



ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE REVEREND VINCENT G. "CHIP" SEADALE, RECTOR

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Dear brothers and sisters in faith,

Easter JOY to you and yours! Christ is Risen! The Lord is Risen Indeed!

Yesterday was Easter Sunday here at St Andrew's Church, and once again a whole church-load of our faithful, joyful friends and family celebrated God's 'unbelievable' love shown us in Christ Jesus. We had awesome sunshine, powerful music, fragrant flowers, and the most wonderful sense of the Holy Spirit among and between us!

The GOOD NEWS is that in the Christ, God has begun on this earth something NEW: the kingdom of God. And in my sermon yesterday, I wrote, "This kingdom of God Jesus was bringing, in direct contradiction to the power of 'empire,' 'has yet to be revealed in power and glory, but it is already here in humility and service.'" (*Borg and Crossan, The Last Week*).

And, I preached, "It is in our lives of humility and service where we SEE Jesus. The power of God. The only true and lasting and life-giving power. It is the power of God's love.

"For Jesus lives. You will see him. And we experience the very same presence of Jesus that his own disciples knew before he died."

Whether you are here on the island, elsewhere in America or around the world, I pray you find ways to celebrate these Great Fifty Days of Easter in ways that remind you of the Great Joy we share in the resurrection of our Lord.

And come be with us—and experience his presence—whenever you can.

Fondly and faithfully in Christ,

Father Chip+

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