

**THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD**  
**EASTER SUNDAY**  
**APRIL 5, 2026**

After the devastating events of Good Friday: abandonment of the Disciples, rejection by the religious authorities, betrayal of Judas and denial three times by Peter, the community struggles with the utter failure of their friend Jesus' teaching and life – the apparent failure.

Having accomplished the funeral rituals, the women who have followed Jesus faithfully, arrive at the tomb on that early morning – broken, mourning and grieving. Their dreams and hopes shattered.

As the day begins, Mary painfully goes to the tomb to grieve and mourn. Her life had been changed through her encounter with Jesus - new possibilities opened before her by His words and care. Now all had vanished with His death. Darkness seemed to overwhelm her; lasting death seemed to be the end.

As she stumbles out of the darkness of the tomb into the bright light of a new day, the welcoming face and voice of Jesus reveals the life-affirming glory of God's love for Mary. Death is transfigured into the light of the glory of God and Mary is sent forth to proclaim the Good News.

After forty days of Lent we, too, stumble into the light of the Resurrection, recognizing joyfully the eternal love of the Father in the person of Jesus the Christ. With the illumination of this truth, we see in the face of the other, our sisters and brothers! Celebrating this truth, we live the glory unfolding in ourselves and those around us.

Christ is Risen! Christ is truly Risen!

ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA!

Blessings of joy!

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