

He is Risen! Alleluia!

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

The Lord Has Truly Risen! Alleluia!

It is with great joy that I say 'Happy Easter' to you all. After forty days of Lenten Season and the beautiful celebrations of Holy Week, we are now in the Easter Season. Easter reminds us that there is light at the end of the tunnel. Through His passion, death and resurrection, Christ has destroyed the power of death and given us the gift of new life.

This light of Christ was welcomed in a special way by Cecilia Tate, Preston (PK) Devereaux II, Preston (Tre) Devereaux III, and Doreen Howell, who received the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil Mass and became members of our Catholic family by virtue of their baptism. We congratulate and welcome them into the family of God's people.

I want to also extend a very warm welcome to everyone at Holy Trinity and St. John's this Easter Season. Whether you are a regular, have been away, are returning for the first time since the pandemic, or this is your first time here, I want to greet you very warmly and very simply with: "Welcome Home!"

You may have heard me say this before, and I strongly believe it that home is a place where you belong; a place where you are loved; a place where you seek refuge; a place where you draw strength. No matter where you have been, what you have been through during this pandemic or what you have done, you have a home in the Life, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ and in His Church (That is us!). If Jesus Christ made a home for us through His dying and rising, we too are called to be witnesses to the grace and power of Jesus' resurrection in our lives.

One of the gifts of the resurrection is joy. Reclaim your joy in Christ. Witness to that joy by sharing it with others. Never let the ever-changing circumstances of life drain or take away that joy which, only Jesus can give.

Appreciation

I want to thank all the ministers, altar servers, lectors, the choir, those who beautified the churches at Holy Trinity and St. John's and all who, in so many ways helped in the celebrations of Holy Week, especially on Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Vigil. You made it possible for our Holy Week celebration to be beautiful and for us to be enriched and enhanced in our faith.

We are also grateful to Lisa Turner and the Youth Group for organizing the Easter Egg hunt, which adds more to our Easter joy. Thank you all very much.

I pray that the peace of the Risen Christ fills your hearts and homes. Happy Easter!

--Fr. Anthony Ahamefule