



April 4, 2010
The Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ

“Why do you seek the living one among the dead? He is not here, but he has been raised...” Luke 24: 5-6

Dear Friends;

Christ is risen!

Writer Ivan Turgenev writes of an experience that he had. One Easter he was in church. As he stood among the Russian people around him a man came up and stood behind him. Ivan sensed that the man was Christ. Then overwhelmed by curiosity and awe, he turned to look at his neighbor. He saw “...a face like all men’s faces.”

The Christ was ordinary, an ordinary man! How could that be? So Ivan turns away. Then he knew that the peasant standing behind him was none other than Christ. He made another effort to control himself, but then he was haunted by the “same face” with its “everyday though unknown features.” The novelist’s heart sank, and then he came to himself.

He realized at that moment “...that such a face...a face like all men’s faces—is the face of Jesus.” Only when we realize this, will our love overcome our minds and we become true believers.

Today we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord. He was not resuscitated and returned to a human life like ours. He was transformed into something new and different. And we are called by faith to experience the Living One who makes his presence felt to those who are willing to believe.

The Gospel of Luke tells us that we look for the risen Lord in the faith community, in each other, in the breaking of the bread—the Lord’s fellowship meal, and in the faces of the poor and marginalized. We are not celebrating a past and dead event but a present and living reality. Jesus lives—in you and me. Like Ivan it is only when we realize this will we become true believers.

Today we rejoice as we encounter our Risen Lord—in each other, in the proclamation of the Word, and in the table of the Eucharist. Alleluia! Christ our Paschal Lamb has been slain, therefore let us keep the feast!

We wish you and your loved ones the joy and peace of Easter!

Fr. Ron
And the staff of St. Anne Church