



He is Risen

Happy Easter!

ஈஸ்டர் வாழ்த்துக்கள்



*Bless this day the joy of life,
The revelation of the flesh,
The paradise of man and wife
Joined to share the gift of bliss.
Bless this day the pain of life,
The passion that redeems the flesh,
The love between a man and wife
Beyond all agony and bliss.*

*Bless this day the end of life,
The peace within the dying flesh,
The bond between a man and wife
That long outlasts their bit of bliss.*

*Bless this day the whole of life,
The grace of being more than flesh,
The voyage of a man and wife
Across the mystery of bliss.*



*E*aster is a time of love,
A time of death and pain undone,
*S*o we may know the power of
*T*he love that lives in everyone.
*E*ach love we feel, unstained and free,
*R*edeems us--as with you and me.

Happy Easter!

-BATCC

Up Coming Events : Easter Food Drive and Charity to the Homeless
Date & Time : Saturday April 26, 2014, 3:30 - 5:30 pm
Location : St. Anthony of Padua Church
 3215, Cesar Chavez Street
 San Francisco, CA - 94110.

அன்பைக் கொண்டாடுவோம்!

அனைத்து சகலமும் படைத்த இறைவன் தன் மகனை இப்பூமிக்கு மீட்பராய் தரும் போது வெறும் கையராய், மாட்டுக் கொட்டிலில், பெரும் குளிரில் பிறக்கச் செய்தார்...

உலக மீட்பர் தன் மகனாய் பிறந்த போதும் எந்த இறுமாப்பும் இல்லாமல் தாய் அன்போடும் தாழ்ச்சியோடும் இறை திட்டத்தை நிறைவேற்றும் திண்ணத்தோடும் வாழ்ந்து காட்டினாள் அன்னை மரியாள்...

நம்மை ஆளவல்ல இறைவன், தன்னை வெளிப்படுத்தும் போது பரிசுத்த நீரால் தன்னை அபிஷேகித்து ஞானஸ்நானம் பெற்று, பாவினை தன் சீடர்களாக்கி நோய்கள் நீக்கி புதுமைகள் செய்தார்

எல்லா தீய கட்டுக்களை அவிழ்க்க வல்ல சக்தி தன்னிடம் இருந்தும் தன்னை குற்றம் சாட்டிய அறிவிலிகள் மத்தியில் தீர்ப்பிடப் படும் போது வெறுமையாய், மெளனமாய், தனக்கு பரிந்து பேச ஆளில்லாமல் தன்னை பாவின்கள் முன் முழுவதுமாய் கையளித்தார்

தன்னைக் காட்டிக் கொடுத்த யுதாசையும், மறுதலித்த இராயப்பரையும் கைகழுவிய பிலாத்துவையும், சிலுவையில் அறைந்து, தன் ஆடையை சீட்டுப் போட்டு பகிர்ந்து கொண்டவர்களையும், இறுதியாய்...தன் தாகத்துக்கு காடியை கொடுத்தவர்களையும்

தன் தந்தையிடம் மன்றாடி மன்னிப்பு பெற்று கொடுத்தார்

எல்லாம் தந்த இறைவன் இறுதியாக நம்மிடம் கேட்டது இது மட்டுமே... 'சோதனைக்கு உட்படாதீர்கள்', 'விழித்திருந்து ஜெபியுங்கள்'

இந்த ஆலயத்தை இடித்து மூன்றாம் நாள் கட்டி எழுப்புவேன்! என்று வாக்களித்த படியே வெற்றியோடு உயிர்த்தார், பல இறந்த ஆன்மாக்களையும் உயிர்ப்பித்தார்...!

இறைவன் பிறந்தது நமக்காக...இறந்தது நமக்காக... உயிர்த்தும் நமக்காக...இன்றும் வாழ்வதும் நமக்காக... தன்னைத் தந்த இறைவனுக்கு...நம்மை தன்னலமின்றி தந்திடுவோம் இந்த உயிர்ப்புப் பெருவிழாவில் அவருடன் ஒன்றாய் இணைவோம்...!



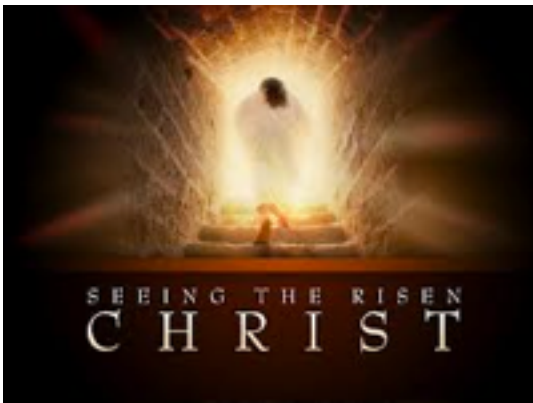
— Agnes James

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“He is risen” these are the words come to our mind when we think about Easter. The Risen Jesus appeared to Mary Magdalene first even before appearing to His disciples. The disciples were with Him from the day one of His ministry until He was captured in the garden of Gethsemane still Jesus appeared to Magdalene first. Why? Because Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were worried about Jesus and they went to see the tomb after the Sabbath day in the early morning but the disciples were not there. They were still afraid and locked inside a room.

Because the disciples did not come to see the tomb Jesus did not reject them. He said to Magdalene to inform the disciples. On the evening of that first day of the week, the disciples were together. They had locked the doors because they were afraid of the Jews. Jesus came in and stood among them. Jesus the betrayed man went to see His betrayers not to take revenge but to seek peace. The very first word He said to them was “May peace be with you!” In this world did we ever hear that a man who was left alone to die by His disciples went to meet them? It may not look good in a world where we practice ego, pride, status, name & fame and revenge but it looked great in the eyes of God. We only heard in the other way. That is if one man caused injury to another the first one may say sorry to the second one.

Jesus might have thousands of reasons to shout at His disciples and to expect an apology from them but He did not do that. He did not shout at Simon Peter saying “You denied me three times, so don’t show your face to me” or to the rest of the disciples saying “You all left me when I suffered. You did not protect me or did not say a word to support me. So don’t come near to me”. Jesus did not even say a single word against them. Instead He said “Peace be with you”. We often think if we humble, everyone will think he or she is useless. So we wanted to prove our highness to others in all the ways possible but Jesus did not want to prove His greatness to His disciples but His greatness comes from His humbleness. If we were in the situation of Jesus we would say “You all denied me, cursed me and left me alone to suffer. So you have no shares with me. Go away” or “You apologize that you have done wrong then you can be my disciples again” or “I am the greatest because I died and alive again. So you all listen to me what I say and obey to my commands”. Jesus’ first few words should have brought a great relief among His disciples because they all ran away from Him to save their lives. Jesus’s first few words were like nothing has happened to Jesus. Even though Jesus appeared to His disciples many times after His resurrection He never spoke to them anything about what happened in the past.

They never expected to hear “Peace be with you” from someone whom they abandoned to die. Being a human we never say “Peace be with you” to someone who did not support us and left us to die. But Jesus showed us the true love. The true love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things and endures all things.

While we celebrate the Easter let us examine ourselves whether we used the words “Peace be with you” to someone who harmed us. If not, let us take every effort to say it as done by Jesus and that is the real meaning of celebrating Easter than celebrating it in any other way. And the Risen Christ will live long in our hearts. The rest of the world will also know that Christ lives in us by seeing our behavior.

Wish you all Happy Easter.

— Leenus Rich

Paschal Mystery in Our Life

“Who will roll back the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?” Mk 16:3



The seasons of Lent and Easter are particular times when we pay attention to what Jesus Christ has done for us through his passion, death, resurrection, and ascension. Yet these are not the only times when we experience the Paschal Mystery. It is what we are and what we do in our daily life. In other words, it is the suffering and healing we experience in our daily life.

The Paschal Mystery is basically the process of, death and new life. We see this all around us and in our own lives. For example, we see this in the four seasons. We see life in summer, in fall we see the leaves fall and die, in winter we see a halt in the growth of life due to the frost and chill weather. But again in

the spring, the new life surrounds us. We see new leaves in the trees. As we experience the seasons and see the process of dying and rising, we also have our own dyings and risings in our day today life. Sometimes we see the dying and rising obviously when someone in our family dies and when the babies are born. But sometimes we do not see it obviously, like when we hurt someone we are dying and when we reconcile with them we are rising.

Sometimes we find that suffering comes our way easily and the risings come only with great struggle. But we are not alone in our struggles. “Who will roll back the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?” Mk 16:3. After the passover, the three women came to anoint the body of Jesus. They were also concerned about rolling back the big stone in the entrance of the tomb. But when the women arrived they saw the stone already been rolled back. We do not know the stone mover. It can be Jesus himself or the angels. Our sorrows and pains are also like the big stone in the entrance of the Jesus’s tomb. The good thing is God moves all our burdens and sufferings. He may send angels in the forms of a neighbor or friend to help us. Sometimes we are also called to be the stone movers for others. By our kind act and prayers we can also be the stone movers for others.

The life of Jesus Christ, gives us a deeper meaning of dying and rising. Jesus Christ's passion, death, resurrection, and ascension are the ultimate event of dying and rising of death and new life. We learn from Jesus, that new life can come from death. We can find meaning in tough times. We also learn that God is with us in good times and in bad. It also gives us a new way of living.



Let us rejoice in Jesus’ victory over death and in the new life He shares with all of us. Happy Easter!

— Agnes P Raj

BATCC Expense for Month of March 2014

| Type | Amount | Details |
|----------------------|-----------------|--|
| Income | \$830.57 | Income of Mar 8th Mass, Mar 29th Lenten Retreat Mass and Hospitality Sunday Mar 30th Collections |
| Expense | -\$902.73 | This Expense includes church stipend (\$250) for a month |
| Total/Balance | -\$72.16 | |