

Rectoría de San Juan de Dios

Easter Vigil, Cycle B

Gn 1,1-2,2; Gn 22,1-18; Ex 14,15-15,1; Is 54,5-14; Is 55,1-11;

Rm 6,3-11; Ps 118; Mk 16,1-7

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Let Us Re-create the World

On this Holy Night, we celebrate the new life that has its source in Easter. We celebrate that light dispels darkness, that life conquers death, and that love overcomes all evil.

The readings from the Old Testament, which reminded us of the great deeds that God did for His people, place us in the context of the creation of the world and man. The liturgy of this night allows us to enter into the mystery of all mysteries, the life in God.

Baptism emerges as a salvific reality that makes us new, new creatures before God and before others. Through our baptism, we are born anew to re-create the world.

And then we live the unique experience of the life of communion.

Today we realize that the Passover of Christ has created the new humanity, that this new creation is superior to the first and that we can live a new life.

How do we re-create the world?

1-From the light

That makes the space for the truth to appear, the space for the meeting of man with God. It is only if we are open to the light of the new creation in Christ that liberty will make all our acts joyful and that the progress of the peoples will be completed without delay.

A little imagination is enough to let the first reading from Genesis inspire us about the way in which light dispels darkness. It is an immense joy, this beginning of creation that keeps everything in perfect equilibrium.

It is the light that comes up in the morning, not the artificial light produced by man, that is the light that brings new life; it is the light that originates from the sepulcher and that has made the space for us to encounter the truth that has no end.

2-From our new identity

Born through Baptism and conversion, now we are free from all slavery and from all domination by sin. Today we can make visible the newness of our life.

Our new personality is able to rouse the world: it is only if others confirm the authenticity of my new self and the liberty with which I live, that they will be attracted to looking for a new life in Christ.

3-By making possible the life of communion and community

With God and with others, we bring about the new creation. Those of us who were reborn at Easter are invited to participate in communion with God and with each other. This communion is the origin of all community.

The world that needs to be re-created with the substance of the new creation each Easter is the world that needs to take the way of community.

Let us take the way of the women at the sepulcher on the first day of the week, as we read in the Gospel of Mark. Let us find the young man seated on the right who is Jesus Himself, glorified. Jesus, as a good teacher, will give us times to advance in our comprehension of the new creation.

To re-create the world from our own re-creation involves understanding that solidarity with Jesus has already created us as a community of destiny with Him. From now on, all of our meetings are mediated by the living one who appears with His glorified presence: He enables truth, liberty, and peace to happen in communion.

Born as Easter people, we are no longer adrift, but we live the life of communion with Christ, in a community that is re-created in the mystery of Jesus.