



Easter Vigil Reflections 2008

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Tonight, we praise the Risen Christ, the One who was, who is fully alive!

Alive indeed, for He stood for Man - Man's Liberation and Salvation.

We praise the One who was ready to die, in order to make us live. Tonight, we celebrate Life.

The Life which is in Christ. Tonight, we celebrate Christ who is Life. We make an act of faith. We believe that we can live, we can be more fully alive, through the power of Christ's Life.

But, are we really alive? Is there any life in us? Is Life increasing in us?

We are indeed fully alive, whenever we live by our human and Christian values and principles. We are indeed fully alive, whenever we stand for man's dignity and rights. When such actions are taken, there is no material gain in return for such actions, but rather, suffering...But can't we see that Good Friday was neither a failure nor a lost battle?

For Christ is Risen and when we stand for Man, we mean that we refuse to be dead. We want to live and we do live... for refusing to give up our human and Christian values and principles is to be already victorious over evil and death.

With Christ, Risen, we can overcome today. For, on the night before He died, as He was about to move forward to his death not as to defeat, but, as to victory, Jesus uttered to His friends this extra-ordinary cry of triumph:

"In the world, you will have trouble. But be brave, I have conquered the world."