



Dear fellow Disciples of the Lord,

As Christians we rejoice for Jesus Christ is Lord. Sin and death have been defeated. Yes - but...

Can we really experience the joy and hope that is celebrated in the Paschal Mystery? When we pick up the paper, read the news feeds on our electronic devices or turn on the television, we could retreat into despair. Where is the good news? Wars, terrorism, disasters and all forms of insanity seem to be the new normal. Has the Christ truly passed victorious from death to life?

YES indeed! Christ has brought us into a new reality. As disciples, Christ has called and empowered us to be His presence in the world. We have been given a share in His Spirit. We now are the pillars of fire that are to lead others through the desert. We are the voices that must be like thunder with truth and challenge. We are now the hands that bring Christ's forgiveness and healing. We are a people who live the Good News and invite others to love as He loves us.

Despite what is presented to us by the news media, the world IS a better place. For every bad news story that is thrust at us, there are hundreds more tales of those who live and breathe peace, justice and hope. We are witnesses to this. We cannot be silent. We are called to *"put our light on a lamp stand"* for all to see. We must proclaim this Good News.

The Lord has risen indeed. He is in our midst. You need not look far. See His presence among us in the dedication and service of all who collaborate in the life of our parish community. See His life-giving Spirit given in the work of those who faithfully care for the sick at home and institutions, those who support soup kitchens, shelters, food banks, breakfast clubs. See those who sacrifice to make donations to the parish, to missions and other charities. See those who stand as advocates for the alienated and oppressed. They are proclaiming He who is Risen and Victorious. You are among these witnesses.

I, along with our Pastoral Council, wish to thank you for re-writing the news stories with your everyday lives of love and service.

Keep your eyes on Him who is the Good News and invite others to do the same.

Fr. Jim K
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