



MESSAGE FOR EASTER 2026



The festival of Easter, a word which in Hebrew means “pas-sage”, originally commemorated the liberation of the people from slavery in Egypt, and for Christians represents the pas-sage of Christ from death to life. We are all spiritually dead until we learn to elevate ourselves in a practical way above the senses, and to die to the physical world in order to be reborn in the higher Kingdom of the spirit while we are still alive. *“Learn to die so that you may begin to live.”*

When Christ, on the Friday preceding Easter, was brought before the judgement of Pilate, the Roman Governor tried, after questioning him, to convince the crowd of his innocence, but to no avail. The Gospel of Matthew records: *Then Pilate, seeing that he was achieving nothing and the tumult was growing, took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying: “I am innocent of the blood of this righteous man. See to it yourselves!” And all the people answered: “His blood be upon us and upon our children!”* (Matthew 27:24–25)

This response was certainly not that of the entire Jewish people, but, as Christ had prophesied, not a generation had passed before Jerusalem, in 80 AD, was besieged by the Roman legions and destroyed along with its temple, while the surviving Jews were scattered throughout the world. Two long millennia had to pass before the Jewish people could finally have a Homeland once more.

Yet from those very places where Christ preached Truth and Love even to the ultimate sacrifice, to-day there regrettably come echoes of war that threaten to involve the entire Planet, with the deployment of ever more destructive and uncontrollable weapons and the intervention of the world’s major powers.

Easter ought instead to be the Festival of Peace and Love, uniting all the peoples of the Earth together in a common praise to the one Father of all humanity. This is how we celebrate it at *Man Center* in Brotherhood and in Love, as we have done for nearly half a century.

We are in the meantime building two Centres where our members may live together, sheltered from the unforeseeable vicissitudes of the world surrounding us, dominated as it is by selfishness and spir-itual ignorance, while awaiting a New Age of Harmony and Light. Within them shall reign Knowledge, Love and Joy, the fruit of Universal Meditation and selfless Service.

To all of you I send my loving Best Wishes for a continuing Easter of resurrection, to be lived each day within yourselves and with your Brothers and Sisters in the Light.

Yours affectionately

Pier Franco Marcenaro

A handwritten signature of Pier Franco Marcenaro, written in black ink, located at the bottom right of the page.