

# The Dean writes to you: 17<sup>th</sup> April 2022

Dear Cathedral Family, Sisters and Brothers in Christ.

Easter Season is a time of thanksgiving for our deliverance, through the cross and resurrection, from the power of evil, disaster and death. We acclaim, "Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again; we give thanks for Christ's glorious resurrection from the dead. By his death Christ has destroyed death, and by his rising again he has restored to us eternal life". Such powerful words in the wake of so many challenges we face as the Country and the whole world and the circumstances we live in at this present moment.

So, what may these words mean for us? For those who are ill because of any cause or for those who are suffering? For families who have lost jobs and with no income? For those who have had to flee their countries and are refugees either because of war (Ukraine vs Russia) or fire? For those in various places of our continent where there is fighting and oppression within their borders? nearer home for the people of KwaZulu-Natal who have lost loved ones and homes because of the torrential rains in Holy Week?; the ongoing Eskom blackouts affecting business and the most vulnerable in our societies; The huge inequalities under which we live in - in our country and in the church; Indeed, we are in troubled times and we cannot pretend otherwise and things are getting tough for many.

In the light of all this, I have been touched by the good works people do amidst all these challenges; the work of aid agencies throughout the world; the work of medical and healing professions; people are coming together in solidarity with one another, reaching out to support and assist. Many are turning to prayer and to God to find strength and courage. There are many signs of life, hope and promise in the midst of struggle and darkness and fear and hopelessness and despair.

We are Easter people: our faith and trust is in the Resurrected Lord Jesus Christ and nothing can separate us from his Love. Let's hold on in courage and hope as we journey into new life. Myself, Lilitha and the Children would like wish you a happy Easter with your loved ones as you gather around your tables and break bread together; and safe journeys for those who will be travelling. "CHRIST IS RISEN, HE IS RISEN INDEED ALLELUIA".

My love to you all

*Dean Mzi Dyantyi*