

Easter Sunday | The Resurrection of the Lord | Year B

March 31, 2024

In the early days after the resurrection of Jesus, Peter began to proclaim the joyful message to everyone. He related how God had done marvelous deeds for his people through Jesus, who suffered death but was raised to glory. Let us recall this happy event with our prayers.

1/ The Psalmist invites us to sing with thanksgiving to God, for his mercy and love endure forever. For all the peoples of God. We pray that, led by Pope Francis, pastors, and deacons, they may always sing of the everlasting mercy and the enduring love of God. Let us pray.

2/ Speaking in metaphor to the Corinthian Christians, Paul states that their Easter faith, which must begin with the death and resurrection of Jesus, is like a little yeast that leavens all the dough. For all the peoples in this world—especially non-Christians. We pray that they may realize that their faith in the living God can be fermented with a little yeast of knowledge about the risen Jesus. Let us pray.

3/ Mary Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning when it was still dark. She saw the tomb empty and ran away in fear. For those who seek God and have not yet found him. We pray that their fear of not seeing God is meant to be only temporary and transient. For their persistent seeking will help them find God through the spirit of the risen Jesus. Let us pray.

4/ The disciple whom Jesus loved went to the tomb. He, too, saw the tomb empty, but came to believe that Jesus had been raised. For our sisters and brothers who have died with their faith in Jesus. We pray that God, who raised Jesus from dead to life on Easter Day, also raise our loved ones to be among the living. On this Easter Sunday, we remember Nick Brown, Lu Foushee, Maria Paulus, the benefactors of Saint John the Apostle, and those whose names are remembered in the list of Easter Flower Donations. Let us pray.

God of resurrection and life. On this Easter Day, we commemorate the greatest Feast of our faith. That is the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. May our hearts always rejoice in your grace and mercy for us so long as we journey on earth. We pray all this in the name of Jesus our Lord.