



# “Christ Our Lord is Risen Today”

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*Sisters and Brothers in Christ,*

The Word was made flesh and dwelled among us. Jesus suffered, died and rose from the dead for us. He lives and loves. We are a *Resurrection People* and as Christians profess to believe this. Jesus lived that we might live and have life to the full. He continues to give Himself to us in the Eucharist and calls us to the abundant life. We share Jesus' life and love, suffering and death, and the Father shares with us the eternal glory of Jesus' Resurrection. Do you believe this?

What we believe and hold as sacred becomes the everyday expression of our lives, consciously or unconsciously. If we believe as did Peter, John and the women who came to the tomb, then people see and hear the love and mercy of Christ in us. We are the witnesses, not because of what we have seen, but because of what we believe and live. Let your good deeds be seen and your love be known! Allow the power of the Holy Spirit to reign in your heart and free you to be Christ for others. The Christ who we receive in the Eucharist is the same Christ whom we are called to announce to the world. Are you willing to allow the Risen Lord to use you?

Join us for *The Paschal Experience* — Holy Week, the Sacred Triduum and Easter. Gather with your faith family here in church. Though the prayer of each is uniquely personal, it is a physical and spiritual presence shared, a sacred bond that lifts us to God as one. These forty days of Lent and beyond are filled with opportunities for holy encounter. Please see the information on the reverse-side of this letter and allow it to be your spiritual roadmap. Visit our parish website, any time of the day or night, for all that is happening here at the Church of the Sacred Heart. I hope and pray that we may see each other many times along the way.

With you in the peace of Christ,

Rev. John P. Alvarado