

Resurrection and Life

Darkness came over the whole land (Gospel of Matthew).

It is difficult to rejoice in the glory of Easter without recalling the darkness and devastation that came over our land and our hearts on September 11. This is the neighborhood whose streets were filled with people, shocked and disoriented, fleeing from disaster. This is where so many of the victims called home. From our precincts and firehouses came many of the heroes who lost their lives so that others might live. In our houses of worship the afflicted poured out their souls in anguish.

For if we have grown into union with him through a death like his, we shall also be united with him in the resurrection (St. Paul).

Easter celebrates newness and life. As the cold, barren earth buds and blooms, the power of the Resurrection of the Lord prevails. Wounds are treated with soothing balm, hurts are healed, spirits rise from ruin, hope drives out despair, despondency gives way to cheer, fond memories are cherished, valiant men and women are celebrated. We join the victory parade of the Victor who has vanquished death.

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