

Dear friends,

Even though we may not be together as a family/community to celebrate Easter, **the Lord is risen!**

There is a saying: “because we can worship God in all that we do, we celebrate Easter with all we have.”

Here there are a few ideas to celebrate Easter:

As you begin your Easter celebration at home take time to read one of the gospel accounts of when the tomb was found empty. Be sure, also, to watch Mass on TV or online, if possible;

Make special paschal cuisine with eggs and sausage and butter. Discuss the meaning of the foods we usually bring in our Easter basket to be blessed;

Adorn the cross with spring flowers which reminds us that God has transformed the meaning of even suffering and death into the risen life;

Make a large “Alleluia” poster.

I would like to share with you a poem that one of my friends sent me:

***When this is over, may we never again take for granted: a handshake with a stranger,
full shelves at the stores, conversations with neighbors, a crowded theater, Friday night out,
the taste of communion, the school rush each morning, coffee with a friend, the stadium
roaring, each deep breath, a boring Tuesday.***

***When this ends may we find that we have become more like the people we wanted to be, we
were called to be, we hoped to be, and may we stay that way – better for each other because
of the worst.***

No matter the difficulty or crisis, Easter reminds us that God always wins and so no matter the sorrow around us, we can be filled with joy.

Happy Easter – Christ is risen ☺

Father Jacek.