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**From Our Chaplain ...**

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Dear Friends,

*“God loved the world so much that He gave His one and only Son so that whoever believes in Him may not be lost, but have eternal life.” – John 3:16*

Our Lenten journey continues to draw us closer to the Cross of Calvary. What a day it must have been on Golgotha's hill. As Jesus hung on the cross He would have seen soldiers scattered here and there, bored and gambling for His clothes. He would have seen the disciples standing in bewilderment, wondering how such a thing could have happened. Jesus' loved ones stood nearby weeping. Jesus would have noticed others there out of morbid curiosity.

Jesus saw the people gathered at the foot of the cross. But He saw so much more, for He saw their needs and the burdens that each of them carried. They like us had private fears, guilt and shame. Jesus knew that the only thing that could heal them was God's love.

The sad thing was that most of them weren't aware that they needed help. They didn't know that God was the answer to their every need.

Father, forgive them. Father, forgive us. They didn't understand and we don't always understand that He can bring us peace. He can bring forgiveness and wholeness to our brokenness.

The Cross – a place of surrender – a place of hope – a place of healing. We continue the journey in the promise of Easter morning.

A partner on the journey of faith,

Chaplain Sandy Anenson

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