



# PRAY, PONDER, PREACH AND PRACTICE THE WORD OF GOD

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## *The Easter Glow*

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So, what if we really didn't fear death? What if we had the Easter Glow written all over our faces and lives? What if we deliberately intended to move from the fear that grips us deep in our reptilian brain to our frontal cortex, where creativity, possibility, wonder and hope live? Watch the Sunday texts. They will hold clues.

First, we need to learn that living in fear keeps us defensive and paralyzed. Over 15 times scripture will say to us, "Be not afraid." But we ARE afraid, and we have a right to be, right...listen to the media and read the news...! But what if we refused. What if we paid attention to our fear when it rises, and say, "No." Then what DO we intend instead? Peter gave us a clue when he got out of the boat. As long as he kept his intent of Jesus before him, he walked on water. But then he looked down...and he was terrified.

Do we really believe Jesus is a transformed human after death, and that his resurrection is a promise to us of the same for ourselves? Then let's keep our intent there...even though the storm rages. Check the Sunday texts...and be filled with wonder.

*You're real, Jesus, aren't you.*

*Can I take your hand?*

*When I look down I go down...*

*But when I look up at you all shiny and new,*

*I remember your words...*

*"Look to me that you may be radiant with joy!"*

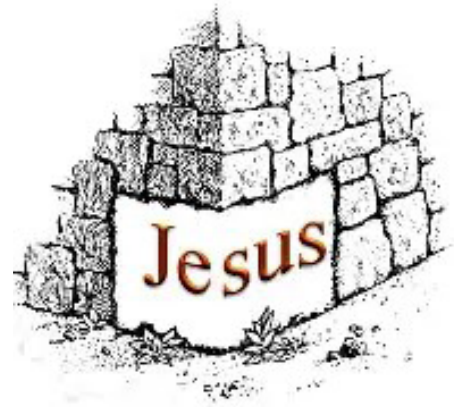
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**Sunday Fifth of Easter | May 3, 2026**

**First Letter of Saint Peter 2:4-9**

As we continue the 50 days of Easter I am reminded that Jesus is not just giving me a personal relationship with him I am to be part of a people who are to announce Jesus to all. Because Jesus is our cornerstone, what are we to do this week to light dark ways so all can see God's way.



**Sixth Sunday of Easter | May 10, 2026**

**First Letter of Saint Peter-3:15-18**

“Respond with gentleness and reverence.” Peter told the pagan converts when they were persecuted. Are we learning to listen carefully and speak gently through the process called synodality? Let us pay attention to the work of implementing the learnings about synodality so we can have life in the Spirit.

**The Ascension | May 17, 2026**

**Letter of Saint Paul to the Ephesians 1:17-23**

The disciples climb the mountain to observe Jesus leave them to return to oneness with the Father and Spirit. Paul teaches that Jesus is given as head over the Church which is his body. It takes all of us to welcome all into the place of forgiveness, compassion and love. What can we do this week to bring someone(s) to this dear place of love?

**Pentecost | May 24, 2026**

**First Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians 12:3-13**

Drink in the Spirit! In baptism we receive the Spirit. Each one of us is unique. Ask God to show us what part of the body of Jesus, the church, each of us is gifted to share.

**Holy Trinity | May 30, 2026**

**Second Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians 13:11-13**

As we move from Lent and Easter into Ordinary Time we are encouraged to meditate on the love and unity within God that we call Trinity. Holy Undivided Unity, show us how to be one.