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Dear Friends,

*“For what I received I passed on to you
as of first importance:
that Christ died for our sins,
that he was buried,
that He was raised
on the third day.”
- I Corinthians 15:3*

We continue to linger at the empty tomb, standing in awe of the resurrection and the love of God. Sometimes we become so familiar with the Easter story that our eyes are closed to its strength and majesty.

The resurrection reminds us that we can trust God. He knows what He is doing, although we may not always understand His plan. God always fulfills His plans. He allowed His Son to walk on the earth and His plan was woven through the hills of Galilee, through the people He met, the struggles of the disciples, the torment of the Garden, and the torture of the Cross. His plan for mankind was fulfilled at the empty tomb. God can be trusted.

The empty tomb also announces power. Through the resurrection of Christ we can see that the power of the eternal reaches into human life and presents itself with boldness. The power of God has no fear, it has no limits and no fear of graves.

The empty tomb speaks of love. God's love is a love of new starts and new possibilities. There was nothing that could detour God's love for His people. There is no stone that can stop God's love from reaching the hearts of His children.

The empty tomb is for anyone who would listen for the voice of the eternal. I pray that as we continue to celebrate Easter your hearts will be opened to the glory and majesty of Easter.

In the joy of the resurrection,

Chaplain Sandy Anenson