

ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE REVEREND VINCENT G. "CHIP" SEADALE, RECTOR

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Easter Joy to you and yours!

Oddly enough, it seems, the more prayer, time and effort I put into my ministry of doing the best I can to love God amid a turbulent and worried world, the more certain I am that Jesus is Lord, and our hope is in the Lord. Daily in my tasks and ministries among you, I see the glory of God reflected in the deep goodness of God's people, God's children—and the more exhilarated I become for our future.

In his sermon, "The End is Life," Frederick Buechner wrote: "Jesus said, 'Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.' Anxiety and fear are what we know best in this fantastic century of ours. Wars and rumors of wars. From civilization itself to what seemed the most unalterable values of the past, everything is threatened or already in ruins. We have heard so much tragic news that when the news is good we cannot hear it.

"But the proclamation of Easter Day is that all is well. And as a Christian, I say this not with the easy optimism of one who has never known a time when all was not well but as one who has faced the Cross in all its obscenity as well as in all its glory, who has known one way or another what it is like to live separated from God. In the end, his will, not ours, is done. Love is the victor. Death is not the end. The end is life. His life and our lives through him, in him. Existence has greater depths of beauty, mystery, and benediction than the wildest visionary has ever dared to dream.

"Christ our Lord has risen."

Could there be any better news?

Sending much love and prayers for good health, joy and peace, this Easter season, and always.

Yours in Christ Jesus,

Father Chip+

PS: We've enclosed an envelope you may use in the spirit of thanksgiving.

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