



**09 April 2023  
EASTER SUNDAY  
OF THE LORD'S RESURRECTION**



**INTRODUCTION:**

The celebration of Easter is for all Christians the highpoint of our year of faith. At Easter we celebrate the fact that Christ has risen from the dead and destroyed death for all who place their hope in Him. Easter means that, because of Christ's resurrection, we shall not die but rather we are all invited to spend eternity with our loving God in heaven. Easter is the greatest celebration of God's unconditional and undying love for each of us; a love so strong that death cannot destroy it.

**PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL:**

**Celebrant:** With exultation and joy we proclaim that Christ is Risen, and that through him we can now offer our prayers to the Father.

**Response:** Risen Lord, hear our prayer

For the Holy Catholic Church throughout the world, that she may grow this night in the Risen Life of Christ, we pray to the Lord...

That the Risen Lord may illumine the minds of government leaders to enable them to protect the right to life of every human being, we pray to the Lord...

For all who are being baptized and received into the Church this night, that they may grow in holiness, we pray to the Lord...

That the light of the Risen Christ may shine upon the poor, the afflicted, the hungry, the homeless, and the unborn, we pray to the Lord...

For all who have died, that Christ, who conquered death, may welcome them to the eternal feast of life and light, we pray to the Lord...

**Celebrant:** Father, you have already granted us more than we can ask for in the Resurrection of Christ. As you answer our prayers, make us ever more faithful to him, who is Lord forever and ever. Amen.