

LIVING AS RESURRECTION PEOPLE

"Men of Israel, listen to these words: Jesus the Nazarene, a man attested to you by God with miracles and wonders and signs which God performed through Him in your midst, just as you yourselves know— this Man, delivered over by the predetermined plan and foreknowledge of God, you nailed to a cross by the hands of godless men and put Him to death. But God raised Him up again, putting an end to the agony of death, since it was impossible for Him to be held in its power."

Acts 2: 22-24



In this glorious time of Easter,
We have come to celebrate the greatness of Jesus Christ
our Lord and Savior.
On this great day, we proclaim our Resurrected Brother
Jesus Christ as Lord
Let us rejoice and be glad. Alleluia!



We pause and remember that our God is always with us.
He is a God of Promise, of Compassion, of Joy and of Life.
Lord by Your cross and resurrection,
You have set us free.
You are the Savior of the world. Alleluia!

This great and venerable Feast of Pasch in Hebrew is called "Pesach," which means passing over. Historically it recalls the passing over (of the Israelites) from Egypt in the Promised Land but spiritually (for the Christians) it means the passing over from things down below (from the earth) to things above (to heaven).

HYMN: THE DAY OF RESURRECTION!

The day of resurrection!
Earth, tell it out abroad,
the passover of gladness,
the Passover of God.
From death to life eternal,
from sin's dominion free,
our Christ has brought us over
with hymns of victory.

Let hearts be purged of evil
that we may see aright
the Lord in rays eternal
of resurrection light,
and listening to his accents,
may hear, so calm and plain,
His own "All hail!" and hearing,
may raise the victor strain.

Now let the heavens be joyful,
let earth its song begin,
let all the world keep triumph
and all that is therein.

Let all things, seen and unseen,
their notes of gladness blend;
for Christ the Lord has risen,
our joy that has no end!

Then praise we God the Father,
and praise we Christ His Son,
with Them the Holy Spirit,
eternal Three in One;
till all the ransomed number
fall down before the throne,
and honor, power, and glory
ascribe to God alone!

- Saint John of Damascus



LUKE 24:1-12

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, 'Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here,

but has risen. Remember how He told you, while He was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.' Then they remembered His words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

ROMANS 6:3-11

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? Therefore we have been buried with Him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with Him in a death like His, we will certainly be united with Him in a resurrection like His. We know that our old self was crucified with Him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with Him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over Him. The death He died, He died to sin, once for all; but the life He lives, He lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

PRAYERS of INTERCESSION

LEADER: On the first day of the week at early dawn, the women came to the tomb with the spices they had prepared.

ALL: Help us, Lord, not to anoint the death of our dreams even before we allow them a chance to live.

LEADER: They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body.

ALL: Lord, let us not give up on hope so easily, on the expectation that God will do something incredible.

LEADER: While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them.

ALL: May we allow You, O God, to speak to us through the strangers we encounter, and help us to hear, and to be challenged.

LEADER: "Whom do you look for among the dead? Jesus is not here but has risen!"

ALL: Lord, help us to seek life from the death of the past. Too often we hold to that which breathes only in our memory; to mistakes long past; to hurts long inflicted; to strings attached to forgiveness.

LEADER: "Remember how Jesus told you, while He was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and to be crucified and on the third day rise again."

ALL: Lord, too often we are torn or scattered, we feel unworthy of the healing of Your grace or the promise of restoration.

LEADER: Then they remembered Jesus' words and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest.

ALL: Lord, let us not forget Your promises even those whispered just moments ago. We want proof before we will believe, before we will be faithful.

LEADER: Now it was Mary of Magdala, Joanna, Mary the mother of James and the other women with them who told this to the apostles.

ALL: We do not risk enough, Lord, to trust the messengers in everyday appearances. We do not dare ourselves to understand.

LEADER: But these words seemed to the apostles an idle tale and they did not believe them.

ALL: Lord, help us not to think our problems too big for You! We act like a frightened disciple, unwilling to allow You into our crowded lives, unwilling to make room for the One Who creates, redeemed and sanctifies us.

LEADER: But Peter got up and ran to the tomb, stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home amazed at what had happened.

ALL: Lord, let us not be so much like Peter. We deny You; we fail to share the miracle; we keep the Good News to ourselves.



You have turned our mourning into dancing.
You have clothed us
with joy. Alleluia!

Our days of weeping are done!
Wearing garments of gladness,
we see one another in the light of
Your love,
and stand together
in the power of Your Resurrection.



PRAYER

Great God of Resurrection Morning,
As You showed Yourself to the disciples,
to the two Marys at the rolled-back stone,
to Thomas in the upper room,
to the ones on the road to Emmaus,
So You show Yourself to us
in one another's faces,
in tears and in blessings,
in daily miracles, large and small.
You show Yourself to us
in the birds and flowers of springtime,
in our pleasure in sunlight,
in all the gifts of your good earth,
and in the forgiveness of our sins.
We rejoice in knowing that You love us,
that You rejoice in our love for one another
that You are here among us,
Alive, O Risen Christ!



O death, where is your sting?
O hell, where is your victory?
Christ is risen, and you are overthrown.
Christ is risen, and the demons are fallen.
Christ is risen, and the angels rejoice.
Christ is risen, and life reigns.
Christ is risen, and not one dead remains in the grave.
For Christ, being risen from the dead, is become the first-fruits of those
who have fallen asleep. To Him be glory and power forever and ever.
Amen."

- St. John Chrysostom

BLESSING

Go forth in joy,
Knowing that the God of Life
is with us always.

Christ is Risen!

He is risen indeed!

In the name of God our Creator, Jesus our Resurrected Savior, and the
Holy Spirit Who calls us to life and to holiness. Amen.

Alleluia!



Saint John Baptist de La Salle
and all you holy Brothers who have gone before us,
help us to be Resurrection people each day.

Live Jesus in our hearts. Forever!