

EASTER

He is Risen...

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The Paschal Candle



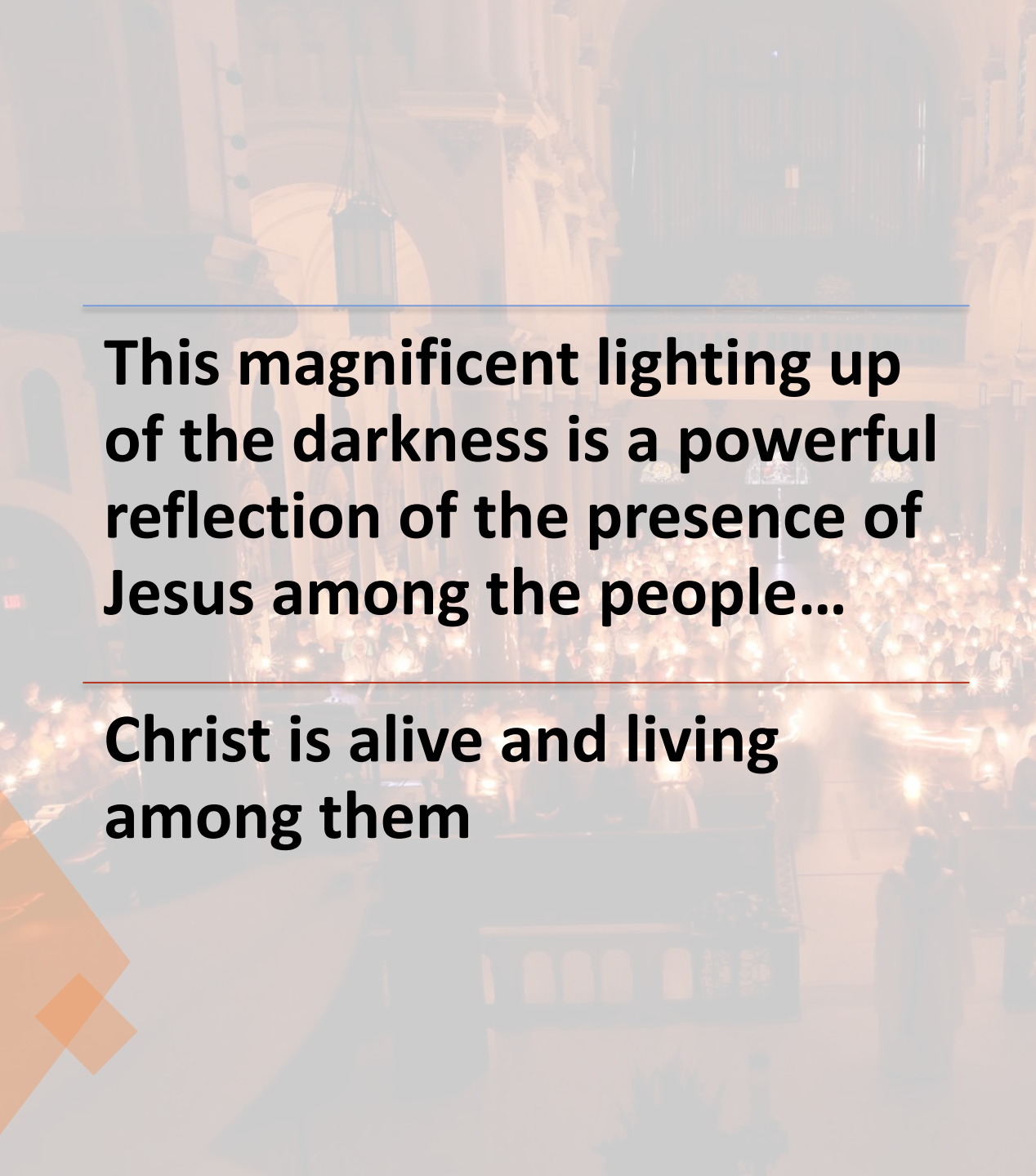
The Paschal Candle is the great Christian symbol of Easter. It is lit from the Easter fire at the start of the Easter vigil. Representing the risen Christ – the light of the world – the Paschal Candle is carried into the darkened church. Everyone in the congregation lights their small candle from this Easter candle.

The Light of Christ

The light of God has
come to us
so that we might
have salvation

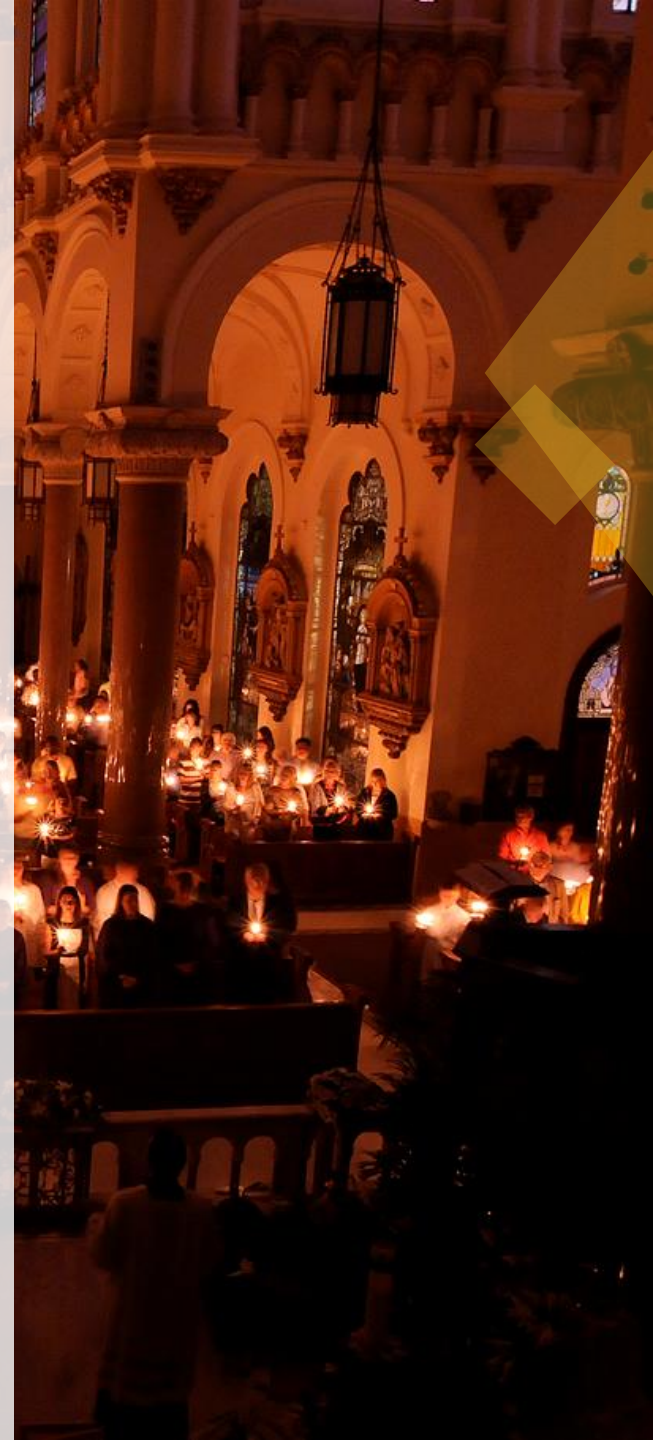


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**This magnificent lighting up
of the darkness is a powerful
reflection of the presence of
Jesus among the people...**

**Christ is alive and living
among them**



The Paschal Candle



The candle is placed on a high stand by the altar and remains lighting for every Liturgy over the fifty days of Easter.

Paschal Candle at the Baptismal Font



After the season of Easter, the paschal candle is placed beside the baptismal font and is lit for every celebration of Baptism. A new paschal candle is lit each Easter.

Easter Sunday

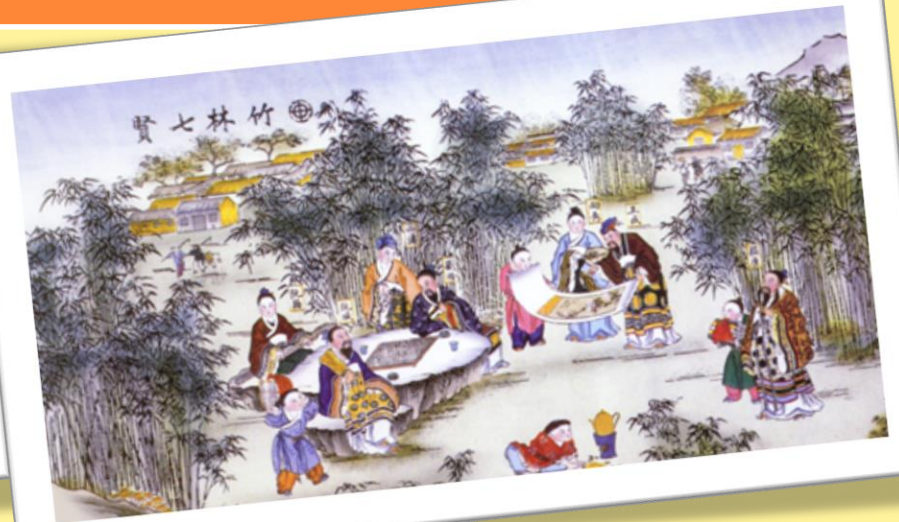


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Easter Eggs



In the pre-Christian world, the egg was a common symbol of spring festivals, from Rome to China. The egg symbolised the rebirth of the earth in springtime after a long winter.



Spring festivals in Ancient Rome and China

Easter Eggs



At this time of year, the days begin to lengthen. Just as new life bursts from the egg, so do plants and crops emerge from the barren earth.





The tradition for eggs to be decorated with colours and symbols and given as gifts became popular; in recognition that the cycle of life had begun once again.

Easter Eggs

Christianity retained the egg as a symbol of Easter, its major springtime celebration. It now symbolised the risen Christ emerging from the tomb. Eggs were painted with religious symbols: the triangle representing the Father, Son and Spirit was very common, as were pictures of Jesus emerging from the tomb.



For Christians,
Easter is the
most important
event in the
Liturgical Year.



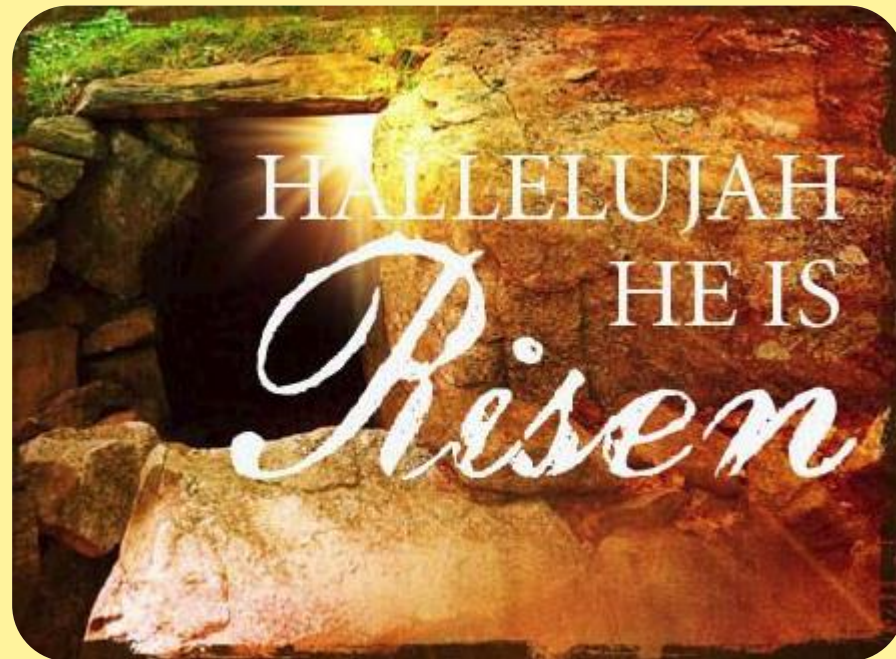
*Jesus Christ
is Risen Today
Alleluia!*

~ Charles Wesley



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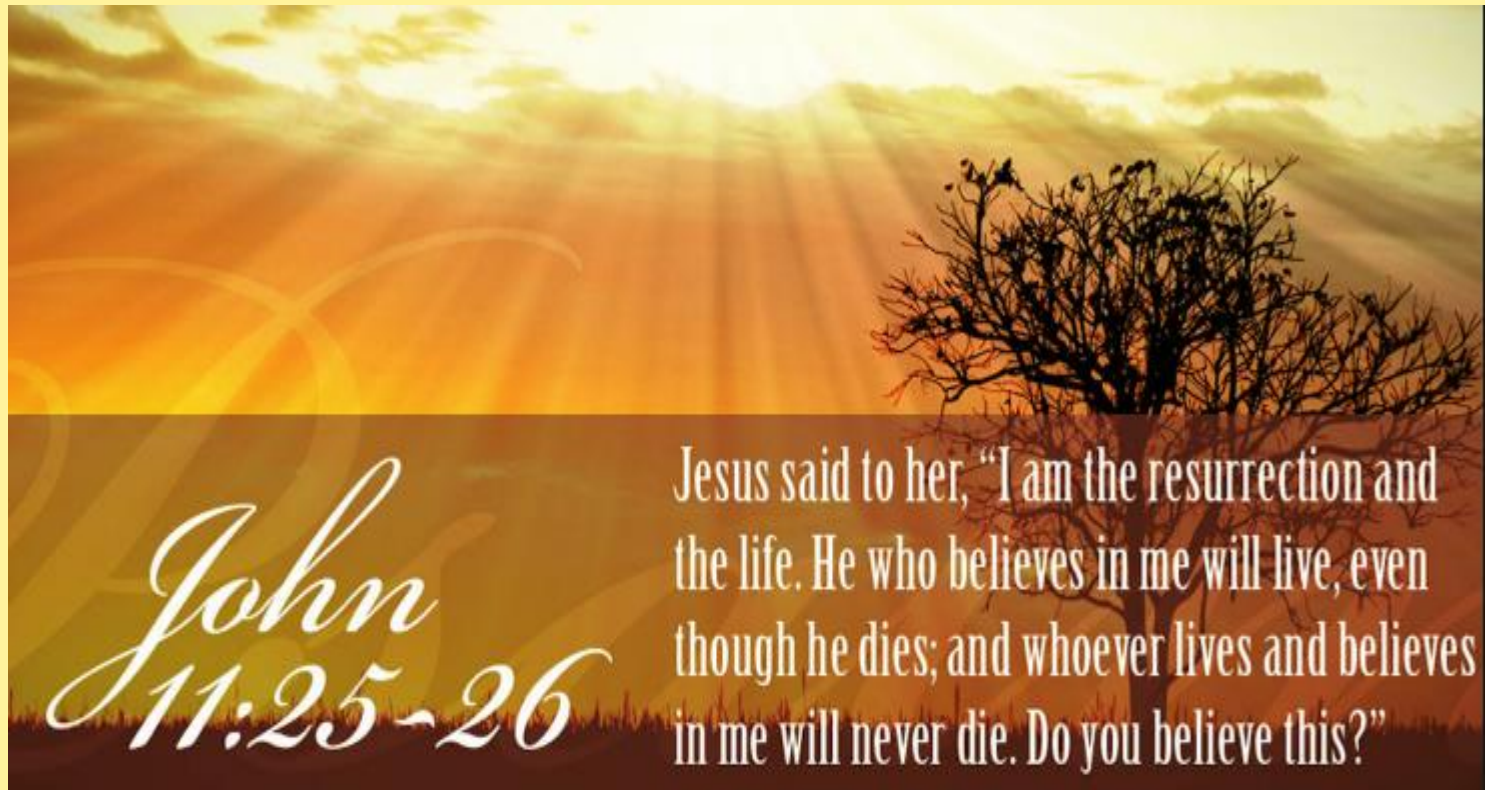
ALLELUIA



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Happy Easter!



An Easter Poem

Sturdy, deep green tulip shoots.
How did they know
it was time to push up through the long-wintered soil?
How did they know
it was the moment to resurrect,
while thick layers of stubborn ice
still pressed the bleak ground flat?
But the tulips knew.

They came, rising strongly, a day after the ice died.

There's a hope-filled place in me
that also knows when to rise,
that waits for the last layer of ice
to melt into obscurity.
It is urged by the strong sun
warming my wintered heart.
It is nudged by the Secret One,
calling, calling, calling:
"Arise, my love, and come."
My heart stirs like dormant tulips
and hope comes dancing forth.

Not unlike the Holy One
kissing the morning sun,
waving a final farewell
to a tomb emptied of its treasure.

