

# Alleluia Is Our Song!

Early in the morning, in the darkness of night, the women went to the tomb. They went with sadness and despair, hopelessness and the darkness of grief and death. It was unexpected to find the sealed tomb burst open, and the tomb empty. And it was extremely unexpected to experience and hear what happens next. Two men with dazzling apparel pierce these mortal's darkness and announce words of hope, "He is not here, but has risen." These words proclaim that Jesus has defeated death. He's defeated sin. He's defeated Satan. He's defeated the darkness, the terror, the despair.

On Easter morning, the women walk into a new day, a new hope, and a new creation. They walk in a world no longer defined and ruled by death, decay, and destruction, but now the new creation had begun, filled with gladness and joy and life. This is the journey of Easter: a journey back into light, a journey back into joy, a journey back into hope, and a journey back into life.

The Easter joy, which fills this season, isn't to be confined to Easter Sunday. It's too great for that! But it is the light for the world to see. The death and resurrection of Jesus is the single most important event in human history. But it's not only history, this is your story, your life, and your reality.

In your Baptisms, Christ's past has become your future, and the resurrection of His body has become the first blossom of the resurrection of His body the Church. Everything that Jesus did and suffered, He did for you: Christ was condemned and you are freed. Christ was judged and you are acquitted. Christ was crucified, and the wages of sin are paid.

And now the stone is rolled away and life will never be the same. Now we are full of joy and gladness, love and hope, blessedness and life. Darkness can't extinguish the light of Christ. Terror can't conquer the joy of Christ. Despair cannot conquer the hope of Christ, and death cannot kill the life of Christ. So, do not abandon yourself to despair. We are an Easter people and Hallelujah is our song!

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In Easter Joy,  
Pastor Smith