

EASTER SUNDAY

gathering



music or hymn

*Listen to music, gaze at the image
and breath in the Easter spirit.... breathe out joy.*

You come from darkness to light
Resurrected Christ!

You rise from stillness to dancing
Risen One!

You rise from silence to bird chorus
Our Beloved!

praying

Psalm 150

YOU ARE THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE

Praise God in holy places.

Praise the mighty deeds of God.

Praise God, all players of musical instruments

In Orchestras, Quartets, Bands or Soloists

All that is alive, praise God!

Glory to you, Living God

Creating, Resurrecting, Transforming

Glory praise and reverence to you

Now and forever.

*Patricia Stevenson. Psalms: Songs from a Pierced Heart. Sydney:
Sisters of St Joseph, 2003. Used with permission.*

listening

John 20: 1-2, 11-17

Early in the morning on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been rolled away from the entrance, so she ran off to Simon Peter and the other disciple – the one Jesus loved – and told them, “The Rabbi has been taken from the tomb! We don’t know where they have put Jesus!”

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Mary stood weeping beside the tomb. Even as she wept, she stooped to peer inside, and there she saw two angels in dazzling robes. One was seated at the head and the other at the foot of the place where Jesus’ body had lain.

They asked her, “Why are you weeping?”

She answered them, “Because they have taken away my Rabbi, and I don’t know where they have put the body.”

No sooner had she this than she turned around and caught sight of Jesus standing there, but she didn’t know it was Jesus. He asked her, “Why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?”

She supposed it was the gardener, so she said, “Please, if you’re the one who carried Jesus away, tell me where you laid the body and I will take it away.”

Jesus said to her, “Mary!”

She turned to him and said, “Rabboni!” – which means ‘Teacher’.

Jesus then said, “Don’t hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to Abba God. Rather, go to the sisters and brothers and tell them, ‘I’m ascending to my Abba and to your Abba my God and your God!’”

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savouring



responding

CHRIST BE ALIVE IN US!

May we share the joy of the Risen Christ wherever we are.

May the delight of the Resurrection fill our world with laughter and love.

May the Resurrected Christ call us by our true name, Beloved.

Invitation to include other prayers



Birthdays



Anniversaries

rejoicing



music or hymn

reflecting

Living God,
your bringing new life from death
opens us to the reality of your promise to never leave us.

Trusting in this promise, may we live in confidence,
wonder and commitment to our world
that daily experiences Resurrection.

We ask this through the resurrected Christ
and the revivifying Spirit.

Amen

blessing

From frozen earth to purple crocuses
From unformed rock to clearest diamonds
From hard red earth to golden wheat

You bless us!

From Antarctic winds to snow and rain
From thunder and lightning to crystal air
From fog and mist to the breeze's breath,

You bless us!

From frigid air to glowing coals
From deepest winter to summer's brightness
From dying embers to living flame

You bless us!

From frozen iceberg to melting floes
From mountain source to river's mouth
From deepest canyon to ocean waves

You bless us!

From crucified body to resurrected Christ

*You bless us
abundantly O God!*

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