

# THE MEANING OF EASTER

“All shall be well, and all manner of thing shall be well.”

Julian of Norwich

*And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them.*

Romans 8:28

*Eight days later the disciples were together again, and this time Thomas was with them. The doors were locked; but suddenly, as before, Jesus was standing among them. “Peace be with you,” he said. Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here, and look at my hands. Put your hand into the wound in my side. Don’t be faithless any longer. Believe!”*

*“My Lord and my God!” Thomas exclaimed.*

*Then Jesus told him, “You believe because you have seen me. Blessed are those who believe without seeing me.” John 20:26-29*

**There are only two ways to live your life. One is as though nothing is a miracle. The other is as though everything is a miracle. (Albert Einstein)**

*And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God’s love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor*

*our worries about tomorrow—not even the powers of hell can separate us from God’s love. No power in the sky above or in the earth below—indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 8:38 – 39*

*God raised Jesus Christ from the dead. Now we live with great expectation, and we have a priceless inheritance—an inheritance that is kept in heaven for you, pure and undefiled, beyond the reach of change and decay... which is ready to be revealed on the last day for all to see. 1 Peter 1:3 – 5*

*Then Jesus shouted out again, and he released his spirit. At that moment the curtain in the sanctuary of the Temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, rocks split apart, and tombs opened. The bodies of many godly men and women who had died were raised from the dead. They left the cemetery after Jesus’ resurrection, went into the holy city of Jerusalem, and appeared to many people. Matthew 27:50 – 53*

*“Death is swallowed up in victory.*

*O death, where is your victory?*

*O death, where is your sting?”*

1 Corinthians 15:54 – 55