

Easter Sunday, April 4, 2021

“Christ is risen; Christ is risen indeed!” This news greets us this Easter morning as it has for years and years before. Easter celebrates God’s love for the world in that by raising Jesus from the dead, God vindicates his sinless life; breaks the power of sin and evil; and delivers us from death to life eternal.

I note that the story of the first Easter begins with darkness. The gospel of John uses the images of darkness and light in several places but nowhere is it more effectively and plainly shared. Easter began in darkness and lament. Easter started with a failure to understand. Easter began with wrong assumptions. However as the opening lines of this gospel declares “The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.”

Mary’s encounter with Jesus began with the assumption that the one to whom she was speaking was just a gardener. She will be overwhelmed with joy when she discovers that it is in fact her risen Lord. May each of us discover the God’s love for us poured out in Jesus Christ, who may appear to us in a surprising way and person.

That’s the joy of Easter! Hearing that Christ is risen and being surprised by the ways we come to experience his resurrection.

Easter blessing to you all!

Blessings,

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