



## St Gerard Parish

45 Foster Street, Winnipeg, Manitoba R2L 1V8

phone: 204.667.0523 fax: 204.667.1699 email: stgerpar@mymts.net www.stgerardwinnipeg.com

Resurrexit, Sicut Dixit! Alleluia!

Dear brothers and sisters,

St. John the Evangelist writes the following about the events connected with the Passion of Jesus,

*“But one of them, Caiaphas, who was high priest that year, said to them, “You know nothing at all! You do not understand that it is better for you to have one man die for the people than to have the whole nation destroyed.” He did not say this on his own, but being high priest that year he prophesied that Jesus was about to die for the nation, and not for the nation only, but to gather into one the dispersed children of God. So from that day on they planned to put him to death.”* (John 11:49-53)

It may seem like those who are great in power, money or knowledge are the ones writing history. But this is only a facade. In reality the history of humanity, and the entire world, is written by God. Sometimes God is writing history using the miserable and selfish decisions of humans. Jesus was condemned by the powerful of this world before the Passover in lobbies and private meetings. The death of Jesus was part of the plan of God, written before the foundation of the world. God’s plan also provided something that is far beyond human comprehension: the Resurrection. God’s plan had one purpose: to gather together all the children of God through the forgiveness of their sins, and by giving them a new, eternal life.

My sisters and brothers. Look with eyes of faith at current events happening around us, both in the world as well as in our personal lives. May He, who by His death and Resurrection brought to the human race peace and reconciliation, enrich us with these same gifts. Peace in our hearts, and reconciliation with God, ourselves, our broken history, our neighbours and our families.

Christ is Risen! Indeed, He is Risen! Alleluia!

*Janusz Maroń*

Fr. Janusz Maroń, OFMCap.

