



Dear Friends,

“This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.” (Psalm 118:24). We rejoice today and we are glad because our faith in Christ has been justified. Because of Jesus’ Resurrection, we can look with hope into life to come and our Resurrection. But, belief in the resurrection requires conversion. We can strip the resurrection of its meaning by thinking that we can value and understand the rising of Jesus without conversion. The Resurrection of Christ will have meaning for us if it leads to conversion and this is not easy. Just look at the gospel stories about the resurrection. It was difficult for the disciples and others to grasp the reality and the meaning of the resurrection. Mary Magdalene wanted to hold on to the Risen Jesus. Thomas refused to believe that Jesus is alive, ***“...if I do not put my fingers into the wounds, I shall never believe.”*** Some of the Apostles ridiculed the women and their story about the empty tomb. Jesus had foretold the resurrection, but the idea of resurrection sounded strange and unreasonable.

The power of the Resurrection of our Lord is wonderful. Once Peter and the other disciples clearly understood the meaning of Christ’s dying and resurrection, their lives were transformed. The experience of the resurrection forced the disciples to go out and proclaim the Good News. If we really grasp the meaning and the truth of the resurrection, our lives will change and we will be oriented towards mission – sharing the faith with others. For those who truly believe in the Risen Lord, life cannot go on as usual. **To believe in the resurrection requires conversion; in truth, conversion is a sign of believing in the resurrection.**

Today we should delight in the joy of Easter. We should thank God for giving us hope. But let’s not stop there. Let’s not just enjoy Easter - let Easter change our lives.

Christ’s resurrection is not just a nice idea; it is the power of eternal life at work in us. Let us use this power to transform ourselves and the world around us. The Lord has come out of the tomb and calls us to come out of the tomb with him. Jesus calls us to be on a mission. He calls us to be his disciples and share our faith with others. Today, let’s promise Jesus that we will find a way to share the joy of the Resurrection with others.

Christ is risen! Our lives are changed forever. Let us rejoice and be glad!
Blessed and Happy Easter,
Fr. Krzysztof

*Christ
is
Risen!*

