

Easter, A Feast of Hope

Call to Prayer During this Easter season, “every corner of the earth rings out the song, “The Lord of life was dead; now alive. he triumphs” Alleluia St. John Paul II

Hymn “My Hope is in the Lord” Martijn de Groot (recite or sing with link provided)

- 1 My hope is in the Lord who gave Himself for me.
and paid the price of all my sin at Calvary.

Refrain For me He died, for me He lives
and everlasting life and light He freely gives.

- 2 No merit of my own, His anger to suppress.
My only hope is found in Jesus’ righteousness. (refrain)
- 3 And now for me He stands before the Father’s throne.
He shows His wounded hands and names me as His own. (refrain)
- 4 His grace has planned it all, ‘tis mine but to believe
and recognize His work of love and Christ receive. (refrain)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JtsCQaQpmlM>



Reading Easter shouts “Everything will be okay in the end.” Every message about Jesus is a message about all of us, about humanity. Indeed, Jesus is always surrounded by crowds of people, both haloed and unhaloed. He even pulled people out of Hades. The Resurrection is a message about humanity, a corporate message and it includes you and me and everyone else. Today then is the feast of hope, direction, purpose, meaning and community. We’re all in this together. Easter is an announcement of a common hope. When we sing, “o’er death rose triumphing,” that means the death of all of us. To humanity, God promises, “Life is not ended, it merely changes.” That’s what happened in Jesus and that’s what will happen in us. In the end, everything will be all right. History is set on an inherently positive and hopeful tangent. adapted from Richard Rohr, “Everything Will Be All Right in the End,” homily, April 21, 2019.



Reflection and Sharing Pause and reflect, then share.

What brings me HOPE during this Easter season?

Response “Ye Sons and Daughters” verse 1

Refrain Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

- 1 Ye sons and daughters, let us sing! The King of heav’n, the glorious King,
O’er death rose triumphing. Alleluia! (refrain)

Closing Prayer All: O God, through Your Only Begotten Son, have conquered death and unlocked for us the path to eternity, grant, we pray that we who keep the solemnity of Jesus’ Resurrection may, through the renewal brought by Your Spirit, be filled with hope as we rise up in Your light of life. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spir, God, forever and ever. Amen. adapted from Collect for Easter

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