

Christ is Risen, ALLELUIA!

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“Christ is risen, Alleluia! He is risen indeed, Alleluia, Alleluia!” With this joyful proclamation, Christians have greeted each other for two thousand years. For centuries, the proclamation of this miraculous moment has invigorated Christians all over the world. On Good Friday, after crucifixion and death, the body of Jesus was laid in the tomb and a stone rolled across the entrance. To be sure that his body would not be taken, Pilate had soldiers guard the tomb and the watch began. For three days, Jesus’ followers waited and wondered what would happen. And for three days the soldiers watched the door of that tomb. Our Lord’s enemies did what they could to prevent his resurrection.

There is no tomb in the world that can keep the Son of God imprisoned. His persecutors thought they had overcome Jesus and his mission. They thought they had won and finally put Jesus to death. But death had not overcome Jesus so much as Jesus would overcome death. As we celebrate the feast of Easter let us leave behind our old way of darkness and sin and put on the new life Christ has won for us through his victory over the grave. Let us live boldly in Christ’s light proclaiming the good news of Jesus’ resurrection. Again this Easter, we announce to the world the victory of our Lord and the life that is ours through his resurrection: *“Christ is risen, Alleluia! He is risen indeed, Alleluia, Alleluia!”*