

Easter Sunday, March 31, 2024

Scripture Reading: Mark 16:1-8

*The very first Easter taught us this: that life never ends
and love never dies. —Kate McGahan*

Perhaps you've heard the story of a little boy who was not exactly happy about going to church on Easter Sunday morning. His new shoes were too tight, his tie pinched his neck, and the weather was just too beautiful to be cooped up inside.

As he sulked in the back seat, his parents heard him mutter: "I don't know why we have to go to church on Easter, anyway; they keep telling the same old story, and it always comes out the same in the end."

Yes, it always comes out the same in the end, but it's not the end, but a beginning. And it is because of this glorious new beginning, we can be assured that everything's going to be okay.

In her children's book, *The Summer of the Great Grandmother*, Madeleine L'Engle tells of being with her grandchildren at bedtime for reading and song. Her grandchild Lena turned to her and asked, "Is everything all right?"

She said, "Yes, of course, everything is all right."

Lena asked again: "Gram, is everything really all right? I mean really?"

L'Engle says she "looked at that little child in her white nightgown and realized that she was asking the cosmic question, the question that is out beyond the safety of this home full of light and love and warmth."

Every Christmas, we come to the manger child and ask the same question: "Is everything really all right?"

Every Easter, we come to the tomb and ask that same question: "Is everything really all right?" Yes, everything is going to be fine, just fine.

He is risen! He is risen, indeed!

—Timothy Merrill

Prayer: Thank you, O God, for your resurrection power in raising Christ Jesus from the darkness of the tomb, and for showing the world that now and forevermore everything is going to be all right! Amen.

*Happy Easter!
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Daily Bible Readings

- Sunday:** Deuteronomy 1-3
Monday: Deuteronomy 4-6
Tuesday: Deuteronomy 7-9
Wednesday: Deut. 10-12
Thursday: Deut. 13-16
Friday: Deuteronomy 17-19
Saturday: Deut. 20-22

HIDDEN WORDS

Directions: Here are 10 words that can be rearranged to form another word. We've done the first one for you.

1. DECAL (laced)
2. WRONG
3. LIVED
4. LEMON
5. BURNT
6. THORN
7. LANCE
8. WASTE
9. MARCH
10. LEAST

MISSING LETTER!

Directions: Find the letter that's in the first word, but missing from the second word in CAPS in each set below. Write it on the line. Then, reading from the top down, find the word the letters spell and write it on the line below. Clue: This word describes how we should respond to God's Word.

In BROAD not DRAB _____

In BOOST not SOOT _____

In STEAM not MAST _____

In DRINK not RINK _____

In DAIRY not YARD _____

In EARTH not HART _____

In NEVER not EVER _____

In CROWD not WORD _____

In HEARD not HARD _____

Answers to Hidden Words (spelled backwards):

2. nworj, 3. lived,
4. nolem, 5. tnurb,
6. htron, 7. naelc,
8. taews, 9. mrahc,
10. laets

