



“Glory be to You,
 who laid your
 Cross as a
 bridge over
 death that souls
 might pass over
 it from the
 dwelling of the
 dead to the
 dwelling of life.”

St. Ephrem of Syrian

**SCRIPTURE
 of the DAY**

Acts 10: 34, 37-43

Psalms 117: 1-2, 16-17,
 22-23

Colossians 3: 1-4 or
 1 Corinthians 5: 6-8

John 20:1-9 or
 Luke 24: 1-12

Mary Magdalene, Sts Peter, John and the apostles suddenly realised all this on a sudden leap of faith, bestowed on those whom God specially calls. At Baptism, we too are called God’s children and Easter affirms that God has come to save all of us as a loving Father.

Not only does Jesus offer us a promise for the future, HE is our ultimate hope. Contrastingly, we live amidst wars, changing gender identity, mental and spiritual anguish, the prospects and perils of an advancing AI world, a new financial lifestyle etc; Jesus offers us something even greater and deeper. He offers us the fruits of Easter, a promise of peace. This peace is guaranteed, it is assured, it is real. The promise of peace compels us to walk in the light for we become children of this enormous light. **Easter compels us to face the glorious cross with renewed enthusiasm for life.** We have a hope, a destiny, a God who comes, to save and to claim us as His own.

We reflect how the Easter message intertwines with us. Are we a reflection of Easter, do we share the message in word and action. What’s different in our lives this year from the last? Heaven came down to earth, Jesus came to specially call us out as a disciple, to become a brother and sister in the faith. His Divine blood, poured out for you and me is a sign that we are His, and His alone. Easter changed the world; Easter altered the journey of life forever Let us become an Easter people filled with enthusiasm sharing the good news of our faith.

Wishing everyone a Blessed, Spirit-filled and Joyful Easter! ✦

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CELEBRATING, LISTENING AND WALKING AS PILGRIMS OF HOPE



A Promise of Peace

The glorious day that forever changed the world—that’s what we celebrate today. Sin severed the divine relationship; Jesus came to restore humanity. Eternal life was slipping from our grasp, but Jesus eternally reinstated that. God was foreshadowed within the synagogue and the sanctuary, yet Heaven came down to earth. The new Adam, the exclusive gateway to the Father came to the rescue, sent by The Father Himself. The Son of Man became the Lord and God forevermore.