

Easter Sunday: Christ is Risen, Alleluia!

Having journeyed with the Lord through the Sacred Triduum, we now join with the church in proclaiming with overflowing joy the Resurrection of the Lord.

The darkness of the Passion has given way to the radiant light of Easter morning, and with believers around the world, we rejoice in Christ's victory over sin and death. Today, the empty tomb stands before us as a sign of God's unshakable promise- a promise that renews hope, strengthens faith, and anchors our trust in the living Lord.

Like Mary Magdalene, Peter, and John in today's Gospel, we are invited to "see and believe"-to allow the power of the Resurrection to draw us out of our own tombs of fear, discouragement, and doubt.

In the first reading, Peter boldly proclaims the truth of the resurrection to the household of Cornelius, recounting the life, ministry, death of Christ and the new life He brings to us. His testimony reminds us that the Good News is to be shared, drawing others into the joy and the radiant light of the resurrection.

Saint Paul urges us to "seek what is above," reminding us that the resurrection is meant to shape our heart, guide our choices and transform our way of life. He calls us to cast out the "old leaven" the habits, attitudes, and patterns that quietly sour our lives and to put on the "new self," clothed in the grace, mercy, and holiness of the risen Lord.

As Eater people, we are renewed from within and sent forth to witness to Christ's victory not only in our words, but in the integrity of our actions, the compassion we show, and the hope we carry into every corner of our lives.

Let us pray that the joy of this holy day may break through whatever shadows linger in our hearts, and that the peace of the risen Christ may dwell richly with us and our families, now and always. May the empty tomb continue to stand as a great sign of God's enduring promise, and may its radiant hope shape our lives each day. Strengthened by the light of the Resurrection and renewed by Christ's victory, may we go forth as true people of the Resurrection-courageous in faith, steadfast in hope, and generous in love-carrying into the world the very mysteries we celebrate.

Have a Blessed Easter!

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