

*The Resurrection of Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ*

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"Sine sanguinis effusione, non fit remissio." Heb. 9:22

Without the suffering and death of our Lord, there is no remission of sin, and the Resurrection is the proof of this, for only God can bring Himself back to life again. St. Paul said that if Christ had not risen, then our preaching would be in vain and your faith is vain also. But our Savior is risen, He is truly risen, and so let us rejoice in the victory of the Resurrection.

Christ was dead and rose again conquering sin and death. All of Jerusalem knew He was dead. His enemies knew He was dead. They even knew about His miracles and prophecies and so they guarded the tomb. While the apostles scattered and hid, the enemy believed and watched and thus proved for us the Resurrection. The Crucified one is risen, His wounds are His glory, the dead man is immortal and the man of sorrows is the victorious King of Heaven.

He is victorious over sin. Our iniquities were laid upon Him and He expiated them by dying on the Cross, so we who follow Him and join ourselves to Him are no longer the children of wrath and perdition.

He is victorious over the powers of this world. The Pharisees, High Priests, Herod and Pilate – bigotry, envy and paganism – banded together to discredit Him, but in the end, He is victorious. They tried to wipe Him out, and yet He lives more glorious than ever and adored.

Our Lord's victory is for all time, for all who follow Him and believe in Him and unite themselves to Him through baptism and the sacraments will also live by Him. He wants our hearts, for His victory was one so complete that our hearts truly belong to Him. Let us give Him the best of what we have, and being united to Him here below by sanctifying grace, we will remain united to Him for all eternity also.

May God love you and may you have a blessed Easter.

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