

27.03.05 - Easter Greetings

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We can be united with Paul's audacious song, filled with the joy of the resurrection, laughing in the face of death – "Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?" We have the right to and are even given the power by God to look at the world around us with such audaciousness. Where people dwell in poverty, we see it being overcome; where violence and oppression reign, we see the victory of the righteousness of God; where narrow-mindedness and lament are spread out through the church, we look to the magnanimity of God. Easter brings us such freedom of thought and action. We can trust that it will not let us down.

Christ is risen! This news is a hurricane that beats against our consciousness and sweeps out thoughts about death. It allows us to exalt God and frees us for new works of love. We wish all friends and all critics of our Seminary the feeling of this Easter newness.

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