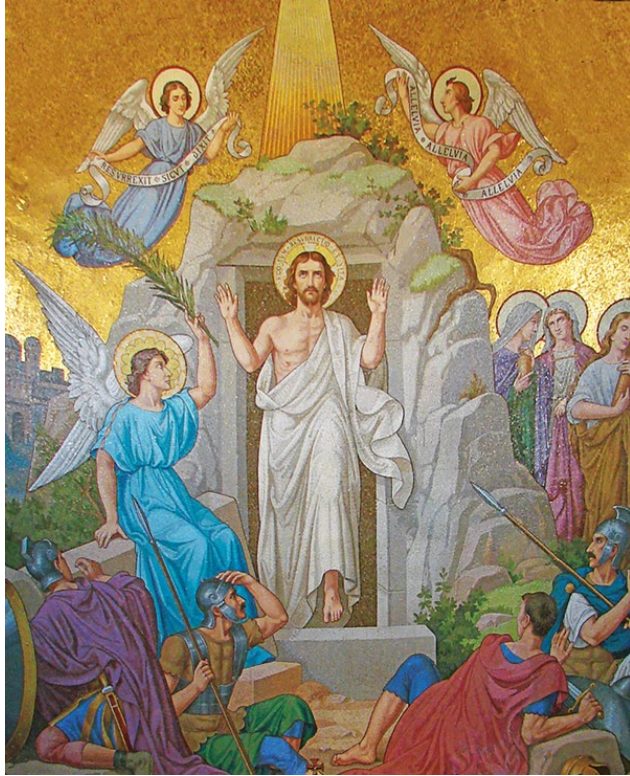


EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD



My dear brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ, Early this morning, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb—with a heavy heart, with tears in her eyes, with love that refused to give up. She expected to find a dead body... but instead, she found an empty tomb.

That empty tomb is not emptiness...it is hope.

It is God's way of saying: death is not the end, love is not defeated, and your story is not over.

1. God Turns Our Tears into Joy

Mary Magdalene came weeping. But a few moments later, she became the first witness of the Resurrection.

A mother once sat beside her child in the hospital, holding his hand, not knowing what would happen. She cried, she prayed, she felt helpless. But after days of struggle, the child slowly recovered. The same place of tears became a place of joy. She later said, "I walked in with fear, but I walked out with gratitude."

This is Easter:

God can enter our deepest sorrow and transform it into joy.

2. The Empty Tomb Means New Beginnings

The stone was rolled away. Not just from Jesus' tomb, but from every situation that feels closed, hopeless, and final.

A man who made serious mistakes in life lost everything—his job, his relationships, his dignity. He thought his life was finished. But one day, he decided to begin again. Step by step. Years later, he became a source of inspiration to others. He said, "My worst chapter became the beginning of my best story."

Easter tells us:

No failure, no sin, no past is greater than God's power to renew us.

3. Love Never Dies

Why did Mary go to the tomb so early? Because she loved Jesus. Even when everything seemed lost, her love remained. And Easter reveals something powerful: Love is stronger than death.

Think of someone you have loved deeply...a parent, a friend, a loved one who may no longer be with you. Their love still lives in your heart. It shapes you, guides you, stays with you. That is a small reflection of Easter truth:

Jesus is alive, and His love is still active, still real, still transforming lives today.

4. We Are Called to Be Witnesses

Peter and John ran to the tomb. They saw, and they believed. But they did not stay there, they went out to share the good news.

A person who overcomes a serious illness often becomes a source of hope for others who are suffering. Their life becomes a testimony: "If I can make it, so can you."

That is our mission today:

Not just to celebrate Easter...but to live it and share it. Bring hope where there is despair, bring love where there is hatred, bring light where there is darkness

Conclusion: My dear brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus

Whatever tomb you carry today...

a broken relationship, a hidden pain, a silent struggle...remember this:

The stone is already rolled away.

Christ is risen.

And new life has begun.

Let us not remain in the tombs of fear and sadness.

Let us rise with Christ—with faith in our hearts, hope in our lives, and love in our actions.

Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is truly risen!

Amen

Wishing you and your families a blessed and joyful Easter. May the Risen Lord fill your hearts with peace, hope, and new life. Let us rejoice in the victory of Christ over sin and death.

Happy Easter to you all