

Integral Faith

"Homily helps and liturgy resources highlighting care for our common home."



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Homily Helps and Petitions for the The Resurrection of the Lord, Cycle A (April 9, 2023)

Homily Helps

† Scripture Passages to Note:

Acts 10: "God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power. He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses of all that he did."

1 Corinthians 5: Do you not know that a little yeast leavens all the dough? Clear out the old yeast, so that you may become a fresh batch of dough.

John 20: 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.

† Comments for the Day:

What we celebrate this day is precisely the foundation of our faith. Jesus' resurrection calls us not only to receive the gift of new life, but also to bear witness to the possibility of a new lifestyle – one more in line with our call to be one family, caring for our common home that is meant to be shared by all.

Our renewed baptismal promises commit us once again to grow toward the new heaven and new earth that has been announced and inaugurated. Jesus' resurrection reminds us of this future that we are called to build together, and which is to be shared by all. We recall that this is not an optional or secondary aspect of our Christian experience, but of the very essence of following Christ in a new lifestyle.

Everything has been gifted us by an all-loving God. Each Sunday is a celebration of the resurrection and is meant to be a day which heals our relationships with God, with self, with others and with creation. This knowledge compels us to be the good stewards of creation that God had intended from the very beginning.

As we celebrate Jesus' resurrection, which brings us hope for new life for ourselves and the world, may we find new hope in the signs that our culture is becoming more aware of the need to care for the earth, our common home.

† Passages from *Laudato Si'* to Note:

When people become self-centered and self-enclosed, their greed increases. The emptier a person's heart is, the more he or she needs things to buy, own and consume... Obsession with a

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consumerist lifestyle, above all when few people are capable of maintaining it, can only lead to violence and mutual destruction. (204)

Yet all is not lost. Human beings, while capable of the worst, are also capable of rising above themselves, choosing again what is good, and making a new start, despite their mental and social conditioning... I appeal to everyone throughout the world not to forget this dignity which is ours. No one has the right to take it from us. (205)

A change in lifestyle could bring healthy pressure to bear on those who wield political, economic and social power... “Purchasing is always a moral – and not simply economic – act”. Today, in a word, “the issue of environmental degradation challenges us to examine our lifestyle”. (206)

We are always capable of going out of ourselves towards the other... If we can overcome individualism, we will truly be able to develop a different lifestyle and bring about significant changes in society. (208)

Related Prayers of the Faithful

Option 1: That our loving God may give us the grace to promote the dignity of all of our sisters and brothers, and to protect our common home, let us pray to the Lord...

Option 2: That our gracious God may give us the courage to respond with gratitude and generosity to the gift of new life, renewing our commitment to build the reign of God, let us pray to the Lord...

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