

Easter Homily by Fr. Gabor 2022

With today's celebration we remember the victory of God's light; the victory of true light which defeats the desire to take revenge and conquers the ultimate power of Satan, the power of death.

This Light is faith, Hope, true Love and perfect obedience in Christ. It conquers death by dying to your ego and its desires, and gives way to the power of the Holy Spirit, the power of true life, who raises Jesus from death. This invisible, but true Light illumines the whole world, the whole Universe, and gives hope to all who choose to believe, to hope and to love in Christ's way.

Although the Light of Resurrection has already defeated the power of Satan, the darkness of unbelief, the darkness of hopelessness and misunderstanding about Jesus' loving plan still covers the spiritual eyes of the women who go to the dark tomb early in the morning filled with sorrow in their hearts. Then looking into the dark, but empty tomb the women's spirits are illumined by the angels who wait for them with the Good News, in fact the Best Ever News of the resurrection, and the Light of this Best News fills them with the light of joy. The message of something unheard of fills the women with spiritual light and energy and they run to the disciples to pass on the message of true light, but only the one who believes the words of the women receives the light through them, namely Peter. Filled with new hope and expectation He (and John) run(s) to the tomb; he runs to the place which once was dark is now the place where you receive the message of light.

The same light fills the darkness of the disciples of Emmaus when they properly understand the Scriptures through the interpretation given by Jesus.

Where there is lack of openness to believe and lack of proper understanding of the Scriptures and inappropriate faith, darkness descends, but when the light of faith is rekindled through the best news, through someone's genuine witness of love, and you open your self to these realities, light enters your mind and heart and you come alive, just like the women and Peter.

Christ wants to share His light with you as well, not only when everything goes well, but especially in those places of your heart and memory where there is darkness. Notice that the place where the best news is passed is the place of deepest darkness; it's a tomb. So open your mind and heart to Jesus and think of Him not only at Christmas and Easter, not only when it is convenient, but especially when you are going through a dark period in your life. The true Light, the eternal light, not the temporary lights of the world, can be recognised only when you go through a difficult time. That's when you realise what really gives you energy and strength. I have heard many times from fellow Christian brothers and sisters that they had times when only faith and hope helped them.

Darkness and difficult times are not the end, they will pass, as St. Ignatius says, but they are the best times to learn how to see the world and other people in a new, resurrected and real way; in the way God sees you and others. Those who

are willing to open up their minds to learn how to see the world and people in God's way will see the greater truth of life, which is hidden to the eyes of unbelief. Those who believe and renew their commitment to Christ will be filled with the true Light of Christ, and so they will come alive again.

After all you and me are created by God our Father to be light bearers and not darkness bearers, to be fully alive with the new life that Christ has won back for us. Alleluia, Alleluia!!!