



◆ **Melrose Vision** ◆

To respond to God's call by being a people of faith who open our hearts and minds to the true power and love of Jesus Christ.

To live our faith by providing within our changing community a welcoming environment which encourages all people to care for and accept one another.

◆ **Worship Next Week** ◆

We come to the apex of our church year, the celebration that became the pivotal point upon which our Christianity is based. Throughout the church year, the stories build from incarnational birth, pre-teen and finally the concentrated ministry of Jesus during his last three years. Today we see the spectacular outcome that was woven into God's overall design.

The significance of the empty tomb has impacted the lives of countless followers to this day. Dejection turned into unbelievable joy, his followers found new life, new determination and a commitment which fueled a Christian movement that exploded across the world. We may not have seen first hand what God did for us in the resurrection of Jesus, but through scripture we have come to trust the witnesses who were willing to lay down their lives to tell the story.

The power and promises of Jesus come to us through the Holy Spirit, the advocate that Jesus sent to us. We live in the mystery of this unbelievable divine love and we accept the challenge to be disciples who love one another, just as Jesus has first shown love for all humankind.

Faith in what has been will help us overcome the fear and anxiety of living in the reality of today.

May you have a blessed, joyous and safe Easter!