

*The Lord Jesus is Risen, Alleluia!*  
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A simple story, yet profound in its message. A Filipino priest shared a tale of an old lady who boarded a bus with too many belongings, and the conductor asked for the fare. She reached out her P80.00, but it wasn't enough. The conductor said, "Grandma, that's not enough, remember this is an air-conditioned bus." The old lady replied, "But that's all I have, young man." The conductor let her off at the next bus stop. A passenger intervened, paying the balance, and the priest felt guilty for not acting sooner.

He realized, "Oh, well doing good is not a monopoly of priests and religious, but for everybody." This story reminds us that serving others is a call for all, regardless of our position or status.

This Easter Sunday, we celebrate the feast of all feasts - the resurrection of Jesus from the dead. If Christmas is the most joyous feast, Easter is the most glorious. Biblically, our faith and mission would be meaningless without Jesus' resurrection. As St. Paul says, "And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is void of content and your faith is empty too" (1 Cor 15:14).

Christ died and rose so we may have life and have it to the full. His resurrection is the foundation of our hope, the anchor of our faith, and the source of our joy.

Theologically, the road to salvation is incomplete without Easter. The paschal mystery of Christ is fulfilled in His resurrection, giving us hope and trust in God. Liturgically, all feasts revolve around Easter, reminding us of the triumph of light over darkness, good over evil, and life over death.

The resurrection of Jesus answers life's questions: What's the meaning of life? After suffering, what's next? After death, is there hope? Jesus shows us life is meaningful, suffering leads to happiness, and death leads to life.

This Easter hope challenges us to make our world better. A movie, "The Fourth Wise Man," tells the story of Artaban, who missed Jesus' birth but found Him in those he helped. Jesus appeared to him, saying, "Whatever you did to the least of my people, you did to me." Let us be like Christ to others, serving with love and compassion.

May Friedrich Nietzsche's words inspire us: "These Christians should look more redeemed before I believe in their Redeemer." Let our lives reflect Jesus' love and humility. Can we make it? Yes, we can!

As we celebrate Easter, let us renew our commitment to serve others, to love without condition, and to forgive without hesitation. May our lives be a testament to the risen Christ, and may our love for others be a reflection of His boundless love.

May the joy of Easter fill our hearts, and may the hope of resurrection guide us in our journey.  
Happy Easter to everyone!

Let us go forth and share the love of Christ with others, being instruments of His peace and joy.  
May our actions be a reflection of His resurrection power in our lives.

May we, like the risen Christ, bring light to a world filled with darkness, and may we be a  
beacon of hope to those who need it most. Amen.