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Introduction

Jesus Christ is Hopeful Meditations: Years A, B, and C risen! The message of the resurrection is good news for the whole world. Life triumphs over death. Love triumphs over hatred. Hope triumphs over despair. Peace Hopeful Meditations: Years A, B, and C triumphs over conflict. Through the death and resurrection of Jesus, all of creation has been transformed and renewed. We believe that the resurrection event released us from the bondage of the world, setting us Hopeful Meditations: Years A, B, and C free to be with God in a new reality. Our lives are now interpreted through the lens of the resurrection.

The Easter Proclamation tells us that Christ is “the one Morning Star who never sets.” Jesus is the eternal light that shines love and peace on all humanity. We have this eternal light in our hearts. We are called to live in this light and to be this light in a dark, chaotic, and fearful world. We have the power to change the world and to lead others to God. What we need is the courage to be people of the resurrection.

The Easter season is a time of hope Hopeful Meditations: Years A, B, and C and inner spiritual renewal. It is a graced period in which we can reflect on the meaning of the resurrection, deepen our relationship with the risen Lord, and intensify our efforts to bring the fruits of the resurrection—love, compassion, joy, peace, and forgiveness—to others. We need the Easter season to strengthen our hearts and our resolve to follow in the footsteps of the risen Lord.

The resurrection of Jesus affirms God's promise to Hopeful Meditations: Years A, B, and C be with us always, to love us unconditionally, to give us eternal life, joy, and peace. It is now time for us to reaffirm our promise to live with God, to be children of the light, and to renounce the empty promises of the world. The resurrection is a wonderful gift to the world and all Hopeful Meditations: Years A, B, and C humanity. Our challenge is to be this gift and share this gift with believers and unbelievers alike.

These hopeful meditations, inspired by the Scriptures, offer Christian pilgrims spiritual nourishment for the journey during the Easter season. By reading, reflecting on, and praying with the Word of God, we are strengthened, transformed, and enlightened by the Spirit of God to be humble witnesses to the presence of the risen Lord in our lives.

Monday of the Octave of Easter

Acts 2:14, 22–33

Psalm Hopeful Meditations: Years A, B, and C 16:1–2a and 5, 7–8, 9–10, 11

Matthew 28:8–15

So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, Hopeful Meditations: Years A, B, and C and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and Hopeful Meditations: Years A, B, and C worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my Hopeful Meditations: Years A, B, and C brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”

Reflection.Our imagination is a powerful tool to find meaning Hopeful Meditations: Years A, B, and C in the gospels. Our imagination allows us to become part of this story. We can see Hopeful Meditations: Years A, B, and C ourselves going to the tomb of Jesus, and once we arrive, something incredible happens. A messenger appears and tells us that Jesus is raised from the dead. The messenger tells us to go and tell the disciples, but on the way we encounter the risen Jesus. Our first instinct is to embrace him with deep love, reverence, and respect. Jesus then instructs us to go and tell his brothers the good news: that he is alive.

Our imagination allows us to experience the joy and excitement surrounding the resurrection of Jesus. Our imagination also opens up a way for us to understand what it means to be a Christian witness in the world today. When we prayerfully read the Word of God, take time to Hopeful Meditations: Years A, B, and C appreciate the beauty of creation, show respect for others, and respond to people's needs, the resurrection becomes real in our lives. The story of the resurrection makes us eager to tell others about our experience of the risen Lord in our lives.

Perhaps we have mixed feelings about our faith. Perhaps telling others about the risen Jesus fills us with fear and great joy. We do not have to be afraid. With the help of the Holy Spirit and empowered by the resurrection of Jesus, we can be God's messengers of hope, compassion, peace, and reconciliation.

Ponder:Why am I afraid to share my faith with others?

Prayer:Risen Lord, your life-giving presence gives me hope, strength, and peace. Help me to be your witness of love and compassion in the presence of others.

Practice:Today I will look at people and greet them with respect and reverence.

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Acts 2:36–41

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