

# Pastor's Letter

**March 31, 2024—Easter Sunday**

Dear Church Family,

“CHRIST IS RISEN!” “HE IS RISEN INDEED!” This is the traditional greeting and response of the Easter season. It echoes the joyful proclamation that the Apostles carried with them throughout the world. It is the source of all our joy and hope. In Jesus’ resurrection, everything that he told us about the love and mercy of God is proven to be true. We CAN have a new life free from the guilt and bitterness of sin. We CAN overcome selfishness and corruption in ourselves and in the world. The stone has been rolled away and the door to heaven is now open to us.

The message of the Apostles has now become our message to the world. As St Peter says in our first reading, “We are witnesses of all that he did.” All the works of healing, all the words of teaching, all the signs he showed us have taken on new meaning and power because of this day of resurrection. We have to tell the good news! We are witnesses just like Mary Magdalene, Peter, and John.

Those first witnesses did not have it all figured out immediately. They came to the empty tomb with more questions than answers, but soon the Lord revealed himself and the meaning of his resurrection to them, and, equipped with the power of the Holy Spirit, they went out to give their testimony to the power of God. Like them, we too have to grow in our understanding of what the new life in Christ means to us so that we also can witness to his power at work in us and in the world today.

Everyone needs to know the good news! With all the challenges we face today, everyone needs to know that Jesus lives and he has the answers we need to build a world of peace and justice. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! May he rise in us today. And through our witness, may his kingdom continue to be realized in the world.

Blessings,

Fr. Scott

