

The World Is Transformed by Reconciliation

Following is the text of Pope John Paul's message on Easter. It is a meditation on the ancient hymn, "Victimae Paschali Laudes."

"Victimae paschali laudes immolent Christiani (To the paschal victim Christians sacrifice praises)."

Christians of the city and of the world, in this solemn hour I call you and invite you — wherever you may be — to render homage and veneration to the risen Christ: to the paschal victim of the Church and of the world. Let all the communities of the people of God be united in this worship from the rising of the sun to its setting: Let all people of good will be with us. This, in fact, is the day which the Lord has made.



"Agnus redemit oves (The Lamb redeems the sheep)."

This is the day in which the eternal battle was decided: "Mors et vita duello conflixere mirando (Death and life fought in a wondrous duel)." From the beginning a struggle is raging between life and death. The battle between good and evil is unfolding in the world. Today the balance rises to one side: Life has the advantage; good has the advantage. Christ crucified is risen from the tomb; he has shifted the balance in favor of life. He has grafted life anew on the terrain of the human soul. Death has its limits. Christ has opened up a great hope: the hope of life beyond the sphere of death.

"Dux vitae mortuus regnat vivus (The leader of life who was dead now reigns alive)."

The years pass, centuries pass. It is the year 1982. The paschal victim continues to be like the vine grafted onto the terrain of humanity. In the world the struggle between good and evil continues. Life and death struggle; sin and grace struggle. It is the year 1982. We should think with uneasiness about where the modern world is directing itself. Having profoundly struck their roots into the humanity of our times, the structures of sin — like a large branching out of evil — seem to eclipse the horizon of good. They seem to threaten man and the earth with destruction. How sorrowfully people suffer: individuals, families, entire societies. "Mors et vita duello conflixere mirando."

In this day of paschal sacrifice it is not right to forget any of those who suffer. For them also it is Easter. All the victims of injustice, of human cruelty and of violence, of exploitation and of selfishness are found in the very heart of the paschal victim. All the millions and millions of human beings being threatened by the scourge of famine, which could be removed or diminished if humanity knew how to renounce even only a part of the resources which it foolishly consumes

in armaments. For them also it is Easter.

Paschal victim. You know all the names of evil better than anyone else is able to name or list them. You embrace all the all the victims of evil.

Paschal victim. Crucified lamb. Redeemer. "Agnus redemit oves."

Even if in the history of man, of individuals, families, society and indeed of all humanity, evil has developed disproportionately, eclipsing the horizon of good, nonetheless it will not overcome you. Death will no longer strike you. The risen Christ will never die again.

Even if in the history of man — and in the time in which we live — evil would increase its power; even if humanly speaking one could not envision the return of social love to the world, to the world in which people live in peace and justice — even if humanly one could not see the way, even if the powers of darkness and the forces of evil would rage, you, paschal victim, Lamb without spot, Redeemer, you have already obtained the victory. Your Easter is the way. You have already obtained the victory. And you have made it our victory, the paschal meaning of the life of your people: "Agnus redemit oves."

"Christus innocens patri reconciliavit peccatores (Christ who is innocent has reconciled sinners to the Father)."

Evil will never be reconciled with good. But people, sinners, the people struck by evil — and at times profoundly steeped in evil — Christ has reconciled them with the Father. Let us celebrate today the resurrection. Let us celebrate today the reconciliation. The mystery of the resurrection remains in the heart of every one of the dead. The mystery of the resurrection remains in the heart of the multitudes: in the heart of the innumerable multitudes: of nations, languages, races, cultures and religions. The paschal mystery of the reconciliation remains deep in the heart of the world. And no one can remove it from there.

The joy of Easter is disturbed by the situations of tension and of conflict in various parts of the world. First of all, the consuming war which has been raging for some time between Iraq and Iran and which has already brought so much suffering to the people of two countries.

Recently grave tension has developed between two countries of the Christian tradition, Argentina and Great Britain, involving the loss of human lives and the threat of armed conflict and fearful repercussions in international relations.

I express the fervent hope and the particularly pressing appeal to the parties involved to seek diligently, with responsible commitment and with all good will, ways of a peaceful and honorable settle of the dispute while there is still time to prevent a struggle involving bloodshed.



Pope John Paul II raises his hand in blessing on Easter morning.

Peace. Peace in justice, with respect for the fundamental principles which have been universally recognized and affirmed by international law, in mutual understanding. May the prayer of all move and sustain the dutiful effort of those responsible on both sides and of those who wish to offer their friendly assistance in order that the peaceful solution desired may be reached.

Brothers and sisters from all nations and peoples, languages, races, cultures, religions, countries, continents, our human world is permeated by the resurrection. Our human world is transformed by the reconciliation: "Agnus redemit oves."

I address myself to you all. I invite all to adore, together with the servants of the servants of God, the paschal victim. To find once again the light in the darkness. The hope amid suffering.

"Surrexit Dominus vere (The Lord has truly risen)."

At Your Parish...

St. Mary

Elmira — The Rosary and Altar Society of St. Mary's Church here will hold its annual banquet and installation of officers, 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, May 11.

Father James Boyle, spiritual director of the group, will speak at the catered event. Reservations are required and are made before May 7 by calling Agnes Hourihan, 733-3750, or Margaret Zuniga, 734-0555.

St. Rita

West Webster — A parish dinner dance for St. Rita's Church is slated for 6:30 p.m., Friday, April 30, at the Hospitality House, 2226 Penfield Road, Penfield. A buffet dinner will be served, followed by dancing to the music of the George Schiel Trio. Ticket information is obtained by calling Kathy Foster, 671-4347, or Connie Gisel, 671-4337.

St. Stanislaus

Wesley Tarrott will give an organ recital, 4 p.m. Sunday, May 2, at St. Stanislaus Kostka Church.

Deadline

The deadline for submitting news to the Courier-Journal is noon on Thursday preceding the following Wednesday's publication.



Corpus Christi

Nicholas Clark, Rachel George, Darrell Bittle, and Marissa Clark are celebrating the Week of the Young Child at Corpus Christi Child Care Center. The children this week are meeting with Mayor Thomas Ryan, visiting the elderly at Genesee Hospital Extension Program, and are enjoying international menus at lunch. The center is directed by Julie Augsburg.

Our Lady of Victory

The Archconfraternity of the Holy Family from Our Lady of Victory Church will attend Mass at 9 a.m., Sunday, May 2. Breakfast will follow at the Genesee Crossroads Inn.

St. Boniface

The Men's Club and the family education committee of St. Boniface Church will hear psychologist Dennis Boike, 7:30 p.m., Thursday, April 29, in the school hall. Boike's topic will be the Christian family in the contemporary world.

Cathedral

A commemorative Mass will be celebrated on the second anniversary of the death of Auxiliary Bishop John E. McCafferty, 5:20 p.m., Thursday, April 29. The public is invited.

Cenacle Sets Feast Rites

Bishop Matthew H. Clark will join the Religious of the Cenacle for the gala celebration of the Feast of Our Lady of the Cenacle May 22.

The annual event is also open to the public.

Bishop Clark will celebrate Mass at 10:30 a.m., and attend the luncheon following at noon.

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