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Christ is Risen, our HOPE for Eternal Life! Alleluia!

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ, over forty days have passed since we begin the preparation for our annual celebration of the Lord's resurrection and now our hearts are filled with joy as we celebrate with certainty our Lord's triumph over the powers of darkness, over sin and death. The joy of the resurrection fills our hearts and urges us to share it with all our brothers and sisters. Something wonderful happened not only to our Lord Jesus but also to each and every one of us; we have risen to a new life. Prepared through the season of lent, we hope to leave behind our moral miseries and weaknesses, and hopefully have come to share in the new life that our Lord Jesus offers to all who make Him Lord of their hearts and lives.

As we echo the words of today's sequence, we gather once more to offer thankful praises to the Paschal Victim who is the Prince of Life and who reigns immortal over sin and death. Jesus our triumphant Lord and our Hope is the reason of our Joy. Jesus our triumphant Lord is the source of our peace and our determination to become better persons, better Christians. Onwards now, we therefore go to a newness of life, to a fullness of life with Him.

On behalf of Brother Brylle and all the staff and volunteers of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, I would like to wish you all a Blessed and Happy Easter! I thank you all for your continuing support of our parish family and community.

May God repay you for your untiring love, generosity and assistance of our community of faith. As you celebrate Easter with your family and loved ones, may you truly enjoy the meaning of what we celebrate and May Jesus Christ, truly risen from the dead and our only HOPE as pilgrims of Hope, bless you abundantly.

Happy Easter Everyone!

Very Rev. Fr. Cerlouie F. Jimenez Chancellor Pastor, Our Lady of Lourdes Parish West Kelowna BC