

Risen and ALIVE!

Call to Prayer: "I am satisfied to sow in tears if I may reap in Joy."

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Collected Writings: Volume 1, page 335

Reading: "[Let's] ... affirm that Jesus is risen and alive! He did not simply come back to life so that he could die again. JESUS is RISEN and ALIVE! He will no longer ever die. If Jesus is alive, it means that he is our contemporary; we can dialogue with him and perceive his attentive and loving gaze on our lives; we can look at him and recognize in him the reality of our own lives. To know that Jesus is risen and alive means that he has truly defeated the power of death. ... The life that is no longer subject to death, gives a fullness of meaning and beauty to the day-to-day nature of our existence; every effort, hope, suffering and desire finds true significance."

Encountering Jesus: A Holy Land Experience, Vincenzo Peroni

Hymn: "Alleluia! Alleluia!"

1. Al - le - lu - ial Al - le - lu - ial Hearts to heav'n and
2. Now the i - ron bars are bro - ken, Christ from death to

1. voic - es raise; Sing to God a hymn of glad - ness,
2. life is born, Glo - rious life, and life im - mor - tal,

1. Sing to God a hymn of praise. He who on the
2. On this res - ur - rec - tion morn; Christ has tri - umphed,

1. cross as Sav - ior For the world's sal - va - tion bled, Je - sus
2. and we con - quer By his might - y en - ter - prise, We with

1. Christ, the King of Glo - ry, Now is ris - en from the dead.
2. him to life e - ter - nal By his res - ur - rec - tion rise.

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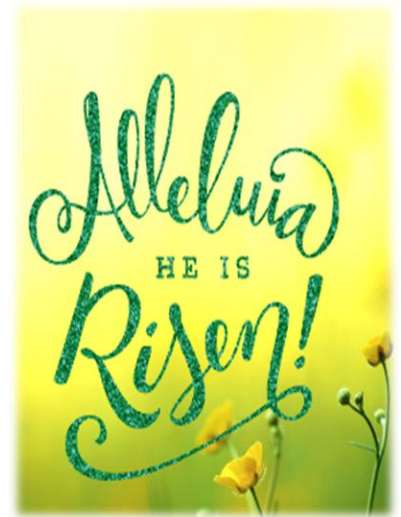
Jesus is ALIVE!

Risen and ACTIVE! (con't)

Psalms 147-150 (Alternate e, please.)

- I. How good it is to celebrate your presence, O God,
and to sing your praises throughout the day?
- II. We celebrate what you have given us, O God,
your creation of the world, the sun and moon
the stars that light up our night sky;
- I. The creatures that swim and crawl, walk and fly;
the children who enjoy these great gifts.
- II. We celebrate your continued blessings to our world,
the seasons that grace our year;
- I. The flowers that bloom in glorious color,
the rain and snow that freshen our earth,
the birds that fill the air with song.
- II. We invite all people to praise you, our God,
to join in celebrating your generous gift of life.
- I. Glory be ... II. As it was ...

adapted from Psalms Now, Leslie Brandt, pages 221-22



Reflection and Sharing

*How does Jesus' Resurrection affect my daily life and ministry?
When does my countenance and attitude witness to Jesus alive?*

Response All: This is the day God has made, let us rejoice in it!

Intercessions Leader: Let us bring our prayers to God through Jesus,

Response: Call us to new life, O God.

- +for faith in Jesus who is the resurrection and the life, we pray ...
- +for determination to live here and now, making our world a better place for all peoples, we pray ...
- +for courage to lose life for the sake of the Gospel and so to find it, we pray ...
- +that we may live each day in communion with Jesus
- +that we may go forth this day, into new life, through the love and action of Jesus alive, we pray...

(Your intercessions are welcome.)

Prayer All: O God, who make this a most sacred season through the glory of Jesus' Resurrection, stir up in our hearts, gratitude and praise for the new life that You shared with us, so that renewed in body, mind and spirit, we may render you loving service through persons living in poverty. We pray all this through Jesus, your Son, our brother and Savior, in your Spirit, who live and reign with you, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Blessing Leader: May almighty God bless us, our families, friends and all we encounter throughout this Easter season. All: Amen.