



EASTER DAY, MARCH 31

The right hand of the LORD has triumphed!
the right hand of the LORD is exalted!
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— Psalm 118:16

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

At long last we break the fast of Lent and revel in the abundant life which Jesus brings to all of us through his death and resurrection.

The symbols of Easter speak of God's generous gifts through nourishment. Many children will today hunt for Easter eggs. These colorful eggs are a tradition from the ancient Christians, symbolizing the rebirth that comes to all of us through Christ's resurrection.

Out of eggs come chickens, which in turn multiply prodigiously to provide both eggs and more chickens to feed people. Hatchery cooperatives are a vital source of income generation and food throughout Episcopal Relief & Development's programs in all parts of the world.

Another symbol of Easter, the lamb, reminds us all of the Passover Lamb who becomes the Lamb of God. John the Baptist proclaims, upon seeing Jesus: "Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world."

It is through Jesus' death and resurrection that our sins are taken away and we are given abundant life.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

— Robert W. Radtke