

Dear Parishioners,

“Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!” Those words mark the beginning of a popular Easter hymn that stirs the hearts of Christians throughout the world. The Opening Prayer of Easter Morning Mass draws us deeper into the mystery that has unfolded: “O God who on this day, through your Only Begotten Son, have conquered death and unlocked for us the path to eternity, grant, we pray, that we who keep the solemnity of the Lord’s Resurrection may, through the renewal brought by your Spirit, rise up in the light of life. Through Our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen”

Choose an Easter scripture reading, a devotional prayer, or a hymn and let the message resonate in your heart. We have all had the experience of singing or humming a popular song, sometimes even hours after we sang the song or heard it. Earlier this week some young children from our parishes sent me a text message in which they sang some songs they loved. It made my day, and yes, later I was humming the tunes in my car.

May Our Risen Lord protect us and may we soon be able to gather once more at Eucharist and partake of the Body and Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ. “Alleluia, Alleluia, Let the Holy Anthem Rise!” I bet you are already starting to sing or hum that melody!

Happy Easter to you and your loved ones!

In Our Risen Lord,

Fr. Don Wagner