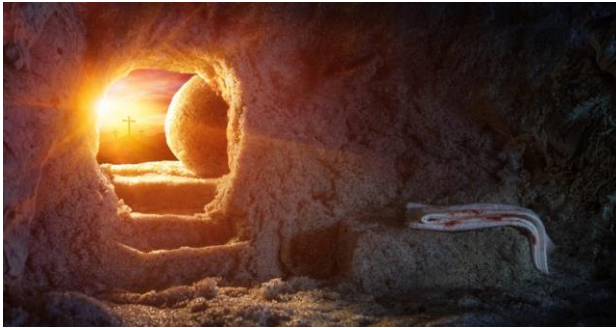


## God Is My Friend by Clara Carter

God  
Your love  
Compassion  
Grace and Mercy  
Sustain us each day  
We as children trust you  
Who loved the world so much that  
You gave your only Son to save  
Everyone that we may sin no more  
Granted us the gift of eternal life

### Resurrection and Rebirth



God makes every day a new beginning and I am grateful to wake up each morning and live every moment of the day in its fullness. Sometimes it is pleasant, and other times situations arise that are unpleasant but God's love always surrounds me.

During Lent, I see resurrection as a special dark place of rest where I can examine deep inside of myself through prayer and supplication. With God's guidance I can emerge as a new inner being. For me it means that old habits of acting or reacting to situations beyond my control can no longer be allowed to influence my thoughts and behavior.

I believe that God blesses us with opportunities to endure the agony of burying our ego (death) to rise (resurrect) and emerge (rebirth), to live a more joyful life in order to love others as well as ourselves.