

A Message from Fr. Jim

Rejoice heavenly powers! Sing choirs of angels; exalt all creation around God's throne! Jesus Christ, Our King, is risen! Sound the trumpet of salvation! Rejoice, O earth in shining splendor radiant in the brightness of your King! Christ has conquered! Glory fill you! Darkness vanishes forever! Rejoice Mother Church! Exult in glory! The risen Savior shines upon you! Let this place resound with joy, echoing the mighty song of all God's people!

He is Risen! Alleluia! How beautiful those words of the Easter Proclamation. The agony of the cross has become the victory of the Resurrection!

All creation is in awe. Angels and heavenly powers exult because of the great humility and power of God eternal love for fallen humanity. The King of Kings and Lord of Lords has endured the just punishment of sin and death. Jesus has endured the shameful and incredibly painful road to the cross, the price of life for you and me!

Today is the day we celebrate victory over Satan, sin, darkness, and death. All creation should be rejoicing, most of all we who have received the fruit of Jesus' labor. It was while the wretched rejoiced after Jesus death the Eternal Word plumbed the depth of the nether world to search for our first parents. With power and might Jesus paid the debt of sin and brought Adam and Eve out of the sleep of death into His eternal kingdom. Rejoice! Rejoice! All of creation Rejoice!

The cross of Jesus and our crosses now have meaning and value. These are the means of our salvation and purification Jesus did not leave anyone in darkness and death. Jesus is the hope of us all! Jesus is the promise of the Eternal Father for all who believe and trust in Him. It is in Jesus that you and I have victory over the grave, over death. It is in Jesus' resurrection that we rise to the glorious inheritance of the eternal day and eternal joy!

Thank you Jesus for loving us by obeying the Eternal Father. Thank you Jesus for your death and resurrection. Thank you Jesus for in you and you alone We Live!