

Resurrection

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*

Look

Once in a while, when something significant happens to us, we change. Sometimes we look different. Sometimes we behave differently. And people around us notice that we are different.

1. Have you – or someone you know - ever been through an experience that made you (or them) noticeably different to other people? What was the experience?
2. How were you changed? What did people notice?

Book John 20:19-31

Jesus stands in front of the disciples – and they don't recognize him. Jesus speaks to the disciples – and they don't recognize him. It isn't until Jesus shows him the scars in his hands and his feet that the disciples recognize Jesus.

1. Why, do you think, the disciples don't recognize Jesus when they first see him?
2. What about new life – resurrection - makes Jesus so different?

Took

The proclamation of the gospel is this: Life happens, death happens, new life happens. But new life isn't like the old life – it's totally, totally new. We have to shed the old and be made wholly, unrecognizably new.

1. In what part of your life right now are you hoping for new life? In what way do you need to be made new?
2. What do you need to get rid of, let go of, completely shed, so that there is room for Jesus to make you new?
3. What would new life look like for you?