



# EASTER SUNDAY

## 9th of APRIL 2023 - Cycle A



### LOVE IS NEVER SILENT



### SETTING

It is Resurrection Sunday, it is Easter, in which care made love reveals new life.

We are the people of Holy Saturday who open up to hope.

We are the ones who have heard the Good News, but we have to discover it.

We are the ones who, confident in your testimony, have set out and are looking for answers, meaning... and, ultimately, we are looking for You.

The gestures begin to gain strength, in light of what happened, his words about defeating death begin to make sense. A certainty is gaining space.

Everything that happens to us, everything that happens to us is part of our life. There are moments of light, moments of madness, joys and hard moments.

If we really believe, and we believe in the Resurrection, what changes our life?

## **SONG. We are an Easter people – Church**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zCHmbfaxQj8>

### **GOSPEL – John 20,1-9**

"On the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene goes to the tomb early in the morning while it was still dark, and sees the stone rolled away from the tomb. They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Peter and the other disciple went out and headed toward the tomb. The two of them ran together, but the other disciple ran ahead of him faster than Peter, and reached the tomb first. He bent down and saw the bandages on the ground, but he did not go in. Simon Peter also arrives, following him, enters the tomb, and sees the bandages on the ground, and the shroud that covered his head, not with the bandages, but folded in a separate place. Then the other disciple, the one who had come, also entered. The first to the tomb; he saw and believed, for until then they had not understood that according to the Scripture Jesus had to rise from the dead."

John makes us notice that the night darkness had not disappeared: the light of the Resurrection broke the night. Obviously, the expression takes us to the content of the Prologue of the Gospel of John: "The light shone in the darkness and the darkness did not receive it", "accommodate" which means "understand" and "recover" at the same time. The text itself says it all: "while it was still night", Mary of Magdalen sees that the stone was removed from the tomb; So She runs and goes to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus wanted (it was supposed to be John) and she says to them: "They have taken the Lord from the tomb and we do not know where they have put him." Obviously, the two disciples rush. Juan's gesture of respect towards Peter is notorious: John goes faster, probably because he is younger, but he lets Peter enter the tomb first.

### **We deepen the gospel**

"Peter enters the tomb and sees that the cloths are on the ground and also the shroud that had covered the head, not next to the cloths, but folded in a separate place." His discovery is summarized as follows: "the tomb is empty and the linen cloths remain in it but

when John enters, the text says: "Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also entered, and he saw and believed. For Saint John, these canvases are convincing proof of the Resurrection. If they had taken the body, they would have taken the canvases too! And if it were still dead, if it were a corpse, obviously, the cloths that covered it would not have been removed. For John, these canvases are proof that Jesus is freed from death forever. In front of those two abandoned garments, and from now on useless, John saw and believed; He understood everything immediately.

A few days earlier, when Jesus brought Lazarus back to life, he came out of the tomb bound. His body was a prisoner of the chains of the world. It was not a resurrected body. Jesus, however, is fully released. His resurrected body will no longer know obstacles. The last sentence may be a bit strange: "Actually, until now, the disciples had not seen that, according to Scripture, it was necessary for Jesus to rise from the dead." In his Gospel, John has noted several times that it was necessary to wait for the Resurrection for the disciples to understand the mystery of Christ, his words and his behaviour.

Our faith must also always be given without any other evidence than the testimony of the Christian communities that have maintained it up to now. If we do not have proof, we can verify the effects of the Resurrection. As Saint Paul says **"The profound transformation of individuals and communities, which allow themselves to be inhabited by the Spirit, is the most beautiful proof that Jesus lives!"**

### **Clues for prayer**

- What does it mean to you that the crucified is also the risen?
- How does the Resurrection of Jesus helps you live in hope and free yourself from your fears?
- "Return to Galilee" is an expression that invites us to be willing to start over, not to let negative experiences frustrate our path of discipleship. In what way does this invitation challenge you at this moment in your life?

**AMBIENTAL MUSIC. Una mattina - EINAUDI**

<https://youtu.be/IEmkomaFb3s>

## MOVE THE STONE

In the early morning and  
Without waiting any longer,  
women head  
to the grave, to cry.  
The apparent failure  
for so many,  
it is cause for joy  
for them and those who wait,  
those who seek and  
They go after hope.  
In the morning they start  
to make sense of words;  
What we saw, we heard  
and touched our hands.  
To resurrect is to believe  
In the message of the  
Nazarene.  
To resurrect is to open  
to the dreams that humanize.  
To resurrect is to put  
eyes on the road.  
To resurrect is to express  
with gestures your experience.  
To resurrect is to tend  
a friendly hand.

To resurrect is to give away  
words of encouragement and  
encouragement.  
To resurrect is to forgive  
always, whatever may be.  
To resurrect is to smile  
With the possibility of being  
to resurrect is to share  
the pain of others.  
To resurrect is to open  
your house to which it arrives.  
To resurrect is to put  
the table with one more plate.  
To resurrect is to leave  
to meet the person.  
To resurrect is to listen  
the silence of many  
and give voice.  
Let us resurrect life  
to be life  
Love is never silent  
Love changes you  
It an Easter, let us sing  
with our life  
Hallelujah!

### SONG. Christ the Lord is risen - Celebrating

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1lchVdAqCWk>



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