



*He is
risen!*
MARK 16:6

My dear friends,

*There is a simple, four line verse by the
writer and poet Emily Dickinson that reads:*

*“Hope is the thing with feathers
That perches in the soul
And sings the tune without the words
And never stops at all.”*

I include this here because, as an Easter people, we are a people of hope. It is our true belief that, through our faith in God our Father and our willingness to follow the teachings of Our Lord, Jesus Christ, we will enjoy eternal life in the glorious kingdom of Heaven.

You might say to yourself that it was easy for Emily Dickinson to espouse hope since she was living at a time that, while wrought with challenges, was simpler and less tumultuous.

But from where I stand at the ambo on Sunday mornings, I see all of you joined together in prayer. I see a faith community that supports its members and works to carry out the mission of the Body of Christ. For me that epitomizes hope!

As we come together today for our Easter celebration, let us offer our thanks and gratitude to the Lord for His many gifts and blessings to us, most especially for the gifts of faith, love and hope.

Wishing you a blessed, grace-filled Easter Season. May God bless you and your loved one and keep you well.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

Fr. Kelley