

Easter Message 2025

Christ is Risen! Alleluia!

“But in fact, Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.”

(1 Corinthians 15:20)

I like St. Paul's bold declaration about the resurrection of Jesus. The church in Corinth needed that unwavering conviction as they were struggling with their faith. In a world filled with many voices, experts, analysts, gurus, and cynics; we need a strong voice with a firm conviction. Easter is not just a story from the past; it is the dawn of a new reality. When Christ rose from the grave, He was not just proving His power over death—He was opening the way for all of us to share in His victory. Paul calls Him the **“first fruits”**, the first glimpse of a harvest still to come. That harvest is us—all who belong to Christ, called into the fullness of life with Him.

Our world shows many signs of brokenness. For the Church, Easter is our bold declaration that love is stronger than hate, that peace is more powerful than violence, and that Christ is alive and at work in the world. And for each of us, Easter is the promise that no matter how deep the night, the dawn will come. Easter tells us that it is a new beginning. We see this truth everywhere: a buried seed breaking through the earth in springtime, morning light chasing away the night, a life renewed by grace. Christ's resurrection is the pattern for all creation—what was broken is being restored, what was lost is being found, and what seemed finished is being made new.

On Easter Day, we renew our baptismal vows because baptism is our share in Christ's death and resurrection. We let go of sin and fear, step into the light, and claim the life He has won for us. The old has passed away; the new has begun.

So, this Easter, let us live as **resurrection people**. Let us not be trapped by the past, weighed down by fear, or discouraged by darkness. Christ is risen, and His rising is our hope. In Him, life conquers death, joy overcomes sorrow, and love reigns forever!

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Yours in His Service,

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