

A MESSAGE FROM FR. RICHARD

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Dear friends!

The return of the Holy shout, "Alleluia," is testimony to the power and work of Jesus Christ, who sustains us in darkest times; while His own dark times are changed in a twinkling of the eye: He who goes down in death is suddenly flooded with light and energy, in the transformation of life into an eternal state of victory and peace.

You may know it clearly. This Lent was a time to enter into the grit of living; both where our own sense of wellbeing and trust in life-at-large may be shaken, and, where apparent dying and broken selves were taken into the care of the One who destroyed death. We first know the veracity of this victory in our own soul-searching; where confessed sin has brokered forgiveness from a loving Lord; where whispered fears have resulted in the vision of Christ, on the cross; earning our Peace with God and with Life. Our "Holy Lent-well spent" teaches us the reality of redemption; and gives us renewed strength, in the face of senseless random murder, and spiraling chaos in social norms, of the need to grasp faith and work for a world that shows the random, gracious, unmerited Love of God for all the Creation and the people to whom He entrusted this gift. Welcome to Easter, where we know Victory is assured through the Living Lord! Let that Alleluia shout out loud!!! I remain,

Your friend and Rector,

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