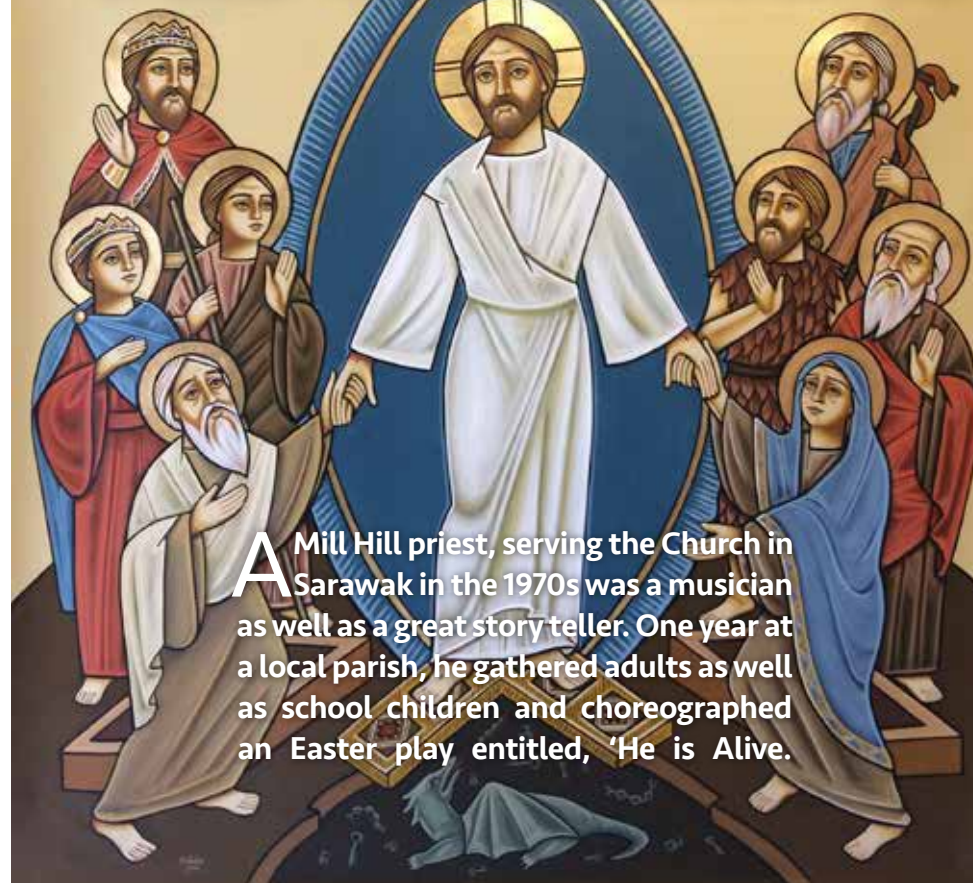


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SALT OF THE EARTH AND LIGHT OF THE WORLD:  
CELEBRATING, LISTENING AND WALKING TOGETHER IN A SPIRIT OF COMMUNION  
PARTICIPATION AND MISSION. (MATTHEW 5: 13-16)

MONTHLY FOCUS  
LIVING THE PASCHAL MYSTERY

# HE IS ALIVE



A Mill Hill priest, serving the Church in Sarawak in the 1970s was a musician as well as a great story teller. One year at a local parish, he gathered adults as well as school children and choreographed an Easter play entitled, 'He is Alive.'

**“O Death, where is your sting? O Hell, where is your victory? Christ is risen, and you are overthrown”**

St. John Chrysostom



Not only was the play a huge success but it etches in the minds of the young students, some of whom continue to not only practise the faith diligently, but also share the story of Jesus enthusiastically.

Peter in the first reading is a transformed disciple of the Lord. He proclaims Christ boldly. Not too long ago, he had denied Jesus. But having being empowered by the Holy Spirit, Peter takes the lead. Remember the gospel account of the Resurrection? Peter and John are the first to enter the empty tomb. Whatever thought that go through the minds of the two disciples, one thing's for sure. Deep inside, they know **HE IS ALIVE!**

Henri Nouwen reflects on the morning of the Resurrection in *A Road to Day Break*:

*'It was an event for the friends of Jesus, for those who had known him, listened to him, and believed in him. It was a very intimate event: a word here, a gesture there, and a gradual awareness that something new was being born—small, hardly noticed, but with the potential to change the face of the earth. Mary Magdalene heard her name. John and Peter saw the empty grave. Jesus' friends felt their hearts burn in encounters that find expression in the remarkable words: 'He is risen.' All had remained the same, while all had changed.'*

Isn't this beautiful? The lives of these privileged disciples are transformed and they go on to ignite the fire, carrying the Light of Christ to where the Spirit lead them. For two thousand years and counting, the Light keeps shining. We have become the extended privileged ones.

**With the Resurrected Christ in our midst, let us keep the Light shining and boldly proclaim Him by telling everyone, HE IS ALIVE!**

Blessed Easter!✝

**SCRIPTURE of the DAY**

Acts 10: 34, 37-43

Psalms 117: 1-2, 16-17, 22-23

Colossians 3: 1-4 or 1 Corinthians 5: 6-8

John 20: 1-9 or Mark 16: 1-7