

## Easter Message 2021 The Church of Christ in Thailand

"Why are you seeking the living One among the dead?" (Luke 24:5b, AMBS)

Dear beloved brothers and sisters in Christ

Peace and Grace of the Risen Jesus Christ be with you!

At a time of so much fear, anxiety, turmoil, conflict, and seemingly insurmountable hardships in today's world, the message of Easter serves as a spark of hope for those who follow the way of Christ.

Christ's way is "to bring good news to the poor; to proclaim justice and freedom to the captives and to restore vision to the blind; to set free the oppressed and declare that it is a time for God to save his people" (Luke 4:18-19). Jesus Christ was crucified, died, was buried in a tomb and rose from the dead.

The way of the Cross reminds that death does not have the final word. The cause of justice, peace and new life is not hindered by the existing powers. Thus, the good news of Christ's resurrection becomes the source of empowerment to take up and continue to carry out the will of Christ.

Today many people have committed their lives to the way of the cross. Many people throughout the world are suffering mockery, arrest, torture, kidnapping and loss of life in the struggle for social justice and peace. The Easter message, "Why are you looking among the dead for one who is alive?" offers hope and strength for those who are deeply committed to Christ's way. Jesus Christ is always alive and is always among us.

As members of the global Church,

Let us encourage each other to continue the work that Christ began. May God give us the courage and wisdom to be worthy of this calling and to this great mission.

May the divine peace of Easter fill our hearts with the power of faith, joy and hope.

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