

EASTER SUNDAY C



*They both ran, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter
and arrived at the tomb first ...*

An
angel.
Dazzling light.
Boulders moved.
Burial head cloth rolled up.
Women running to tell disciples.
Disciples running to see for themselves.
The empty tomb proclaiming

Good News.

He was not
there.

“Where is he?”

“Mary!”

The one who has loved us
into wholeness
is alive.
and
with us now.

We say with her,

“Rabbouni!”

THE FIRST READING (Easter Sunday)

Acts 10:34, 37-43

“You know what has happened.”

Night surrendered to day, dark to light,
fear to courage,
death to
resurrection.

Peter,

whose fear could not admit that he knew the Lord,
but now fearless, proclaims him boldly,
across the barren hills,
each place he goes
in every action
he takes.

Lord,

give
us too
your Spirit:
give us your life
as you gave it to Peter.

Let us show your story with our lives.



THE SECOND READING (Easter Sunday)

Colossians 3:1-4

Corinthian 5:6b-8

Seek what is above.

Lord,
O help us to
find what is above.
Compassion, gentleness,
kindness, humility, patience.

forgiving one another,
bearing with one another.

Let your peace dwell in our
hearts!

Let us put on
love

and find ways to fix the wrongs we see in our world:
war in Ukraine, social injustice, climate crisis,
children starving, death penalties,
human trafficking.

Help us fix it
all.

REFLECTION:

Pope Francis says that the resurrection of Christ is the most shocking event in human history.

"What was humanly unthinkable happened," Pope Francis said: 'Christ, my hope, is risen!' And in Him we too are resurrected, passing from death to life, from the slavery of sin to the freedom of love."

"After the rites of the Easter Triduum, which made us relive the mystery of death and resurrection of our Lord, now with the eyes of faith we contemplate him risen and alive," he said.

Pope Francis said "the risen Jesus walks beside us. He manifests himself to those who invoke and love him. First of all in prayer, but also in simple joys lived with faith and gratitude."

The pope pointed to the important role that women played in announcing Christ's resurrection.

"It is women who are the first to meet the Risen One and bring the announcement that he is alive," Pope Francis said.

"All the Gospels highlight the role of women, Mary Magdalene and the others, as the first witnesses of the resurrection," he said.

Pope Francis said that the words Jesus addressed to the women must also resound in our lives today, "Do not be afraid; go and announce ..."

"We ask the Virgin Mary to allow us to receive full peace and serenity, gifts from the Risen One, to share with our brothers and sisters, especially those who need comfort and hope the most," Pope Francis said.

"Let us allow ourselves, therefore, to reach out from the consoling message of Easter and wrap ourselves in its glorious light, which dissipates the darkness of fear and sadness," he said. *(From an address by Pope Francis on April 22, 2019)*

