

(Food for thought)

# Shattering Tombs



Easter is about rebirth. It is about re-creation. It is about new life. It is about the fact that Jesus now invites us to open our hearts to his new Easter power.

The Empty Tomb is the beginning of the Story of New Life.

We come together in worship because we accept the responsibility for overcoming evil, and for conquering death in the ways it has invaded our world.

The central theme of salvation history is survival first of God's people, Israel,

led from slavery to freedom - in the Exodus and Passover; and then of Jesus, the God man and Messiah, overcoming sin and death through His resurrection. The Liturgies of Easter, more than any others during the year, speak to us of survival - of new life.

The message of Easter is that we are not dead. We are not faithless, hopeless, or loveless. We will not be entombed in despair. We accept the challenge of this new life that we have been given through Christ. We believe that we are made new over and over again by the fire of God's love, by the life that surges in us from the waters of Baptism, and by the Bread and the Cup of the Eucharistic Table, where we are nourished in the life and power of the Risen Lord.

Resurrection faith is a marvelous gift, if we are open to receive it. It can change our lives and lead us to become the forgiving, peace filled people that we are all meant to be.

*Happy Easter!*

