

**SHARING THE FAITH: WEEKLY EMAIL DEVOTION  
FOR THE WEEK ENDING APRIL 11, 2010**

**Readings for April 11, Second Sunday of Easter:**

**REVELATION 1:4-8**

<sup>4-7</sup>I, John, am writing this to the seven churches in Asia province: All the best to you from The God Who Is, The God Who Was, and The God About to Arrive, and from the Seven Spirits assembled before his throne, and from Jesus Christ—Loyal Witness, Firstborn from the dead, Ruler of all earthly kings.

Glory and strength to Christ, who loves us,  
who blood-washed our sins from our lives,  
Who made us a Kingdom, Priests for his Father,  
forever—and yes, he's on his way!  
Riding the clouds, he'll be seen by every eye,  
those who mocked and killed him will see him,  
People from all nations and all times  
will tear their clothes in lament.  
Oh, Yes.

<sup>8</sup>The Master declares, "I'm A to Z. I'm The God Who Is, The God Who Was, and The God About to Arrive. I'm the Sovereign-Strong."

**Faith Questions:**

1. The Easter Season of the church year began on Easter Sunday and continues through Pentecost, which will be celebrated this year on May 23. How are Jesus' death and resurrection bringing YOU new life this Easter Season?
2. This text notes two important aspects of what happens on Easter: First, Jesus "blood-washed our sins from our lives." Second, Jesus "made us a Kingdom, Priests for his Father." Which of these Easter blessings means more to you? Or are they equally important? Why?
3. Is Easter about what happens when you die? Or is it about how God has called you to live in response to God's gift of eternal life? How does it change your life to know that God made you a Priest?
4. Christ "made us a Kingdom." As members of a Kingdom, we are part of community. Where do you see Jesus' death and resurrection bringing new life to TRINITY this Easter Season?
5. "The Master declares, "I'm A to Z. I'm The God Who Is, The God Who Was, and The God About to Arrive. I'm the Sovereign-Strong." How does this make you feel? What reassurance exists in this for you personally? What hope does this give you for the world?

**Let us pray:**

Lord, resurrection is not just about what happens when we die, but what happens when we live! You have made us a Kingdom; you have made me a Priest. Help me to live the resurrection life today!

*For whom else, and for what else, shall we pray? (Insert your own prayer here)*  
Amen.

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