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# ST LUKE'S PARISH NEWSLETTER

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Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord - Year A

9th April

## Easter Sings Hope's Reprise

"Hope" is the thing with feathers -

That perches in the soul -

And sings the tune without the words—And never stops - at all (*Emily Dickinson*)

But from where does this feathered hope migrate and perch in the soul? Who put it there? Who taught it to sing - this unceasing tune without words?

It comes from over the horizon, beyond our sight. It travels from the lands that we cannot see, down where the sun settles at night, as it prepares to push back the darkness. This enfeathered hope is conceived by the breath of dawn.

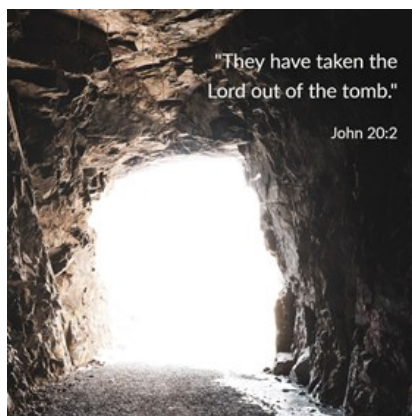
The tune it sings requires no words, for hope is cheapened by rambling trivialities and scandalous sureties. "We have no words," they often say when grief steals all meaning. But hope, like grief, its twin, is wordless too because it cannot be contained or captured, or held by a thought, or commanded to appear. Hope arrives - singing! - singing an unceasing tune - familiar - for it has been here all along.

Easter goes by another name. Easter sings hope's reprise: that "thing with feathers - That perches in the soul - And sings the tune without the words - And never stops - at all." For the Easter song travels from over the horizon, from beyond our

sight, from the lands that we cannot see, down where the sun settles at night, as it prepares to push back the darkness.

On Easter morn, we cannot help but join this wordless song. Hope, that is uncontainable, that sings unceasingly, that travels from the darkness bearing light, that journeys from the place of sleep to awaken life, that perches in our soul - this Easter promise is the still-point and purpose of everything. Easter's real name is "hope". And hope too is known by another and truer name: Christ Jesus - the light, the song, the beginning, the end, the new creation, the undeserved gift, the glorious, abiding Divine harmony, that perches in the soul and sings - and sings, and never stops - at all. *Fr. Anthony*

**HAPPY EASTER** to you all and may the blessing's of the Risen Lord be with you. I would like to than all our Reader's and Minister's and everyone who assisted with the Liturgies. God bless. *Fr Stephen*



## *(Easter message from Bishop Ken as published in the Catholic Leader)*

We are not alone in our pain and suffering, God is with us. The debates around Voluntary Assisted Dying (VAD) have featured in both the media and discussions for many years.

The VAD laws have now been passed in Queensland and are operative. Not surprisingly, much of the debate centred on the aspect of people dying with pain. Some would say that they don't want a painful death for themselves or their loved one. Despite the reassurances that palliative care is sophisticated and compassionate, the "I don't want pain" debate won out in the long run. When we gaze upon the crucified one through the liturgies of Easter, we see that there was no escaping pain for Jesus. Not even his status as Son of God helped remove his sufferings. We are consoled when we contemplate that God in Christ intimately knows pain and death.

God knows what it is like! For God's love for every human person has proved to be so strong that God would not walk away from what we face in life.

God does not want us to suffer, yet we know we face its impact in many and various ways. Pain comes across the bow of our lives regularly but, for us, the only way we can look at these times is through the eyes of faith.

Easter is the bright light that shines right into the crevices of all our pain and suffering, reassuring us that we are not alone, that God has been there and is still there with us.

May this radiance of the Risen Christ enlighten our hearts this Eastertide and bring whatever is painful in life to a new awareness. May hope in the One who conquered pain and death bless us with Easter Joy.

# THE ORDER OF MASS

## THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

*In the name of the Father, and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.*

**Amen.**

## PENITENTIAL ACT

*Brethren (brothers and sisters), let us acknowledge our  
sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred  
mysteries.*

**I confess to you almighty God  
and to you my brothers and sisters,  
that I have greatly sinned,  
in my thoughts and in my words,  
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,  
through my fault, through my fault,  
through my most grievous fault (*striking the breast*)  
therefore I ask the blessed Mary ever-virgin,  
all the angels and saints,  
and you, my brothers and sisters,  
to pray for me to the Lord our God.**

*May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our  
sins, and bring us to everlasting life.*

**Amen.**

## NICENE CREED

I believe in one God,  
the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible.  
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the Only Begotten Son of God,  
born of the Father before all ages.  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the  
Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us men and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,

*(At the words that follow, up to and including 'and be-  
came man', all bow)*

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin  
Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius  
Pilate,

he suffered death and was buried,  
and rose again on the third day  
in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory  
to judge the living and the dead  
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of  
life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is adored and  
glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic  
Church.

I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins  
and I look forward to the resurrection of the  
dead and the life of the world to come.

## AFTER THE PREFACE

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

## THE MYSTERY OF FAITH

“When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we  
proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.”

## THE CONCLUDING RITES

*The Lord be with you.*

**And with your spirit.**

*May almighty God bless you*

*the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.*

**Amen.**

*Go forth, the Mass is ended.*

**Thanks be to God**

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