

## Theme: Easter 3 – Death & Life

*Some people say there is always a light at the end of the tunnel. And in terms of our experience of this pandemic, that is a good thought to hang on to. But this pandemic has been something that we have had to deal with. There has been escape from it. Even those in the higher echelons of power have either caught it or been affected by it.*

*And so it is the same with death. As a Christians community, we have at the core of our beliefs that there is a resurrection ... an afterlife ... a new life. Some part of ourselves will survive the process of death and continue to exist with Christ. This is the light at the end of our tunnel. Christ is that light.*

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**Pope Francis:**

*“May Christ, who has already defeated death and opened for us the way to eternal salvation, dispel the darkness of our suffering humanity and lead us into the light of his glorious day, a day that knows no end.”*

**Scripture:**

*Then the two followers told what had happened on the road. They talked about how they recognized Jesus when he divided the bread. While the two followers were telling this, Jesus himself stood among those gathered. He said to them, “Peace be with you.”*

*They were fearful and terrified. They thought they were seeing a ghost. But Jesus said, “Why are you troubled? Why do you doubt what you see? Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me. You can see that I have a living body; a ghost does not have a body like this.” After Jesus said this, he showed them his hands and feet. The followers were amazed and very happy. They still could not believe it. Jesus said to them, “Do you have any food here?” They gave him a piece of cooked fish. While the followers watched, Jesus took the fish and ate it. He said to them, “Remember when I was with you before? I said that everything written about me must happen—everything in the law of Moses, the books of the prophets, and the Psalms.”*

*Then Jesus opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. He said to them, “It is written that the Christ would be killed and rise from death on the third day. You saw these things happen—you are witnesses. You must tell people to change their hearts and lives. If they do this, their sins will be forgiven. You must start at Jerusalem and preach these things in my name to all nations.*