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NEW WAY OF BEING CHURCH

EASTER SUNDAY

HOPE: BELIEVE, LIVE AND GIVE

SCRIPTURE QUOTE
TO MEMORISE:

"Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven..."

(Col. 3: 1)

Today, and again, we are told to fear no more. Jesus will meet us, in fact, go ahead of us and wait for us. He will see us through our life situations. He will move away the heavy stone, the obstacle which is the stumbling block, that impedes our belief in Him or that creates doubts in our hearts that He truly loves us and died for us. We are confident, as we faithfully repeat our baptismal vows, that we who believe in Christ will receive forgiveness of sins through His name. He will come as Judge of the living and the dead.

But when He comes, will we be able to recognise Him? Mary and the disciples did not. They were filled with fear and helplessness at their loss. They also only held in their memories his earthly image. However, upon His resurrection, Jesus appeared in a spiritually transformed body which radiated the victory over sin and death. When He comes again, likewise, we too will appear with Him in glory.

Let us heed what our Holy Father, St. John Paul II said: **"Do not abandon yourselves to despair. We are an Easter people and hallelujah is our song."**

So appropriate at a time like this. Celebrate then the resurrection of our Lord with sincerity and truth, with joy, thanksgiving and courage as we share in His victory! Jesus is Lord! Live Him in our breaths, in our hearts and in our actions. Let the world know that He is our Lord and Saviour. Rejoice for the Lord is King! ✠

SCRIPTURE
of the DAY

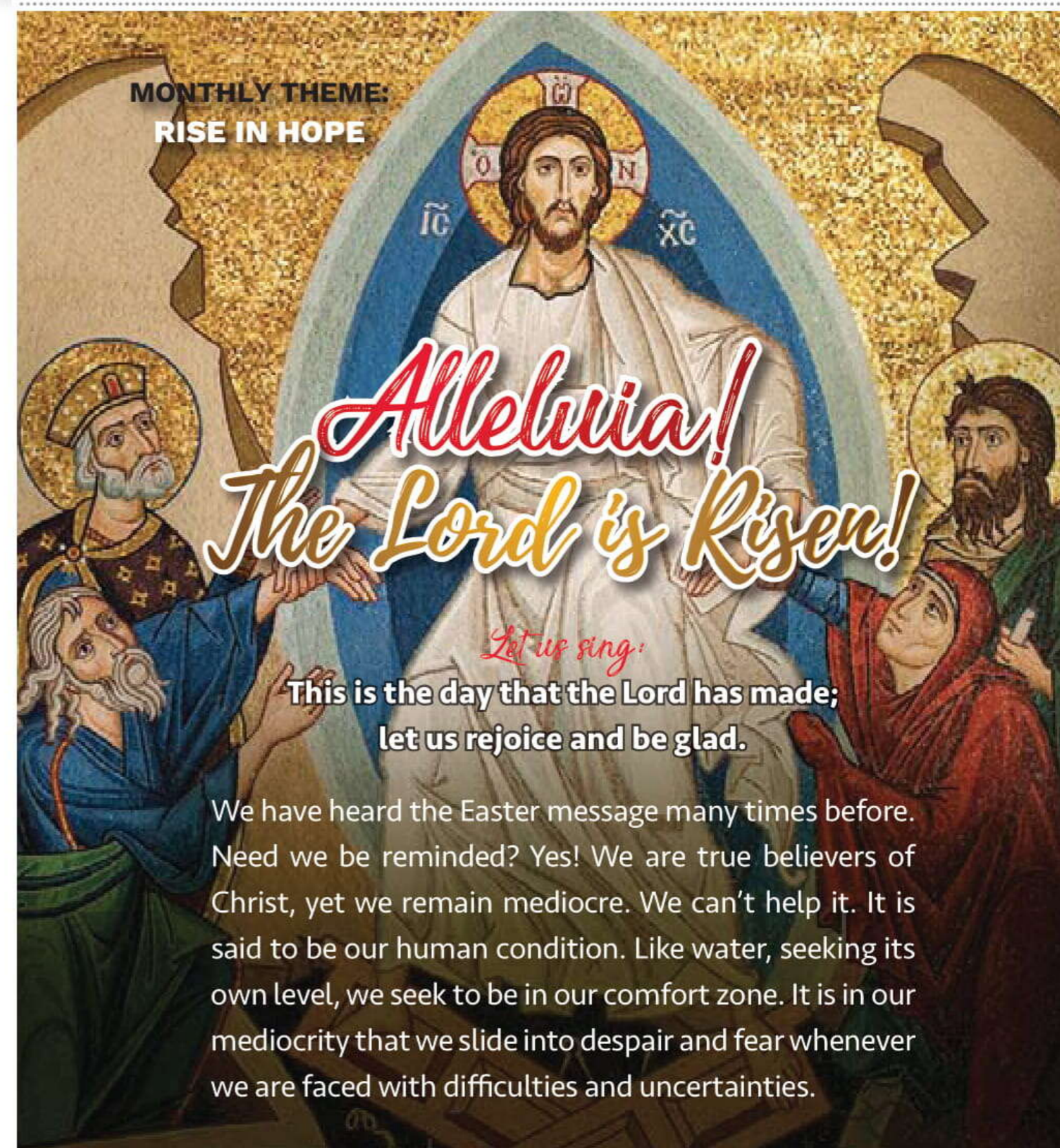
Acts 10: 34, 37-43;

Ps. 117: 1-2,
16-17, 22-23;

Col. 3: 1-4 /
1 Cor. 5: 6-8;

Jn. 20: 1-9 /
Mk. 16: 1-7.

MONTHLY THEME:
RISE IN HOPE



Alleluia!
The Lord is Risen!

Let us sing:

**This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad.**

We have heard the Easter message many times before. Need we be reminded? Yes! We are true believers of Christ, yet we remain mediocre. We can't help it. It is said to be our human condition. Like water, seeking its own level, we seek to be in our comfort zone. It is in our mediocrity that we slide into despair and fear whenever we are faced with difficulties and uncertainties.