14 Apr Kadean Daniels

15 Apr Lima Coko

AGAINST US AND  
LEAD US NOT INTO  
TEMPTATION BUT  
DELIVER US FROM EVIL  
FOR THINE IS THE  
KINGDOM AND THE POWER  
AND THE GLORY FOREVER  
AND EVER **AMEN**

24 Apr Renée Sternberg

25 Apr Rosi Seifert

26 Apr Sharon Kukard

27 Apr Sheldine Septoe

28 Apr Shereez Visagie

29 Apr Sicilia Welcome

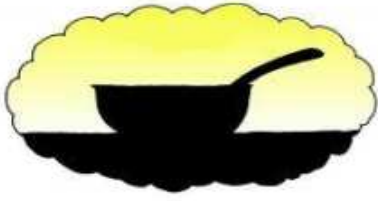
30 Apr Sydney Rudolph

Therefore, I exhort first of all that supplications, prayer,  
intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all people.

1. Timothy 2:1

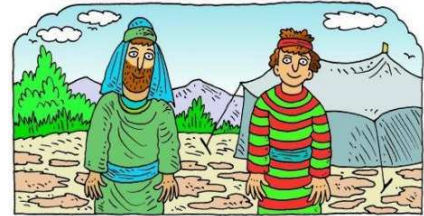
# Kid's Page: Jacob and Esau

1



Jacob and Esau  
a promise for a bowl of soup  
Genesis 25

2 Isaac and Rebekah had twin boys. Esau had been born first and was very hairy, but Jacob was not hairy like his brother.



3 The twin brothers were different in other ways too. Esau loved to go away hunting venison for his father Isaac's dinner, but Jacob liked staying at home cooking.



4 Isaac wanted his boys to know about God's promise to their ancestor, Abraham, that their family would have God's special blessings and become great.



5 "This special blessing to our family, always passes to the eldest son," said Isaac. Jacob loved hearing about God's special promises and wished he was the eldest son.



6 One day Esau came home from hunting feeling so hungry that he was nearly fainting. "Give me some of your red lentil soup," he said, before I die of hunger.



7 "You can only have it if you give me your special promise from God," answered Jacob. "Well, it is no use to me if I die," Esau replied and swapped God's promise for a bowl of soup.



8 After he had eaten, Esau felt much better and he was sorry that he had given away God's special promise, but Jacob treasured having God's special blessing.





Colouring Page



## Watchword April 2022

**I love Mary for this,  
for stopping at the tomb.**

I imagine the other two disciples exploring the empty tomb, wanting to keep track and turning on their heels to consult with the others. Surely there would be some explanation. Perhaps there has been a misunderstanding or they have missed something.

I imagine Maria's eyes following the two, standing silently by, the vigour of the two friends overwhelming her. How she takes a breath as if she wants to say something, but then she just sighs and lets them do their thing. Let them look for circumstantial evidence, proof and explanations! If that helps them - be my guest.

I imagine Mary standing back when the two disciples have turned their backs on the empty tomb. How she stands there and loses her composure. Because she doesn't understand what is going on. The only thing she knows is: Her friend and soul mate, whom she wants to mourn, is gone.

Not in the grave. Maybe stolen. Perhaps desecrated even after his death. Perhaps ... she weeps. She stops at the grave and weeps.

I love Mary for that. Because from her tears I read:

Don't minimize the crisis. Give the pain the place it deserves.

It can be seen! Then you don't have to hide it any more and maybe you will see through the veil in your eyes how things can go on.



**God is not far from each one of us.  
For "In him we live and move and  
have our being" .  
Acts 17:27-28**

**I love Mary for this,  
that she thinks Jesus is the gardener.**

I imagine her standing there in the cave with the two angels who can't help her either.

I imagine her looking down sadly. She had hoped for more from these angels. But then she sees a shadow: the cemetery gardener!

She looks at him angrily. How dare he put her friend's body somewhere else! Just tell me where you put it, and I'll go and get it back myself. You've got to be kidding! All her anger and all her hopes are now pinned on the gar-

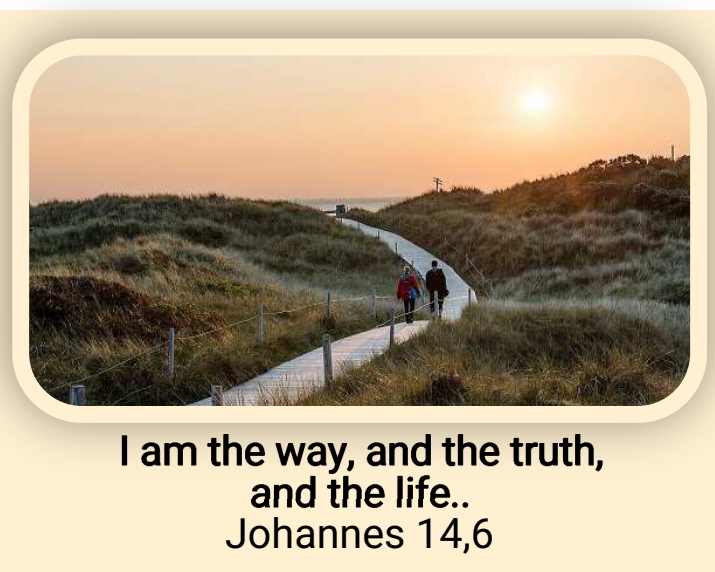


dener. Only he can know where Jesus is. And at the same time: what an idiot. Behind the anger lies the sadness.

I imagine that Jesus is touched by how much she goes out of her way for him. That he feels loved and is happy about it. He remembers the many hours they spent together, and before he knows it, her name comes to his lips: "Mary."

And that's when she recognises him. The one she thought was the gardener, the one she had pinned all her hopes on and who had made her so angry at the same time: There he is and she hadn't recognised him.

I love Mary for that. Because from her error I read: In the crisis it is difficult to keep a clear view. I am not alone in that. It is possible to be mistaken, to be deceived. Jesus comes to disappoint us: I am the way and the truth and the life.



I imagine the disappointed Mary embracing Jesus and not wanting to give him up. But Jesus repels:

"Do not hold me, for I must go. To my Father, who is also your Father. To my God, who is also your God. Please tell the others this too."

I imagine Mary hesitating, taking a step towards Jesus. Perhaps a farewell embrace? Or a kiss? But then she changes her mind. She looks him in the eye again, turns and goes back to the others, "I have seen the Lord!" Yes, she did.

She stayed at the grave when she could neither go forward nor back. She wept when the pain was great. She erred when she looked for a solution.

And so she saw Jesus and became an ambassador of that good news:

"He is not dead.  
He is with our Father,  
with our God."

A hesitant, a weeping, an erring ambassador she is, but perhaps that is why she has become so. Hesitating. Weeping. Erring. And spreading the word.

Marei Glüer  
[www.herder.de](http://www.herder.de)

## From the Bishop's Office



**Fools think their own way is right,  
but the wise listen to advice.**  
Proverbs 12:15

### **Preacher Training and Faith Course**

The Preacher Training has started. 7 new candidates have registered to be trained over the next two years. The syllabus consists of 8 courses.

**Course 1:** Back to basics

**Course 2:** The Bible – a treasure chest filled with gems that want to be shared with others

**Course 3:** The Bible – What is it trying to tell us?

**Course 4:** The sermon – from me to the text to the congregation (Homiletics)

**Course 5:** The Sunday service – Liturgy and the Church year

**Course 6:** Why are we Lutheran – Introduction to Lutheran theology

**Course 7:** Some practical things to consider

**Course 8:** Administration of sacraments and funerals

Four courses will be offered in a year, with two sessions on a Saturday morning and additional sessions in the evening. The sessions are usually offered on a virtual platform.

The continuous training of the Preachers and courses to equip the saints through **Faith courses** will be offered regularly on a virtual platform. Information and invitations will be communicated to the congregations.

### **Congregations and Pastors**

#### **ELC Strand Street.**

Pastor Sybil Chetty has been inducted as pastor during a Divine service on 27.3.2022. Many ecumenical guests attended the celebration. We wish her and the congregation God's richest blessing for their service to His glory.

#### **Inland Parish.**

Rev (em) Gareth Jones, a retired Anglican priest has agreed to serve the congregations of St John's in King Williams Town and St. Paul's in Macleantown on a part time basis from 1.3.2022 till 28.2.2023. We wish him and the congregation God's richest blessing for their service to His glory.

A solution for St Paul's in Stutterheim is still being sought. We thank the Church Committee and the Preachers for their dedicated leadership during this time of a vacancy.

#### **Stellenbosch and Somerset Wes.**

We welcome Vicar Ingrid Kassier in our midst. May the service in the congregation be a good learning curve in preparation for full-time ministry.



## Easter Candle

The Easter candle is a particularly large candle that is obviously used at Easter. In the Roman Catholic rite, the candle is consecrated and then lit on the (also consecrated) Easter fire. It is then used to bless the baptismal water. Parishioners light their own candle on the Easter candle. After the Easter service, the Easter candle remains on the altar and is lit during Mass and Vespers for the following forty days. After the reading during the service on Ascension Day, it is extinguished and then removed.

In the past, it was customary to draw smaller candles from the remains of the Easter candle, which were then used at the funeral of the poor.

In the Protestant church, too, churchgoers light their candles from the Easter candle (which is not specially consecrated here).

The handling may be different, but the meaning is the same in both churches: the Easter candle stands for Jesus Christ and his role as the light of the world. With the resurrection, this light returns to the world, just as the dark church is gradually illuminated by the candles of the congregation.



Easter Candle '22  
Church of Peace

Also for Easter 2022, the artist Alvarito Felix has designed and made an Easter candle for the Church of Peace . You can purchase a small replica of this candle for your home or to give away as a gift.

You can purchase it for R 150.00. We would be happy if you could already pre-order yours, via

[extravaganza@lutheran-pe.org](mailto:extravaganza@lutheran-pe.org)

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## Easter Humour

After Christ's crucifixion, Nicodemus comes to Joseph of Arimathea and asks him to provide his tomb for Jesus, but he gives excuses: "I need the tomb for myself and my family." -

Nicodemus replies: "Don't be so difficult - it's only for the weekend !"

Stefan buys slimming products at the pharmacy every few days. One day the pharmacist asks him: "Is all this for your mother?" - "No, for my rabbits. My father said that if they are fat enough, they will be slaughtered at Easter...."

# Easter Laughter

**Dear members and  
dear friends of our congregation!**

Well, it is not exactly forbidden in a church, but it is hardly desirable for someone to want to laugh heartily. Or have you ever seen someone laugh heartily in church or during a service? With the awkwardness of modern people to move in church spaces, laughter has not been very popular.

Realistically, life is less about fun and more about suffering and toil, fears and worries for many people to this day. Jesus was especially concerned with those who openly expressed and showed their life problems and fears: the spiritually poor, the sick and infirm; those who had been humiliated; others who were scarred by life. For them, laughter tended to stick in their throats.

There is, however, one incident where Jesus deliberately and consciously made people laugh when he entered Jerusalem for the Passover. He rode into his city on a donkey! It was a sight to behold and pure provocation!

A parody of every form of worldly power with royal crowns and dignitaries, palanquins and the red carpet, not forgetting the guards of honour. Probably not only the children laughed at what this King of Honours had come up with, at the sight of booted and armoured violence and state power. Although this production was more serious than almost any other, Jesus had the laughs and God's word on his side:

"The wicked threatens the righteous.".... But the Lord laughs at him, for he sees that his day is coming". (Psalm 37)

And this remained true and has been confirmed to this day. The wicked could not and cannot endure it; they struck inside and outside the temple, brutally brought their power into play, tortured, degraded people...

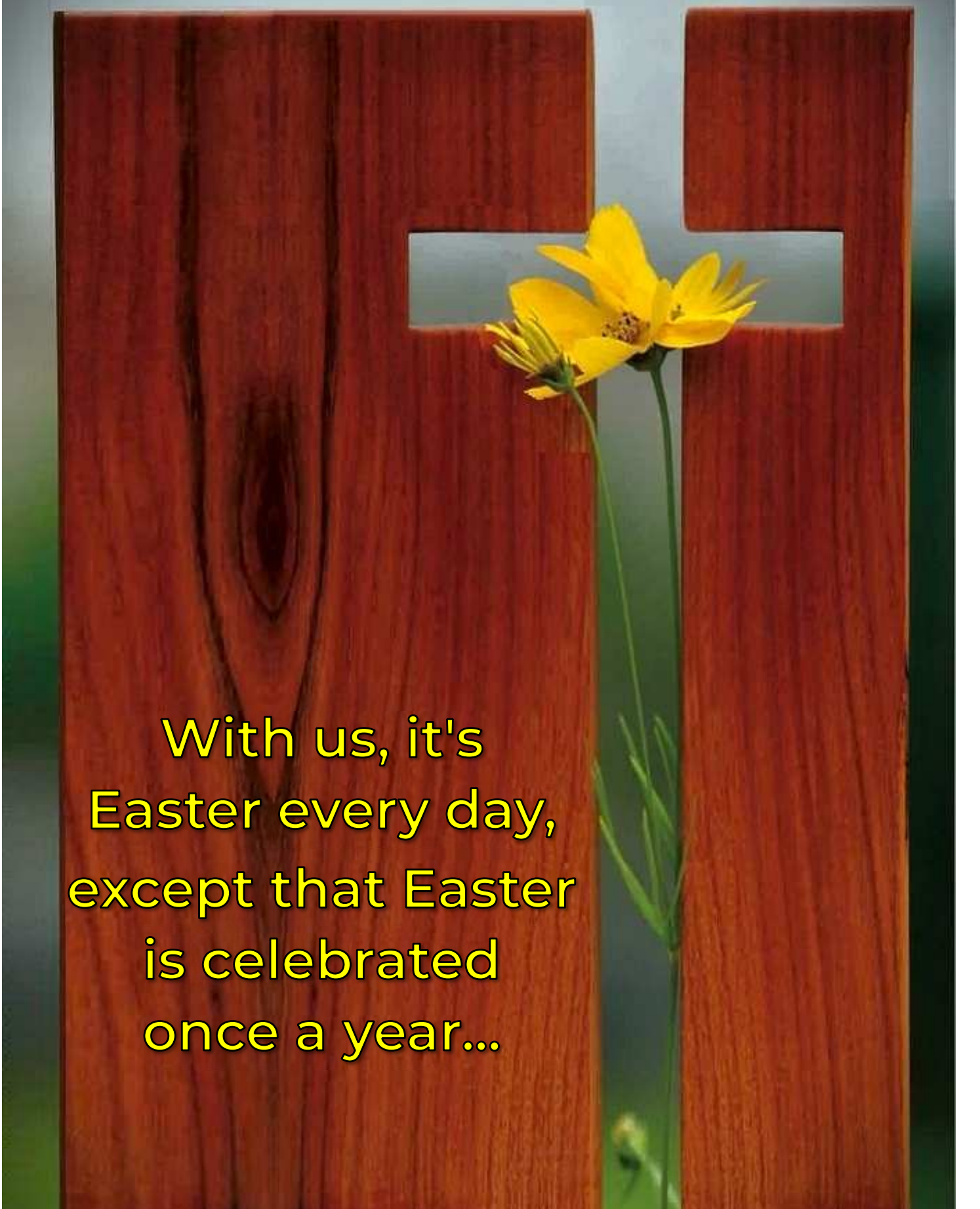
They crucified the King of Honour with his name: Jesus of Nazareth. - God mocks such power, he laughs at the powerful. The Father took the Son, the Righteous One, from the cross and from the tomb. Since those days, death has been left behind.

Well, it took a few more centuries before Christians felt so secure in their faith that they were able to laugh heartily in the face of the victory over death: the Easter laughter. This laughter has a liberating effect, it is immensely relieving. It is put to the test again and again in the face of fears, depressions, violence and wars, but it cannot be undone.

That is why Easter is remembered and the resurrection of Jesus is celebrated not only at Easter, but on every Sunday of the year. Jesus Christ is stronger than death". With this, we Christians live against all the darkness and heaviness of everyday life with ever-liberating hope and the Easter laughter.

A happy and blessed Easter to you all.  
Yours Andreas Wernecke



A photograph of a wooden cross made of two vertical and one horizontal plank of reddish-brown wood. A single yellow flower with a dark center is placed on the horizontal bar of the cross. The background is a soft-focus green field.

With us, it's  
Easter every day,  
except that Easter  
is celebrated  
once a year...



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