

**THIS IS THE DAY THE LORD HAS MADE
LET US REJOICE AND BE GLAD
ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA!**



**DYING, YOU DESTROYED OUR DEATH.
RISING, YOU RESTORED OUR LIFE.
LORD JESUS, COME IN GLORY!**

**HYMN: AND THE FATHER WILL DANCE
And the Father will dance as on the day of joy
He will exult over you and renew you by His love.
Shout for joy all you, His people.
Sing aloud and exult with all your heart
For Yahweh your God is in your midst.
You have no more evil to fear.
Do not let your hands fall limp
For Yahweh your God is in your midst.
And when the time comes I will rescue the lame,
When the time comes I will gather the strays,
And when the time comes I will be your guide.
I will gather you in
And give you renown among all peoples.
And the Father will dance as on the day of joy.
Carey Landry, 1977, North American Liturgy Resources**

PRESENCE OF GOD

**We remember how You loved us to Your death
And still we celebrate for You are with us here
And we believe that we will see You
When You come in Your glory, Lord.
We remember. We celebrate. We believe.**

RESURRECTION HYMN

**This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Worthy is Christ, the Lamb Who was slain, Whose blood set us free
to be people of God.
This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

**Power, riches, wisdom, strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are His.
This is the feast of victory for our God.**

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:
Blessing, honor glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.**

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

For the Lamb Who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

SCRIPTURE

Colossians 3:1-4

Brothers and sisters:

**If then you were raised with Christ, seek what is above,
where Christ is seated at the right hand of God.**

Think of what is above, not of what is on earth.

For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

When Christ Your Life appears,

then you too will appear with Him in glory.

Mark 16:1-7

When the Sabbath was over,

**Mary Magdalene, Mary, the mother of James, and Salome
bought spices so that they might go and anoint Him.**

Very early when the sun had risen,

on the first day of the week, they came to the tomb.

**They were saying to one another, "Who will roll back the stone for us
from the entrance to the tomb?"**

When they looked up,

**they saw that the stone had been rolled back;
it was very large.**

**On entering the tomb they saw a young man
sitting on the right side, clothed in a white robe,
and they were utterly amazed.**

He said to them, "Do not be amazed!

You seek Jesus of Nazareth, the Crucified.

He has been raised; He is not here.

Behold the place where they laid Him.

But go and tell His disciples and Peter,

'He is going before you to Galilee;

there you will see Him, as He told you.'"

REFLECTION

The Resurrection of Jesus Christ - Saint John Baptist de La Salle

**This feast is a day of joy for the entire Church; that is why we so frequently
and so solemnly sing these words of the Royal Prophet: This is the day the
Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. Indeed, the resurrection of
Jesus Christ is at once very glorious for Him and highly advantageous for all
the faithful. It is glorious for Jesus Christ because by it He overcame death.
This led Saint Paul to affirm that Jesus Christ was raised up for the glory of
His Father and that once risen He dies no more, because death**

will no longer have power over Him.

It is advantageous for us because it is an assurance of our own resurrection. Certain it is, adds the apostle, that just as all died in Adam, so too all will rise again in Jesus Christ. According to this same apostle, it was on this happy day that death was destroyed once and for all. Rejoice with the whole Church over so great a favor, and thank Jesus Christ Our Lord very humbly for it.

The resurrection of Jesus Christ was glorious for Him and advantageous for us in another sense, because, according to Saint Paul, He destroyed sin and rose again only that we might live with a new life. For it is certain that if we are united with Him through likeness to His death, we shall also be united with Him through likeness to His resurrection, and if we die to sin with Jesus Christ, we shall also live with Him. Because by rising Jesus Christ destroyed sin, you must take care, following Saint Paul's advice, that sin may no longer reign in your mortal body. Attach that body with all your disorderly affections to the cross of Jesus Christ; this will make your body share in anticipation the incorruptibility proper to His body by preserving you from sin, the source of all corruption.

The resurrection of Jesus Christ should also procure for you the benefit of making you rise spiritually by causing you to live according to grace. This means it will cause you to enter an entirely new and heavenly life. To enter into these practices and to show, according to Saint Paul, that since you are risen with Christ, seek the things that are above, love the things of heaven, not those that are on earth. Mortify your earthly bodies, continues the same apostle, and put off the old man in order to be clothed in the new. Show by your conduct that the resurrection of Jesus Christ has produced these happy effects in you.

OUR RESPONSE: THE RESURRECTION – M. S. Lowndes

We hold so close to our hearts
The cross where Jesus died
But so much more than the blood-stained cross
Is that Jesus came back to life

The stone's been rolled away
The tomb lay open and bare
They looked for Him, and then the angel said
That He is no longer here

Oh what joy they must have felt
To see Him just once more
To eat with Him, to drink with Him
To receive Him back as Lord

So much did He accomplish
Through His death upon the cross
And in His rising from the dead
He reconciled us back to God

Nothing else could bridge the gap
That sin had wrenched apart
Now we can freely go to God
And receive Christ in our hearts

BLESSING



**O Lord Jesus Christ, Who upon this day
did conquer death and rise from the dead,
and Who are alive forever more,
help us never to forget Your Risen Presence forever with us.
Help us to remember,
That You are with us in every time of perplexity to guide and to direct;
That You are with us in every time of sorrow to comfort and console;
That You are with us in every time of temptation to strengthen and to
inspire;
That You are with us in every time of loneliness to cheer and befriend;
That You are with us even in death to bring us to the glory of Your side.
Make us to be certain that there is nothing in time or in eternity
which can separate us from You,
so that in Your presence we may meet life with gallantry
and death without fear.
You turn our darkness into light, in Your light we shall see light.
Lord in Your mercy, hear our prayer.
Christ the Lord is risen today!
ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA!**

HYMN

**Christ the Lord is risen today,
Sons and daughters of men, and angels say;
Raise your joys and triumphs high!
Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply!
Soar we now where Christ has led,
Following our exalted Head;
Made like Him, like Him we rise;
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies!**



EASTER BLESSINGS!

***Live Jesus in our hearts.
Forever!***