

## Lenten wall panel 7, Golden Grove, SA



## Jesus' Ministry — Resurrection

### References:

John 14:19 Jesus said, "Because I live, you will live also"

1 Cor 15:20, 21 "Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep . . . so, in Christ all will be made alive"

The Easter Sunday altar display is a three-dimensional multimedia piece constructed in wood, paint, material and wire.

It concludes the Lenten display and dispels the gloom of Good Friday charging in with colour, light, life and promise.

The glittered cross explodes with light, shattering the darkness. It is interesting that when you look at the shape of the black background it becomes a series of arrows that actually point to the cross, drawing attention to it!

The shape of the black is reminiscent of the shape of an animal skin or hide left to cure. The Old Testament sacrifices have been replaced by the once-and-for-all sacrifice of Christ. Here we have the reminder of the cost on the cross: there must be death before there can be a resurrection.

The empty cross is, 'the power of God, and the wisdom of God', 1 Cor 1:24, and so is central to the whole piece.

The background is yellow for 'Sonshine'. It is warm and inviting suggesting peace, health and healing in Jesus, as prophesied by Malachi, 'For you who revere my name, the son of righteousness will rise with healing in its wings' (Mal 4:2)

The palms of victory surround the cross and represent the praises of God's heavenly and earthly beings, celebrating his resurrected life, (Rev 7:9). They are vibrant green, full of the promise and the hope of life.

The butterflies, all beautiful, all different shapes and sizes, are a familiar symbol of the resurrection and here help us realise that our new, heavenly and eternal bodies will be glorious and beautiful, as God has always planned.

1 Cor 15:35ff gives us the picture of God choosing the splendour of our new resurrected bodies.

The white background on which the whole display rests represents the purity and holiness of heaven, which we will share eternally with our marvellous Saviour. That the butterflies can alight on this and remain, reminds us of the holiness that is now ours — Christ's own holiness. Our sins are eternally forgiven and forgotten (Heb 10:10).

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