



April 12 2020 Easter Sunday The Resurrection of the Lord Lectionary: 42 The Mass of Easter Day Gospel

JN 20:1-9

On the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning, while it was still dark, and saw the stone removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and told them, "They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they put him." So Peter and the other disciple went out and came to the tomb. They both ran, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter and arrived at the tomb first; he bent down and saw the burial cloths there, but did not go in. When Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place. Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed. For they did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead.

Spiritual Reflection: "Do not abandon yourselves to despair. We are the Easter people and hallelujah is our song." - Pope John Paul II. Hallelujah means "Praise God" We are praising the winner of the battle between Life and Death.

Spiritual Questions

1. Does the way I live my life proclaim the Good News of the Resurrection?
2. Have I ever really faced the darkness of the empty tomb?
3. Do I keep a prayerful vigil during times God feels absence?
4. How will I live my life today in order to bring people to a deeper faith?
5. What does the word "Alleluia" mean to you?