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Dear Friends in Christ,

I write to you as we move into the season of Easter. We have journeyed together through this Lent where we have examined, in a variety of ways, our character as disciples of Jesus. We have been refreshed, renewed, and reformed through this journey. Now, we gather redeemed in Christ and prepared to celebrate that great mystery of the Resurrection.

I send my blessing to you and give thanks for your faithfulness in Christ. Your witness to the Gospel in the communities where you live, work, play, and pray will be part of my own ongoing celebration.

This year, I have the personal pleasure to be with the parishes of the Tolmie Region during Holy Week: St. Barnabas, St. Dunstan, Christ Church Cathedral, St. Mary (Oak Bay), and St. John the Divine. Although I will not be able to be at them all during Holy Week, I will be visiting others during the Easter season.

You, as the diocese of islands and inlets, put so very much into your parishes and I celebrate your commitment to the Gospel in this place and time. Please pass to your congregation my blessing as we celebrate Christ's resurrection and glory.

May the Christ who walks on wounded feet, walk with you to the end of your road;  
may the Christ who serves with wounded hands, teach you to serve each other;  
may the Christ who loves with a wounded heart, help you to love each other;  
when you go out, may you see the face of Jesus in everyone you meet,  
and may everyone you meet see the face of Jesus in you. Amen.

Yours in Christ,

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