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Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Let us rejoice! Christ is Risen from the dead!

On the cross, Jesus revealed the depths of God's love for the human race, and for each and every one of us. Robert Barren speaks of the cross as "God's journey into God-forsakenness. God enters into human dysfunction in all of its forms" - "cruelty, violence, hatred, injustice, stupidity" - and reveals God's power to absorb and transform it through his passion and death. From the heart of darkness, God speaks through the most powerful action of human history: resurrection.

Resurrection speaks God's desire to transform hate into love, despair into hope, death into life. In Jesus rising from the tomb, our hope also rises.


When the disciples went about proclaiming that 'Christ had risen', they brought news that the world had changed. The horizons against which we live suddenly expanded. What once seemed impossible is now something that we can touch, and believe, and hope in.

Resurrection, especially after the way in which Jesus had been abandoned, denied and betrayed, also speaks God's unfathomable desire to forgive. It is here that we see the heart of God, and in that heart is mercy within mercy within mercy.

So let us rejoice, friends, and let us be bearers of hope, and mercy, and joy, that the whole world might know and come to believe that Jesus Christ, crucified for our sake, is risen from the dead.

Yours in the same Christ our Lord,

† Donald Bolen
Bishop of Saskatoon

 In all things we are *rooted in Christ*,
in His desire to bring God's love to all peoples.