

**"ALIVE AND ANEW IN LIVING GRACE!" - APRIL 4, 2021
EASTER SUNDAY - THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD
ACTS 10:34-43; JOHN 20:1-18**

Promises for your pocket or purse - Take notes and carry them with you.

Have you ever hoped tomorrow things will get better? Has someone ever told you, 'Tomorrow is a new day'? Did you believe them? Have you ever gone to bed tired, confused, frustrated; hoping when you wake up, you will have a new perspective, new determination, new energy, new hope? Or do you usually say, 'Yeah, right; more likely tomorrow will be the same old, same old'? 'Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark,' they came to the tomb. First Mary, then Peter with the disciple Jesus loved. It had been a long Friday, a long Saturday. What real difference would a new dawn make for those who once followed the Christ? They had no idea! Suddenly, they would step in; and they believe! Mary would hear her name! They were alive and anew, they had seen The Lord! Today is not the same old, same old! We, too, are alive and anew in living grace, for Christ is risen! Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

1. As we celebrate today The Resurrection of Our Lord, we are invited to proclaim, to believe, to trust we are resurrected, too, raised to be alive and anew, in the blessings alive in the living grace of The Risen Christ!
 - A. We are raised to be alive and anew, in all we search for and find in The Risen Christ! John 20:1,3-7
 - B. We are raised to be alive and anew, as we hear our name spoken by The Risen Christ! John 20:16
 - C. We are raised to be alive and anew, in the forgiveness of The Risen Christ! Acts 10:43
 - D. We are raised to be alive and anew, in a new day, a new beginning in The Risen Christ! John 20:1
 - E. We are raised to be alive and anew, taking our place in the story of The Risen Christ! John 20:6-8
 - F. We are raised to be alive and anew, in the truth of eternal life in The Risen Christ! Acts 10:40; John 20:9,17
 - G. We are raised to be alive and anew, in the peace of The Risen Christ! John 20:2,11-13

- H. We are raised to be alive and anew, in the hope of The Risen Christ!
John 20:14-15
 - I. We are raised to be alive and anew, in the faithfulness of The Risen Christ!
Acts 10:36,39-42; John 20:14-16
 - J. We are raised to be alive and anew, in the living grace of The Risen Christ!
John 20:18
2. If the glory of Easter is limited to the one time event of the resurrection, then the tomb is not all that is empty. Thanks be to God, the glory of Easter is a living hope, alive and anew in the every day events of the living grace of The Risen Christ; none of that is empty! John 20:18
- A. If the glory and hope and living grace of Easter do not give us life today, do not raise us up to be alive and anew in new ways today, then the life provided, in the empty tomb, is what is empty.
 - B. Thanks be to the living God, to the living power of God, to the living miracles of God, to the living Easter grace and the every day living grace of God; the tomb is all that is empty, to really fill us, to really raise us up to be alive and anew in The Risen Christ!
 - C. Be alive, anew, resurrected, raised to live, in the living grace of The Risen Christ! For Christ is risen! Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!