

Dear Friends,

With great joy in my heart I announce to you, ***“Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!”***

This ancient greeting sums up what we celebrate this Easter Sunday: the joy of Christ risen and alive in our midst. ***“This is the day the Lord has made: let us rejoice and be glad”*** (Psalm 118). This then is the Joyful Good News: Christ, by His death and resurrection, has conquered sin so we may live. The Resurrection is the foundation and cornerstone of our faith. As St. Paul says, if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is useless and our faith too is in vain (Cf. 1 Cor 15:14).



During the Easter Vigil, we recall God’s story – in our story of salvation. The Liturgy of the Word

re-enacts this story from the time of creation of the world to the time of Jesus’ resurrection. We joyfully celebrate the risen Lord in our midst today and every day as He offers Himself anew in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. During the celebration of the Holy Mass, we re-live the death and resurrection of Jesus. We do this in a spirit of thanksgiving to God who gives His own Son to die in order to rescue us from the slavery of sin. We live as people deeply moved by the resurrection and proclaim: Christ is risen, Alleluia!

May our encounter with the risen Lord on our journey of faith touch us deeply and transform us as He transformed His Disciples. May the resurrection lead us to live as disciples of Christ, committed to live out our Baptismal covenant. When we live the new life of the resurrection, we become the best version of ourselves. We become what St. Augustine referred to as an “Easter People”, a people transformed into disciples and stewards who commit to give their time, talent and treasure in witnessing to the Lord, bringing the joy of Easter to everyone.

My prayer for you this Easter is that you live as people deeply touched by the resurrection and proclaim: Christ is risen, Alleluia, Alleluia!

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