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Happy Easter and Good Tidings to you, Soldiers of Christ,

Easter is a time when we recognize Christ's victory over death, the glorious conclusion of which is yet to come 40 days hence at Ascension. It is a time when we often speak or hear about the empty tomb, about Mary Magdalene receiving word that the Master has risen, or about the apostles on the road to Emmaus, who did not recognize the risen Lord.

Easter is also a time when we relish the innocence of small children. We celebrate with candies and egg hunts, and we delight in the great joy of the smallest among us who have not yet learned the real meaning of the holiday. We breathe fresh air and feel the world awaken in Spring as plants and flowers begin to bloom and animals become active. The world becomes vibrant with new life.

Taken all in all, Easter is best understood as a time of new life, new awakening, and revival. The gift of Christ becomes complete. We come alive in Him, the new Adam, who frees us from the ultimate death. We are restored to something of innocence as we watch those around us. Let us pause this holiday and reflect. Breathe the new air. Let us offer praise to our Savior who brings us to His light and renew our own covenant with Him.

In the name of our Crucified and Ascended Savior, I wish for all of you joy and peace this Holiday.

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