



## Embracing the Gifts of Easter

Easter dawns...

We greet God's holy season, seeking  
sensing resurrection's rays. They will fill our bones,  
our hearts, our spirits, and spur us forward to newer days.

### ***An Easter Embrace***

I welcome you Easter and invite your many gifts to the deep, deep recesses of my soul...

### ***Easter Light***

Bath me in the warm, nurturing radiance of your glow;

Burn passionately through me, proclaiming the dazzling wonderment of resurrection.

### ***Easter Word***

Echo again and again the story of our salvation----yesterday, today and forever;

resound from very human heart, from womb to womb,

the sacred story which is ours to share.

### ***Easter Water***

Douse, drench, drown me with your water of life;

Cleanse my soul and wash over me with the torrents of your love

that brings me to birth once more.

### ***Easter Bread***

Break open my body to receive your nourishment, strengthen me to share in building

your body here on earth, bring to life the wilderness and the city with the manna

of faith in Christ.

### ***Easter Wine***

Pour forth your love to the desert and the ocean,

Flow freely through us, that all may drink deeply from the cup of life.

### ***Easter Cross***

Proclaim in your height and your depth, your width and your breadth,  
The transformation of all who embrace you;  
from shame to glory, from passion to resurrection,  
from agony to ecstasy, stand visible through your people, as a sign of redemption and hope.

Creator God, out of the depth of your love you called us to new life in Christ. As we rejoice in the resurrection, may our lives and our work together echo the many gifts you have blessed us with a purpose. May all our being resound the glory of your name as we say:

Glory be to the Father, to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end, Amen.

Alleluia!

### ***Prayer of an Easter People***

***Christ yesterday and today***

***The beginning and the end***

***Alpha and Omega***

***All time belongs to him and all the ages.***

***To him be glory and power through every age forever.***

Be with us Lord, as we continue our pilgrim journey as an Easter people.

Guide our footsteps with the light of Easter faith, that we may walk in your ways.

*Prayer for Parish Groups – Harrington & Kavanagh*