

Resurrection Sunday

April 20, 2025 + Easter Sunday

*Let him easter in us,
be a dayspring to the dimness of us.*
~ Gerard Manley Hopkins



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Crossing the Threshold

Waiting in Hope

*Meet us in the darkness,
Where we wait for you.
Empty us of everything that is not true.
Laying down what we desire,
We seek the truth beyond the fire.
So, meet us in the darkness,
Where we wait for you.*

"Meet Us in the Darkness"

Praying the Psalm

adapted from **Psalm 36**
'Sometimes an Unknown Path'
by Jerry Webber

Your benevolence, God,
 is beyond comprehension.
Rather than gather life to Your Self,
 You endlessly give Your Self away.
Your certain love
 stretches beyond the limits of my sight.
Your never-ending commitment to Your people
 is higher than the clouds.
Your love for what is right
 is sure like the mountains that tower over us.
Your just deeds on behalf of those on the underside of life
 may go unnoticed by most,
 but they are as real and fathomless as the ocean depths.
All of life, every created thing,
 is held in Your embrace,
Your certain love
 holds together everything.
So, God, shelter all Your people under Your sure love,
 as an eagle shields her young under the wings.
Feed those who are hungry
 with manna without end.
Give the thirsty living water
 that quenches their deepest thirst.
For You hold together
 all of life,
and when our way is darkness
 You give light for the next step.
Amen.

Waiting in God's Presence

**Lord, I come to You,
Let my heart be changed, renewed.
Flowing from the grace that I've found in You.
And Lord, I've come to know,
The weaknesses I see in me,
Will be stripped away,
By the power of Your love.**

**Hold me close,
Let Your love surround me.
Bring me near,
Draw me to Your side.
And as I wait, I'll rise up like the eagle.
And I will soar with You
Your Spirit leads me on,
In the power of Your love.**

"The Power of Your Love"

*Lord, unveil my eyes,
Let me see You, face to face,
The knowledge of Your love as You live in me.
And Lord, renew my mind,
As Your will unfolds in my life,
In living every day,
By the power of Your love.*

Listening to Scripture

Luke 24:1-8

On the first day of the week, at early dawn, the women went to the place of remembrance, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the place of remembrance, but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men in luminous clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground. But the men said to them, "Why do you seek the Living One among the dead ones? He is not here but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, saying, 'The Son of Adam must be handed over to the hands of sinners and be crucified and on the third day rise again.'" Then they remembered his words.

Song of Response

"The Day of Resurrection"
from John of Damascus, 8th century

*The Day of Resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad;
The Passover of gladness, the Passover of God.
From death to Life Eternal, from earth unto the sky,
Our Christ hath brought us over and raised us up on high.*

*Our hearts be pure from evil, that we may see aright,
The Lord in rays eternal of Resurrection Light;
And as our hearts are lightened, we hear so calm and plain,
Christ's own 'Rejoice!' and, hearing, may raise the victor strain.*

*Now let the heavens be joyful! Let earth the song begin!
The world cries out in triumph, and all that is therein!
Let all things seen and unseen their notes in gladness blend,
For Christ the Lord hath risen, our joy that hath no end.*

Contemplating Scripture

1 Corinthians 15-22-23

*For just as in the Adam all die,
even so in the Christ all will be made living ones.
But each in its own order:
Christ the first fruit;
afterwards the ones who are the Christ's, in his Presence.*

Meditation

Song of Response

"Be at Peace"

*Be at peace my child, I am closer than you know.
Be at peace my child, I am here.
Be at peace my child, for I never will forsake you.
Let fears and longings cease,
Be at peace.*

Guided Prayer for Eastering

"Living Christ, easter in me. Be a dayspring in my dimness."

"Living Christ, easter in _____. Be a dayspring in their dimness."

Song of Response

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Silence for Contemplative Prayer

During these minutes of silence, simply rest in God's abiding and loving presence in this moment. You are in God and God is in you. Just be and relax. Contemplative Prayer is sometimes called the Prayer of Remembrance. We begin by entering our own body, our own place of remembrance. We remember that we are embodied and we sense our own body here and now. We enter our own "cave" of the heart by "stooping down" in humility, with our attention focused on the area of our heart. From this place, we breathe deeply and pray. If it helps, use a sacred word or phrase to help you descend into this silence (such as Beloved, Teacher, Mercy, Abba, Jesus, or Spirit) or a breath prayer, such as "In Your Presence" (*inhale*) "I live" (*exhale*).

Our Hope in Christ

"Because He Lives"

Because he lives,

I can face tomorrow.

Because he lives, all fear is gone.

Because I know he holds the future,

And life is worth the living just because he lives.

Receiving Holy Communion

Singing Our Joy

"Christ the Lord is Risen Today"

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!

Earth and heaven in chorus say, Alleluia!

Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!

Sing ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!

Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!

Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!

Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!

Receiving a Good Word