

EASTER SUNDAY

17th of April 2022. Cycle C



LIFE



IT IS ALWAYS EN ENCOUNTER

SETTING

Easter is the light that makes its way to life. It is the light strengthened by the passage of passion and death. Touched at the bottom of our being, we are lifted from the lowest to the highest. Our identity deepens along the path we have walked. Everything is light for the one who opens his eyes to the small, for the one who feels in the brethren the Father of all, for the one who looks from the heart at the sweetness that invades everything. Life comes out to meet us; we celebrate the gift of life with so many brothers and sisters who are giving it, in each place, a Kingdom mission, in different lands far from the madding crowd. Along with you and by them and for them.

SONG: ALLELUIA, THE LORD IS RISEN

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rMLvhboWMa0>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9khJXoL9QGk&t=69s>

GOSPEL – John 20, 1-9

"Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been moved from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciples, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.'" Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and saw and believed: for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

We deepen the Gospel

John points out that the day was beginning to rise: the light of the Resurrection had overcome the night. This goes back to the Prologue of the Gospel of John: "The light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not been able to hold it." Here the word "hold" has a double meaning: "understand and stop." That's right, the darkness has not understood the light because, as Jesus also says, in this gospel, "the world is unable to receive the Spirit of truth" (Jn 14:17). Or again: "light has come into the world and men preferred darkness to light" (Jn 3:19). But, in spite of everything, the darkness could not stop the light, in the sense of preventing it from shining. And John offers us the phrase that manifests the victory of Christ: "be sure and do not be afraid, I have overcome the world!" (Jn 16,33).

And today's text continues: "although it was not yet dawn", Mary of Magdala sees the stone had been removed from the tomb. Then, he runs to find Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, (we assume it is the same John) and tells them: «They have taken the Lord from the tomb and we don't know where they have put him.»

The two disciples start running. When they arrive, Pedro enters the tomb and sees that the cloths are on the ground and that the shroud that

had covered his head was not with the cloths but rather folded and in its rightful place.” What they discovered can be summed up this way: the tomb is empty and the clothes are in their place. But when John enters, after Peter, the text says: "When the other disciple entered, he who had come first saw and believed." For John, these canvases are convincing pieces because they are proof of the Resurrection: indeed, at the time of Jesus' execution, and even much later, the opponents of the Christians spread the hoax that the disciples had underutilized his body . To this Saint John replies: “If the body had been taken, the linen and the shroud would have come out with it since they wrapped it! And if it were a corpse, the linen would cover it. And because John believed, the Scripture became understandable to him: how many things in the Scripture were obscure and incomprehensible to him, but all of a sudden, everything becomes clear: John rereads the Scripture in another way and the Scripture becomes luminous. The expression “was precise” shows the evidence. As Saint Anselm said, "it is not necessary to understand to believe, but to believe in order to understand."

Let us recognize then that the empty tomb, by itself, is not for us a proof of the Resurrection. The true proof of the Resurrection is the testimony of the Christian communities that have maintained it until today. And we can verify the effects of the Resurrection: the deep transformation of people and communities that allow themselves to be inhabited by the Spirit is, as Saint Paul says, the most beautiful proof that Jesus is alive! To us, then, not expecting to have understood everything, to dare to invite the world to meet the Risen Jesus.

Clues for the prayer

1. What does the resurrection of Jesus mean in your life today?
2. What have you discovered in this new Easter that you are allowed to experience?
- 3 What is Jesus inviting you to today?
- 4 What are you called to share about the life of Jesus?

ARE WE ABLE TO RECOGNIZE LIFE? _____

AMBIENT MUSIC. Sad Cello Song - If You Are My Love

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q3LaWP1gYEI>

EASTER, BORN AGAIN

How wise is life when
their eyes and hearts are open.
From the point of view of Jesus,
that of the small details.
The road is a whole,
where pain is felt
suffering, laughter...;
the close company of God the Father,
that of the little ones, the quiet ones...
Comforter, redeemer, conciliator.
Easter is the look that generates life.
Easter is caressing the right sense.
Easter is listening to the soft murmur.
Easter is to contemplate from the small.
Easter is running to find you.
Easter is discerning what is really good.
Easter is painting the color of life.
Easter is sitting and waiting for the friend.
Easter is wanting what you want.
Easter is making the end a beginning.
Easter is breaking new ground.
Easter is talking about what you dream inside.
Easter is content with little.
Easter is to praise and bless you
in the brethren our neighbour.
Easter will always be in you, your everything
when your eyes shines
when your heart beats,
when your feet get closer,
when your life is surrenders
Easter is your life, a style, an identity,
always embodied, in the others, your close ones.

SONG. RISEN – By Kerriane Burch

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



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