

“ALLELUIA!” CHRIST IS RISEN! “ALLELUIA!”

These are the words that give our life meaning!
These are the words that give our world hope!
With these simple words we proclaim what God
has done in the life giving death and glorious
resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. As we
rejoice this Easter I offer you my warmest
greetings and my blessing.

Easter is about rebirth and life unending —
our rebirth at our Baptism and our participation
in eternal life by the worthy reception of the Holy
Eucharist. We are invited to renew our baptismal
promises and to receive the Body and Blood of
Christ ever more devoutly during this season.

As we gather in our churches and with
our families to celebrate this Holy Day, let us
remember that this is no mere holiday, not just
something we sing about and celebrate one Sunday
a year, but a reality that we are called to live each
day! It is through our faith and our commitment
to living a life of love, of sacrifice, and of service
to others, just as Jesus did, that we truly proclaim
the joy of this Easter message. And every time we
overcome temptation, every time we say no to
sin, every time evil is vanquished with good, the
resurrection of Jesus Christ triumphs in us.

During this Easter Season, let us also pray for
those who are suffering in body, mind, soul or
spirit, for the lonely and grieving, and for those
who are in need of God’s mercy and compassion.
May we find ways to be a source of faith, hope
and comfort for them, sharing the good news of
Easter by joining our voices to those of the first
disciples in proclaiming, “The Lord is risen!”
“He is truly risen!”

May the blessings of Easter fill your
hearts and homes. Know that as we
celebrate this Easter you remain in
my prayers as I ask God’s choicest
blessings upon you and your loved
ones. He is Risen, Alleluia!

Sincerely yours in Christ,



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