

Homily Easter Sunday Year C 2022

Back in the 80s at the national pastoral congress a refrain was sung: ***We are an Easter People and Alleluia is our song!*** Today, the day the Lord has risen from the dead, is the reason why.

On letting Easter in – Macrina Wiederkehr

*When dawn stands still with wonder
when birds jubilate in the trees
when buds hurry into blossoms
and grass starts wearing green
I always know that Easter wants to come again.*

*But deeper yet and richer still
when Jesus, imprisoned in me,
asks me to roll away the stone
that locks him in
then Easter wants to come again.*

So, let it come.

*It's one dawn past rising time
and Resurrection is the wildest news
that's ever touched
this crazy, mixed-up world.*

It says, yes!

when everything else says, no!

It says, up!

when everything else says, down!

It says, live!

when everything else says, die!

*Easter's standing at your door again,
So, don't you see, that stone has got to go?
that stone of fear
of selfishness and pride
of greed and blindness
and all the other stones we use
to keep Jesus in the tomb.*

*So, here's to rolling stones away
to give our Lord the chance He needs
to rise and touch
a troubled, lonely world.*

Some call it Resurrection.

It's wild with wonder,

It's beautiful and real

*Intent on throwing life around
it touches and it heals!*

*Yes, Easter, you can come
an angel of life I'll be.
I'll roll the stone away
and set you free.*