

# St. Timothy's Banner

Easter 2020



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Jn. 12:24 I tell you the truth, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds.

### On Death And Life

By Do Fox

This truth lies behind My Life and death;  
For death to be turned inside out  
It took My Life to achieve this.  
My Life is Divine Life,  
The kind of Life My Father had in mind  
Since the creation of the world.  
For all who accept Me, also accept My Life!  
My Resurrection proves this,  
And points you to My Life!  
My Life contains all the Glory of God,  
And has within it the desire to spread.  
My Life is Kingdom Life!  
It is larger than the fear of death  
Which haunts so many hearts.  
It is the basis of a Reality  
That goes on forever!  
My Father and I want you with us.  
He becomes your Father  
Just as He was Mine,  
When I walked the earth.  
As My Life and death gave rise to many seeds  
So shall your life and death.  
Come and sow with me  
And the Light and Joy of Kingdom Life  
Will be yours, now, and forever!



# Peace to You

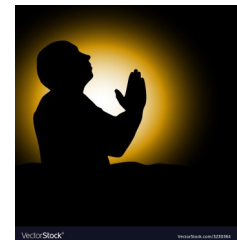
By Rev. Dan Endresen

What a strange month March 2020 has been. Our normal daily routines had ground to a halt, due to the threat of the novel coronavirus. Lenten-like practices of self-discipline have been required of us, not for our own spiritual health, but for everyone's physical health. And we have, for the most part, willingly complied. But unlike lent, there is no set end date for rejoicing in the resurrection life. And we who are Christians are going to celebrate Resurrection Day quite differently this year – alone – or with immediate family.

Personally, I cannot remember the last time I didn't attend church on Easter – at least since I quit dairy farming in 1986. And the last fifteen years I have played major roles in conducting, not only Easter services, but three to four public services during Holy Week. It is usually the busiest time of the year for me, pushing my limits. This year is very different. First of all, I have more time just before Easter than in a normal week. Even though I am writing this article, a thing I normally do at this time, and will soon be preparing and delivering the regular Holy Week sermons online, it will be less my seniors home services and weekly bible study. And I won't be commuting, thus creating for myself ten to fifteen hours a week right there. Some of the hours are lost in inefficiency (mainly because I have to share my home, home office, and internet hotspot with three overly energetic teenagers) but there are still many more. Fortunately for me, I can go outside with no limit – however without my office tools.

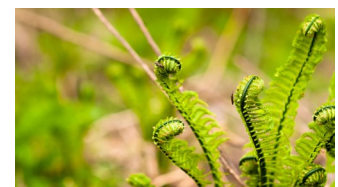
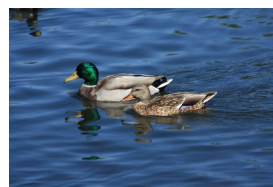
Our farm, which has been such a burden for me in past years has suddenly been a great help for me this year. Those ten to fifteen hours that I usually use to commute, taking its toll on my energy levels, are now taken up with energizing walks, gardening, and cleaning up forest debris, feeling the closeness of God in nature, with the healthy side effect of giving me peace in troubling times. There is more time with God, and more time with family, and that is a

great benefit. Right after the restrictions, due to the coronavirus, were put in place, my blood pressure began to rise. Whereas commuting may have worsened it, these activities and sight of new growth in nature have helped it go down, so there are good benefits of the measures for me personally, besides "lowering the curve". And there are many good things that many of us can also take advantage of with more time at home. More meals together with family, communing with one another. More devotion times, alone, and with our families. More time connecting with friends and family over phone and other social media. More time to pray.



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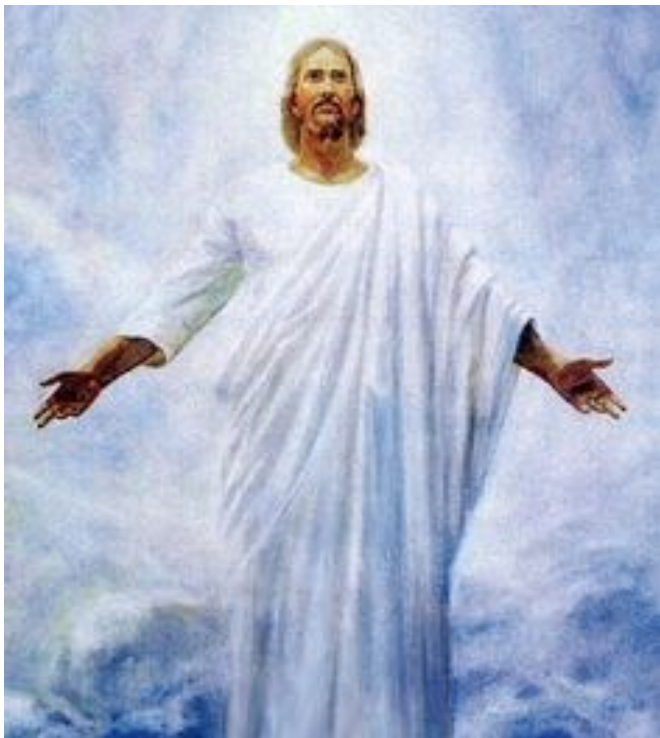
all that bad. Today I was blessed watching two mallard ducks swimming in the canal outside our window. The birds are singing, frogs are peeping, and the trees are beginning to bud. The fiddleheads will soon be up – followed shortly by asparagus in the garden. And best of all, Christ is still risen and reigning.



This Easter season, I suggest to you all to turn off the news, or watch it once a day at most. The same with the stock market. Take time to lament what our Lord had to do for our sake because of our sin and thank him. But then be sure to take time to rejoice in what he did because he is Lord of Life.

After his resurrection, the first things he said to his disciples were these, “Greetings!” Do not be afraid...” (Mt. 28:9-10 ESV). “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking? (Jn 20:15) “What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?” “What things?” (Lk 24:18,19) “O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! <sup>26</sup> Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?” (Lk 24:25-26) “Peace to you!” (Lk 24:36) “Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? <sup>39</sup> See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see” (Lk 24:38-39). “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.” “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, <sup>47</sup> and that repentance for<sup>[c]</sup> the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup> You are witnesses of these things (Lk 24:44, 46-48 ESV).

“Peace to you”. “Go into the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation” (Mk 16:15 ESV).  
Have a most blessed Resurrection Day!



## Disciple Life 2020

February 13-15, 2020  
Orlando, Florida

By Lois DeJean

*And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Acts 2: 42*

Disciple Life 2020 was co-sponsored by the NALC, the North American Lutheran Church, and our Province, the Anglican Church in North America. The NALC was formed in 2010, for reasons similar to the ACNA. Bob and I got to know one of the Lutheran delegates. She shared her feelings of hurt and betrayal, which many of us experienced as members of our former Diocese.

But the Lord is good, and like Moses leading the Israelites out of Egypt, He led us into what would become the Anglican Network in Canada and the Anglican Church in North America.

As Bob and I expected, this conference was demanding. In different ways, all the speakers challenged us to be disciples in our own lives and in our churches. The break-out session led by ACNA Bishop Clark Lowenfield struck me particularly. The title of his talk was “Is Your Congregation Ready For Making Disciples?” He told us we were not, otherwise we would not be attending the conference.

He said that his congregation is “more Republican than Christian”—that our own churches have rocky soil—ouch! Making disciples is hard work—one person at a time, one family at a time. Making disciples is sacrificial—prayer, fasting, and the gift of TIME is part of the equation.

Bishop Charlie gathered the ANiC delegates together for supper on the last full day of the conference. I had a chance to speak with Matt+ and Grace from Lennoxville, and Pete+ Ann and Simeon Molloy from Ontario. Fourteen delegates from ANiC—more than any ACNA diocese—attended the conference.

Recordings of the Disciple Life 2020 sessions may be listened to online. I intend to continue to review my notes and will listen again to the talks.



# Shrove Tuesday Fellowship

19 of us enjoyed this special breakfast together thanks to Lois DeJean





# Bible Bytes



**Col 3:3 For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God.**

**Mt. 6:9 “This, then, is how you should pray: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,”**

## Words of Life

By Do Fox

These words took on a kind of three-dimensional life for me on Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, just last month. Before that, I would read these words as I read Paul’s letter to the Colossians, and almost gloss over them.

But by March 29<sup>th</sup>, I had been battling sickness for about a month and was thoroughly fed up. I sat on the side of my bed, and thought about these precious words. Somehow the words came alive inside of me. I realized, suddenly, that I could live immersed in His power. I felt Christ’s energy, His Life enter me. I didn’t have to be sick anymore! I had been struggling, fighting the sickness that seemed to be coming back again.

All that sickness was part of the old self that had died! Elsewhere Paul says, “I no longer live, but Christ lives in me.” (Gal 2:20). Somehow I was transported into that reality. I saw His Life in me, reaching out to others. That was so exciting, it was a kind of Resurrection happening inside! I felt a new freedom from fear inside. His glorious energy is available to me! – WOW! Not just to me, but to everyone who believes the truth of God’s precious words!




May the beautiful, life giving truths of God’s Words, which run like gold through the rocks of our lives, become precious, sacred, and life giving, to all of us, always!

## On Reaching Me

By Do Fox

To reach Me You must put all else aside.  
Remember the Lord’s prayer,  
It is addressed to Our Father.  
You need to recognize  
The identity of Who you are addressing.  
I and the Father are One,  
You reach Him, through Me.  
Relax, and put all else aside,  
And focus on Who you are talking to.  
I am not far off,  
You live, and move, and have your being in Me.  
Believe that, relax into that.  
There is no good thing  
That I would withhold from you.  
The blocks to My presence are not within Me,  
They are within You!  
Bring these blocks to Me.  
They are like trees in the forest  
That block out the sunlight  
On the forest floor, -your heart.  
I long to bless you, and make you whole,  
But you must align yourself  
With My Love, My Light.  
I will show you how, as you relax in Me,  
And trust Me with the deep movements  
Of your heart.



<b>HE IS RISEN!</b>		By Harn Yawngghwe
<p><b>The Burial of Jesus</b></p> <p>Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the Council, went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Pilate wondered if he were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether Jesus was already dead. When he learned that he was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. He took down the body and Nicodemus, who had at first come to Jesus by night, came bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about a hundred pounds'</p>		<p>weight. They took the body of Jesus, and bound it in linen cloths with the spices, as is the burial custom of the Jews. Now in the place where he was crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb belonging to Joseph where no one had ever been laid. The tomb was close at hand, and it was the Jewish day of Preparation, and the sabbath was beginning, so they laid Jesus there and rolled a stone against the door of the tomb and departed.</p>
	<p>Mary Magdalene and the other Mary, the mother of Jesus were there, sitting opposite the sepulchre. They saw the tomb, and how his body was laid; then they returned, and prepared spices and ointments.</p> <p>On the sabbath they rested according to the commandment.</p> <p>Paintings from the Church of the Resurrection, Jerusalem – photo @ Harn Yawngghwe, 2013.</p>	
<p><b>The Guard of Soldiers</b></p> <p>Next day, that is, after the day of Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate and said, "Sir, we remember how that impostor said, while he was still alive, 'After three days I will rise again.' Therefore order the sepulchre to be made secure until the third day, lest his disciples go and steal him away, and tell the people, 'He has risen from the dead,' and the last fraud will be worse than the first."</p>		<p>Pilate said to them, "You have a guard of soldiers; go, make it as secure as you can." So they went and made the sepulchre secure by sealing the stone and setting a guard.</p> <p>Photo of French soldiers guarding CDG Airport, Paris @ Harn Yawngghwe, 2015</p>

## The Resurrection of Jesus

Now after the sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary, the mother of James, and Salome, bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the door of the tomb?"

<sup>2</sup> And behold, there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone, and sat upon it. <sup>3</sup> His appearance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow. <sup>4</sup> And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men.

Empty tomb photos @ Dr Chris Willis, 2016



When the women went in they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel; and as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them "Do not be amazed; you seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. **He has risen, he is not here; see the place where they laid him. Why do you seek the living among the dead?"**

"Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and on the third day rise. Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. Lo, I have told you." So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples.

## The Report of the Guard

While they were going, behold, some of the guard went into the city and told the chief priests all that had taken place. And when they had assembled with the elders and taken counsel, they gave a sum of money to the soldiers and said, "Tell people, 'His disciples came by night and stole him away while we were asleep.' And if this comes to the governor's ears, we will satisfy him and keep you out of trouble." So they took the money and did as they were directed; and this story has been spread among the Jews to this day.

Based on the Four Gospels – Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John (Revised Standard Version).



# SCIENCE AND THE BIBLE

By Harn Yawnghwe

A conversation with a non-Christian friend inspired me to do some research. He said that he was surprised that 'educated' people like Helen and myself believed in the Bible. He meant it in a nice way. Up till now, he said he had only been exposed to 'uneducated' Christians who could not intellectually explain their belief. Of course, he did not become a Christian immediately after our conversation, but he said that he was intrigued. My friend's opinion is actually quite prevalent amongst non-Christians. Are they correct? That was what my research was about (mainly from Wikipedia and Creation.com) – Albert Einstein (1879-1955) who most people call a 'genius' did not believe in a personal God but he admired and based his work on that of his heroes of science: Isaac Newton, Michael Faraday and James Clerk Maxwell. Who were they?



Newton

Faraday

Maxwell

(Photographs of Maxwell, Faraday and Newton taken from Wikipedia)

ISAAC NEWTON (1642-1727) who lived in Cambridge, UK, was an English mathematician, astronomer, physicist, theologian and author. He is widely recognized as one of the most influential scientists of all time and a key figure in the scientific revolution. His book *Mathematical Principles of Natural Philosophy* laid the foundations of mechanics. Newton also made pathbreaking contributions to optics, and he shares credit for developing calculus. Newton's laws of motion and gravitation dominated scientists' view of the physical universe for the next three centuries. Newton also built the first practical reflecting telescope and developed a sophisticated theory of colour based on the observation that a prism decomposes white light into the colours of the visible spectrum. Newton was a Bible-believing Christian although he also dabbled in alchemy. He wrote more on theology than on science, believing the Bible to be God's Word.

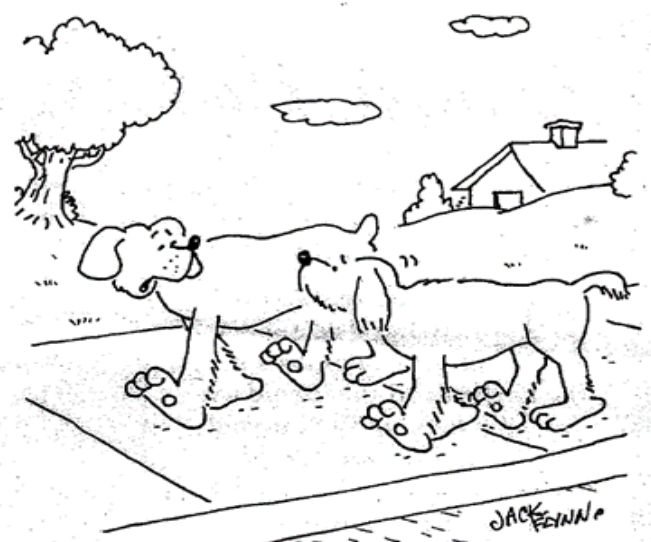
MICHAEL FARADAY (1791-1867) who lived in London was an English scientist. Although Faraday had little formal education, he was one of the most influential scientists in history. His inventions of electromagnetic rotary devices formed the foundation of electric motor technology, and it was largely due to his efforts that electricity became practical for use. As a chemist, Faraday discovered benzene and he was also the first person to liquify Chlorine and ammonia. Faraday was an excellent experimentalist who conveyed his ideas in clear and simple language. James Clerk Maxwell summarized the work of Faraday and others and put it in a set of equations which is accepted as the basis of all modern theories of electromagnetic phenomena. Faraday was a member of a very conservative offshoot of the Church of Scotland known for their plain interpretation of the Bible - *"a strong sense of the unity of God and nature pervaded Faraday's life and work."* On his death bed he was asked, "What are your speculations now?" He answered: *I have no speculations. I rest upon Jesus Christ who died, and rose again from death."*

JAMES CLERK MAXWELL (1831-1879) who lived in Edinburgh was a Scottish scientist. He formulated the the-

ory of electromagnetic radiation, bringing together for the first time, electricity, magnetism, and light as manifestations of the same phenomenon. Without his theory, we would not have many of the things we rely on today – light bulbs, radios, TVs, motors, generators, microwaves, x-rays, computers, etc. Maxwell was a Bible-believing Christian and was widely read in theology. He saw man’s ever-changing understanding of how the world works as the problem, not God’s unchanging Word.



# Humour



Submitted by Lois & Bernie Meier

## Old lady gets married

The local news station was interviewing an 80-year-old lady because she had just gotten married for the fourth time.

The interviewer asked her questions about her life, about what it felt like to be marrying again at 80, and then about her new husband's occupation.

"He's a funeral director," she answered.

"Interesting," the newsman thought. So he then asked her if she wouldn't mind telling him a little about her first three husbands and what they did for a living.

She paused for a few moments,

needing time to reflect on all those years.

After a short time, a smile came to her face and she answered proudly, explaining that she had first married a banker when she was in her 20's, then a circus ringmaster when in her 40's, and a preacher when in her 60's, and now - in her 80's - a funeral director.

The interviewer looked at her, quite astonished, and asked why she had married four men with such diverse careers.

She smiled and explained,

"I married one for the money, two for the show, three to get ready, and four to go."

Submitted By Bob Sumner

# Activity Page

## Christ's Resurrection

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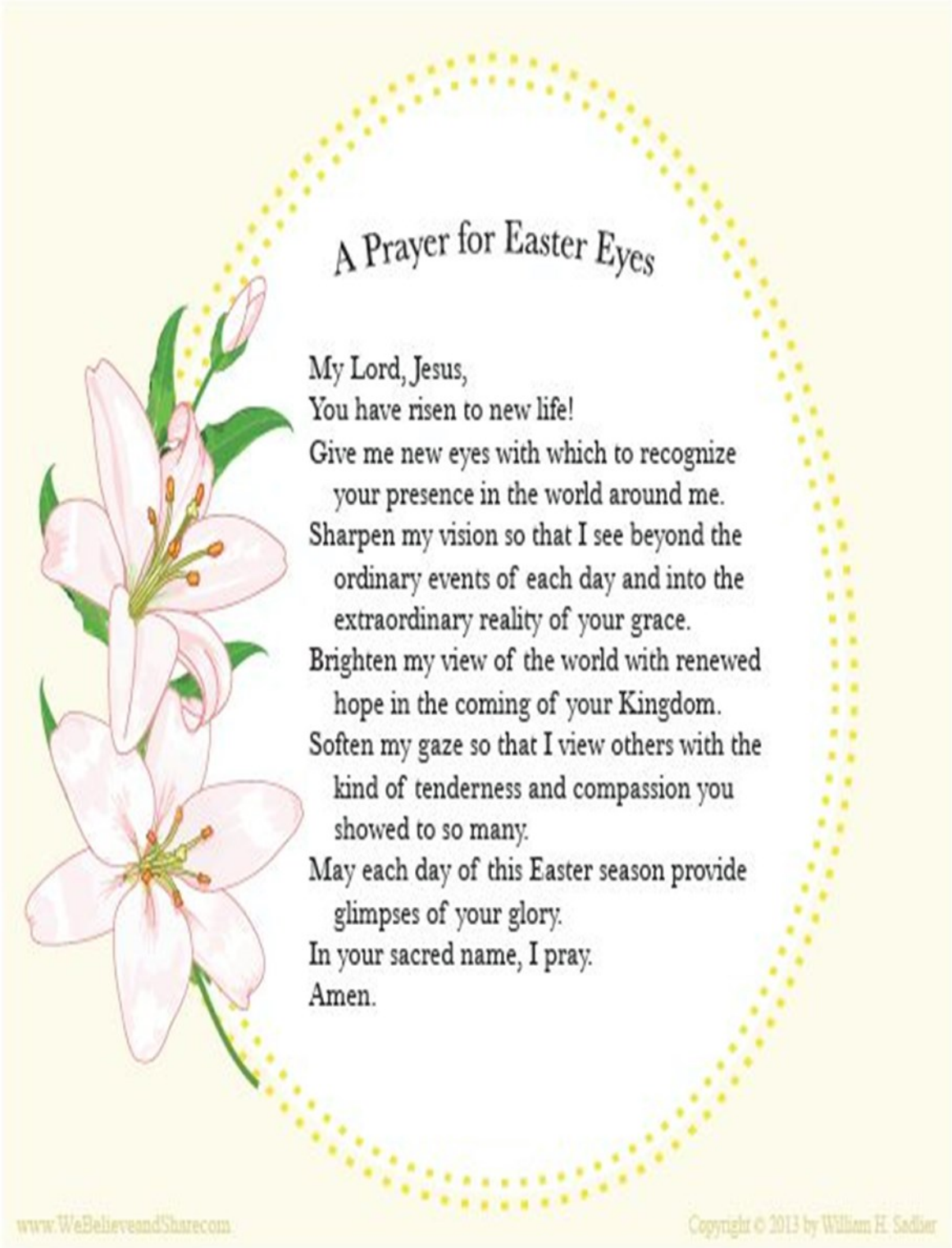
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## A Prayer for Easter Eyes



My Lord, Jesus,  
You have risen to new life!  
Give me new eyes with which to recognize  
your presence in the world around me.  
Sharpen my vision so that I see beyond the  
ordinary events of each day and into the  
extraordinary reality of your grace.  
Brighten my view of the world with renewed  
hope in the coming of your Kingdom.  
Soften my gaze so that I view others with the  
kind of tenderness and compassion you  
showed to so many.  
May each day of this Easter season provide  
glimpses of your glory.  
In your sacred name, I pray.  
Amen.