

Christ is Risen! Alleluia!

Easter is more than a single Sunday of celebration; we rejoice that the Church gives us an *Easter Octave* which is 8 days of Easter Sundays, so we sing Alleluias in the Liturgy of the Hours to our hearts content. Then the *Easter Season* extends until Pentecost. Lent is 40 days, but Easter lasts for 50 days. So let the Alleluias ring!

However, I must admit it's been difficult to reconcile the Easter message of new life with the reality of violence, war and death that's in the forefront of our news feeds and our hearts these weeks. We suffer with our sisters and brothers who are living with the impact of loss, death, being dislocated, fear, uncertainty and so much more.

I only know that God is with them - and that's all I really need to know. Let us continue to pray together for an end to this atrocity.

Thank you for your recent gift to us. We don't take for granted your generosity and kindness. We pray that you may experience new life this Easter season.

With our love and gratitude,

Sr. Nancy Shively, osc and all your Poor Clare Sisters

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sr. Nancy".

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