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Easter brings new life...



I love Easter for many reasons. It follows Lent which during my youth was a time of fasting and “giving up” something I enjoyed. As a child, Easter meant candies and chocolates for which I still haven’t lost my appetite.

Also, Easter falls just around the spring moon, at least in our hemisphere. Even if it is still cold and there’s snow on the ground, Easter announces rebirth and buds on the trees. It’s not yet summer but it certainly isn’t winter. Easter brings feelings of rebirth and the dawn of new awakenings.

Easter has its origin in a terrible event. Humanity was rejected, exploited and humiliated. Jesus carried his cross and died, as ignominiously as the worst criminals. Jesus’ passion is our shame but it fits the story that is repeated many times of exploited victims, men and women who are beaten, violated, cheated, chased away, with their land expropriated, laid off from jobs, and humiliated. Every Good Friday is an interminable descent into hell.

Then who rolled away the stone that sealed the Tomb? The tomb was empty. What was left were only two pieces of linen! An empty tomb! Yet St. John remembered the Scriptures and understood. Mary Magdalene, Salome and Mary, the mother of James, were astonished. Christ was there. He was living. He was the Lord.

The unbelievable had happened. Christ was alive. Death, hate and violence were no longer the key notes for existence. Life had conquered death. Love is more powerful than hate; forgiveness more fruitful than violence.

Easter reminds me of sweetness; it heralds spring. But above all, Easter is the feast of life, a complete life, luminous and victorious. Stand up straight; raise your heads; breathe the fresh air of new life.

André Beauchamp

Translated by Honore Kerwin Borrelli

