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SUNDAY/ FEAST	Part of the Mass	CBW III	Breaking Bread 2017	Glory and Praise (Green, 1997)	Gather
<b>May 14, 2017</b> <b>Fifth Sunday</b> <b>of Easter</b>	<b>Opening hymn</b>	587 Gather Us In CIS 6.34 Let Us Go to the Altar	158 Alleluia! Love Is Alive 543 Sing A New Song	676 Lift Up Your Hearts 379 O Sons and Daughters	745 Christ is Made the Sure Foundation
	<b>Preparation of Gifts</b>	441 You Are the Way CIS 6.20 Living Spirit, Holy Fire	586 Let All Things Now Living 566 Alleluia! Give Thanks to the Risen Lord	196 Psalm 33: Lord, Let Your Mercy 687 Sing Alleluia	869 Do Not Let Your Hearts Be Troubled 867 There Are Many Rooms
	<b>Communion</b>	599 No Greater Love CIS 6.3 The Hand of the Lord Feeds Us	473 Love One Another 346 Spirit and Grace	382 Now the Green Blade Rises 482 I Know that my Redeemer Lives	950 Take and Eat
	<b>Closing</b>	483 Alleluia, Give Thanks to the Risen Lord 514 Forth in the Peace of Christ We Go CIS 6.25 We Shall Go Out	161 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today 505 Out of Darkness	381 Christ the Lord, Is Risen Today 383 This Day Was Made by the Lord	527 I Know That My Redeemer Lives 530 Christ Has Risen tune: 839 or 859
<b>May 21, 2017</b> <b>Sixth Sunday</b> <b>of Easter</b>	<b>Opening hymn</b>	544 O Sing to God A Joyful Song CIS 6.33 God, We Praise You	169 Ye Sons and Daughters 564 Rise Up With Him	378 Jesus Christ is Risen Today 444 Lift High the Cross	522 This Is a Day of New Beginnings 949 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus
	<b>Preparation of Gifts</b>	473 God Is Love CIS 6.20 Living Spirit, Holy Fire	507 Now We Remain 360 Vine and Branches	393 Join in the Dance 676 Lift Up Your Hearts	552 Send Us Your Spirit 556 Come Down O Love Divine
	<b>Communion</b>	599 No Greater Love CIS 6.3 The Hand of the Lord Feeds Us	355 One Love Released 327 Ubi Caritas	410 Send Us Your Spirit 710 I Have Loved You	947 Bread of Life, Cup of Blessing 948 At the Table of Jesus
	<b>Closing</b>	563 Sing A New Song 591 God Is Alive! CIS 6.21 Join in the Dance	788 All the Ends of the Earth 178 Christ, the Lord, is Risen Today	389 Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks 394 At the Lamb's High Feast 398 Be Joyful, Mary, Heavenly Queen	534 Now the Green Blade Rises 520 This is the Feast of Victory
<b>May 28, 2017</b> <b>Ascension</b>	<b>Opening hymn</b>	383 Alleluia! Give Thanks to the Risen Lord 399 Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise CIS 6.37 Sing, O Sing	346 Spirit and Grace 181 Hail the Day	400 Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise 662 Praise to You, O Christ, Our Savior	545 A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing! 543 Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise
	<b>Preparation of Gifts</b>	393 Something Which Is Known 377 The Lord Is Now Exalted - Tune: 62 CIS 6.39 The Summons	727 Alleluia Sing to Jesus 171 Resucito	645 Love One Another 675 I Want to Praise Your Name	742 The Church's One Foundation 765 The Church of Christ
	<b>Communion</b>	432 Jesus, the Lord CIS 6.4 Let Us Be Bread	682 How Lovely Is Your Dwelling 474 Christians Let Us Love One Another	516 Seed, Scattered and Sown 522 Bread of Life	948 At the Table of Jesus 947 Bread of Life, Cup of Blessing
	<b>Closing</b>	691 Lord, You Give the Great Commission 508 Go to the World! CIS 6.28 Go Make of All Disciples CIS 6.30 Table of the World	617 Alleluia! Raise the Gospel 544 Halleluya! We Sing Your Praises	401 Lord, You Give the Great Commission 704 For the Beauty of the Earth	769 Go Make of All Disciples

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<b>June 4, 2017 Pentecost</b>	<b>Opening hymn</b>	414 Send Us Your Spirit CIS 6.37 Sing, O Sing	417 One Spirit One Church 452 Send Us Your Spirit	401 Come, Holy Ghost 406 Spirit, Come	833 Diverse in Culture, Nation, Race 550 Veni Sancte Spiritus
	<b>Sequence</b>	692 Sequence for Pentecost	37, 184, 185, 186, 446	404 Eastertide Carol Pentecost Sequence	1084 Sequence for Pentecost
	<b>Preparation of Gifts</b>	410 O Holy Spirit, Come to Bless CIS 6.20 Living Spirit, Holy Fire	447 Holy Spirit 591 Your Words are Spirit and Life	403 Veni Sancte Spiritus 410 Send Us Your Spirit 570 One Spirit, One Church	549 Living Spirit, Holy Fire 553 O Spirit All Embracing 532 O Sons and Daughters
	<b>Communion</b>	602 Eat This Bread CIS 6.6 One Love Released	358 Come to Me and Drink 324 Gift of Finest Wheat	508 In the Breaking of the Bread 519 I Am the Living Bread 563 We Are One Body	932 One Bread, One Body
	<b>Closing</b>	548 All the Ends of the Earth 508 Go to the World! CIS 6.32 God Our Author and Creator 6.25 We Shall Go Out	372 Go Out 163 At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing	412 Everyone Moved by the Spirit 599 Blest Be the Lord	546 Go to the World 557 Send Down the Fire 542 That Easter Day With Joy Was Bright
<b>June 11, 2017 Trinity</b>	<b>Opening hymn</b>	422 Sing We Praises to the Father CIS 6.33 God, We Praise You	707 O God Almighty Father 420 God Beyond All Names	413 On This Day, the First of Days 414 Holy, Holy, Holy	566 O God Almighty Father 564 The Play of the Godhead
	<b>Preparation of Gifts</b>	420 Creator God, Creating Still CIS 6.22 Loving and Forgiving	624 Eternal Father 448 Send Us Your Spirit	591 Dwelling Place 678 May We Praise You	563 How Wonderful the Three-in-One 642 What Wondrous Love is This
	<b>Communion</b>	473 God Is Love CIS 6.2 Dona Nobis Pacem CIS 6.6 One Love Released	314 Give Us O Lord 641 We Belong to You	518 The Supper of the Lord 579 Unless a Grain of Wheat	946 Let Us Be Bread 947 Bread of Life, Cup of Blessing
	<b>Closing</b>	511 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You CIS 6.23 Holy Is Your Name	190 Holy God We Praise Thy Name 429 Blest Be the Lord	415 All Praise and Glad Thanksgiving 416 All Hail, Adored Trinity	561 Let There Be Light 856 This Day God Gives Me
<b>June 18, 2017 Body and Blood of Christ</b>	<b>Opening hymn</b>	601 Gather Us Together CIS 6.12 Gather Your People	331 As Grains of Wheat 323 To Be Your Bread	503 See Us Lord, about Your Altar 522 Bread of Life	848 Gather Us In 536 At the Lamb's High Feast we Sing 619 Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence
	<b>Preparation of Gifts</b>	605 I Am the Living Bread CIS 6.11 For Countless Blessings	356 I Am the Living Bread 339 One Bread, One Body	506 To Be Your Bread 508 In the Breaking of the Bread	910 Shepherd of Souls 924 Song of the Body of Christ 923 Table Song
	<b>Communion</b>	602 Eat This Bread CIS 6.8 Take and Eat	354 This Body of Christ 353 Seed Scattered and Sown	498 Bread of Life 499 One Bread, One Body 513 Our Blessing Cup	932 One Bread, One Body 940 You Satisfy the Hungry Heart
	<b>Closing</b>	533 Sent Forth By God's Blessing CIS 6.30 Table of the World	499 Go Make a Difference 385 Sent Forth By God's Blessing	599 Blest Be the Lord 700 Now Thank We All Our God	626 Halleluya! We Sing Your Praises 598 O God Beyond All Praising
<b>June 25, 2017 Twelfth Sunday in OT</b>	<b>Opening hymn</b>	545 Sing Out, Earth and Skies CIS 6.29 O God of Past and Present	315 Let Us Go to the Altar of God 577 Many and Great	672 All Creatures of Our God and King 676 Lift Up Your Hearts	607 Sing a New Song
	<b>Preparation of Gifts</b>	481 Be Not Afraid CIS 6.26 All for Your Glory	376 Here I Am Lord 464 Because the Lord Is My Shepherd	585 All That is Hidden 660 What You Hear in the Dark	581 O God You Search Me and You Know Me
	<b>Communion</b>	611 Take and Eat CIS 6.8 Take and Eat	344 Jesus the Bread of Life 361 Take and Eat	584 Earthen Vessels 593 Center of My Life	942 Come and Eat This Living Bread
	<b>Closing</b>	552 Great God, We Lift Our Hearts CIS 6.36 Our Hope Is in the Lord	605 Lord of Glory 529 Lift Up Your Hearts	615 Amazing Grace 664 Mighty Lord	615 Holy God we Praise Thy Name

# Soul's darkness is an invitation to deeper faith

## Liturgy and Life

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Shortly after she died, some of Saint Teresa of Kolkata's diaries were made public. These personal journals revealed her deep struggles with faith during her long and fruitful life. Many who read about these doubts were disturbed. How could such a saintly woman question her faith? Meanwhile, others were consoled. If someone like Mother Teresa could doubt, then maybe there was hope for the rest of us! Rather than diminish her holiness, her questioning made St. Teresa much more human. Her story reminds us that even doubters can become saints.

The story of "Doubting Thomas" in the Gospel makes a similar point. His experience also assures us that doubters can become saints. Everyone knows that he demanded proof of Jesus' resurrection. For him, seeing was believing. He needed to put his hands into the wounds of Christ

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for the resurrection to become credible. But, in his naked questioning, Thomas revealed a very real part of our own faith journey. There are times in each of our lives when we demand to see in order to believe, when our previous understandings are shaken to the core. Our doubting ancestors in the faith — be it Thomas or Teresa — teach us some important lessons about what it means to become mature disciples of the risen Christ.

First, we learn that doubts are normal. God has gifted us with rational minds. It is with these rational, though limited, minds that we try to comprehend the mystery of God's infinite love for us. As we fall ever deeper into this mystery, our minds will fail us. We will be disoriented. What we thought we knew will no longer make sense. We'll enter

**Second Sunday of Easter**

**April 23, 2017**

**Acts 2:42-47**

**Psalm 118**

**1 Peter 1:3-9**

**John 20:19-31**

what some spiritual writers have called a dark night. But, rather than being a sign of a loss of faith, these human experiences are an invitation into a deeper faith, a deeper trust. They offer us a choice: to lose our faith or to fall deeper into it. The saintliness of Teresa and Thomas come not from the fact that they never doubted, but from the fact that they continually chose to fall deeper into God's loving embrace.

Second, we see that it's OK to demand proof. Thomas was chided for demanding to put his finger into Jesus' wounds. He was reminded that it's better to believe without

seeing. But even in that reprimand came an encounter. Jesus made his presence known to his doubting friend. Of course, when it comes to our own experience of doubt, we don't often get the sort of concrete evidence Thomas demanded. But asking for support and divine grace to get us through the times of darkness is perfectly OK. We may well be surprised in what ways God makes God's presence known.

Third, our periods of doubt remind us that ultimately faith is a communal affair. Thomas could not believe in the resurrection without seeing with his own eyes. But the other disciples had seen. They could believe. While Thomas may have been questioning his faith, these doubts did not alienate him from the rest of the disciples. He was still part of a believing community. In our own times of doubt, it is important for us to stay connected to the believing community. We can be buoyed by the faith of those around us while we go through our own, often painful, process of falling deeper into faith.

Doubts are not the antithesis to faith, but an integral part of our journey. Doubt is an invitation to growth. Questioning our faith is normal and even the greatest of saints experience it. Even if it is better to believe without seeing, asking for proof may be part of our journey toward a deeper encounter. Finally, we need not go through these disorienting moments alone. Being part of a community of believers means that, at times, we can let ourselves be carried by those around us.

May the joy of the Easter mysteries console us, even if ours is a moment of doubt. May our celebration of Christ's resurrection encourage us to keep falling deeper into faith.

# Arguments about the resurrection have been around since Jesus' time

## In Exile

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Believers and non-believers alike have been arguing about the resurrection since the day Jesus rose. What really happened? How was he raised from the dead? Did an actual dead body really come back to life and step out of the grave, or was the resurrection a monumental life-changing event inside the consciousness of Jesus' followers? Or was the resurrection both — a real physical event and an event inside the consciousness of believers?

Obviously nobody was there to see what actually happened. Those who claimed Jesus was alive again didn't see him rise and emerge from the tomb. They met him only after he had already risen and, immediately, believers and skeptics began to divide from each other, persons who claimed

to have touched him and persons who doubted that testimony.

There have been skeptics and believers ever since and no shortage of persons, professional theologians and non-scholarly Christians alike, who believe in the resurrection of Jesus as a faith event but not as a physical event, where an actual body came out of a grave. The faith event is what's important, they claim, and it is incidental whether or not Jesus' actual body came out of the grave.

Was Jesus' resurrection a faith event or a physical event? It was both. For Christians it is the most monumental event, faith and otherwise, in history. Two thousand subsequent years cannot be explained, except by the reality of the resurrection. To understand the resurrection of Jesus only as a literal fact,

that his body rose from the grave, is to cut the resurrection off from much of its meaning. However, that being admitted, for Christians, the resurrection must also be a radically physical event. Why?

First, because the Gospels are pretty clear in emphasizing that the tomb was empty and that the resurrected Jesus was more than a spirit or ghost. We see, for instance, in Luke's Gospel where Jesus invites a doubting Thomas to verify his physicality: "Look at my hands and my feet. It's really me. Touch me. You can see that I have a living body; a ghost does not have a body like this."

As well, and very importantly, to cut the resurrection off from the literal fact that there was real physical transformation of a once dead corpse is to rob it of some of its important meanings and perhaps of the deepest root of its credibility. For the resurrection of Christ to have full meaning it must, among other things, have been a brute physical fact. There needs to be an empty tomb and a dead body returned to life. Why?

Not as some kind of miracle proof, but because of the incarnation. To believe in the incarnation

and not to believe in the radical physical character of the resurrection is a contradiction. We believe that in the incarnation the Word was made flesh. This takes the mystery of Christ and the reality of the resurrection out of the realm of pure spirit. The incarnation always connotes a reality that's radically physical, tangible, and touchable, like the old dictionary definition of matter as "something extended in space and having weight."

To believe in the incarnation is to believe that God was born into real physical flesh, lived in real physical flesh, died in real physical flesh, and rose in real physical flesh. To believe that the resurrection was only an event in the faith consciousness of the disciples, however real, rich, and radical that might be imagined, is to rob the incarnation of its radical physical character and to fall into the kind of dualism that values spirit and denigrates the physical. Such a dualism devalues the incarnation and this impoverishes the meaning of the resurrection. If the resurrection is only a spiritual event, then it is also only an anthropological one and not also a cosmic one. That's a way of saying that it's then an

event only about human consciousness and not also about the cosmos.

But Jesus' resurrection isn't just something radically new in terms of human consciousness; it's also something radically new in terms of atoms and molecules. The resurrection rearranged hearts and minds, but it also rearranged atoms. Until Jesus' resurrection, dead bodies did not come back to life; they stayed dead, so when his came back to life there was something radically new both at the level of faith and at the level of the atoms and molecules. Precisely because of its brute physicality, Jesus' resurrection offers new hope to atoms as well as to people.

I believe that Jesus was raised from the dead, literally. I believe too that this event was, as the rich insights within contemporary theology point out, highly spiritual: an event of faith, of changed consciousness, of new hope empowering a new charity and a new forgiveness. But it was also an event of changed atoms and of a changed dead body. It was radically physical, just as are all events that are part of the incarnation wherein God takes on real flesh.

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July 2, 2017 Thirteenth Sunday in OT	Opening hymn	505 Disciples' Song	331 As Grains of Wheat	622 Lord of All Hopefulness	813 God, Whose Purpose is to Kindle
		CIS 6.34 Let Us Go to the Altar of God	534 O God Beyond All Praising	724 Sing of Christ, Proclaim His Glory	610 Sing of the Lord's Goodness
	Preparation of Gifts	614 Baptized in Water (alt. tune: 650)	513 Christ In Me Arise	91 Water of Life	527 I Know That My Redeemer Lives
		CIS 6.30 Table of the World	641 We Belong to You	454 River of Glory	790 The Summons
				455 Flow, River, Flow	
	Communion	601 Gather Us Together	332 Song of the Body of Christ	513 Our Blessing Cup	941 Eat This Bread
		CIS 6.12 Gather Your People	344 Jesus the Bread of Life	579 Unless a Grain of Wheat	
	Closing	594 O God of All the Many Lands	371 Go in Peace to Love and Serve the Lord	543 Take the Word of God with You	635 Let All Things Now Living
		CIS 6.36 Our Hope Is in the Lord	377 God Has Chosen Me	670 Sing a New Song	761 God Has Chosen Me