

Rectoría San Juan de Dios
Easter Vigil, Cycle A

Gn 1, 1-2, 2; Gn 22, 1-18; Ex 14, 15-15, 1; Is 55, 1-11;
Bar 3, 9-15, 32-4, 4; Ez 36. 16-28;
Rm 6, 3-11; Psalm 118; Mt 28, 1-10
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Let Us Start Our New Life in a New World

At every Easter that we celebrate, we receive a new life. The journey through Lent, as a path of conversion, helps us to divest ourselves of the unjust order that we had become accustomed to. *At the dawn of the first day of the week,*¹ as we heard in the Gospel of Matthew, we begin a new life in a world that is also new because Easter is a new creation.

We are with those two women, *Mary Magdalene and the other Mary, who went to see the sepulcher*. We find ourselves in the morning of our own discoveries, in the light of a new day and a new creation. As if we had

¹ The first day of the week is the same as the first day of creation in the theology of Matthew. It is the day that a new world begins. We can also consider the teaching of Pope Benedict XVI: *“The first day of the week was the third day after Jesus’ death. It was the day when he showed himself to his disciples as the Risen Lord. In truth, this encounter had something unsettling about it. The world had changed. This man who had died was now living with a life that was no longer threatened by any death. A new form of life had been inaugurated, a new dimension of creation. The first day, according to the Genesis account, is the day on which creation begins. Now it was the day of creation in a new way, it had become the day of the new creation.”*

Pope Benedict XVI, Homily, Easter Vigil, 23 April 2011.

English translation: [Vatican web site](#)

awakened from a deep sleep, we understand, little by little, until we reach full consciousness. And what do we discover? That we are free of our old attachments, that it is time to go out into a new world and begin our new life. We don't arrive at this day of Resurrection in order to continue living the same way as before. In what ways have we changed? And how long have we wanted to live under this new order of life?

It is necessary to consider the two worlds: the world of old sin and the world of new liberty. Sometimes we need an earthquake, as on that Easter morning, but an interior earthquake that serves as a divine manifestation that bears witness to the death and resurrection of Jesus. But it is enough to read the signs to understand the new world. The Angel who *rolled away the stone that covered the sepulcher* prepares us to stop making the separation between the world of the living and the world of the dead.

To live a new life for the first time involves the joy of living a life without limitations, a life that never ends.

Let us try three approaches to begin living our brand-new life:

1-Let us live as in the first day.

Let us live in the spontaneity of using our liberty, goodness and love. The center of our joys is not only is the experience of the new life; also, at the center of it, we meet Jesus, who has drawn us into a superior life.

To live life as if it were the first day of creation impels us to create, to build, and to plan the future. When we live like that, with so much spiritual richness, we

tremble because we understand that there is so much to do. What has been given to you this Easter that you can apply to living your new life?

2-Let us live with a pending appointment.

The women who ran to tell the disciples that Jesus was not in the tomb were affected by the resurrected Jesus. His gift to them was an appointment with hope: "*Tell my brothers to set out for Galilee. They will see me there.*" To live with a continually pending appointment is a spiritual journey. The disciples and the women lived those days following their meeting in Galilee as days full of light, grace, and inspiration. Their hopeful attitudes would be able to strengthen their communal life.

We are the same today; we have a pending appointment with Jesus in the most intimate desire for our definitive meeting with Him. And until that happens, we can live life with a pending appointment, but in tune with community, especially *as brothers*. That is the word that Jesus used to express that we all possess His same spirit.

3-Let us live the life of our baptism.

Let us live life as a continuous putting to death the sin and evil in the new world. This involves a missionary sense and will be a daily task, leaving injustice and egotism behind, while all the time the world wants us to submit to its categories of darkness.