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***Alleluia! Christ is Risen!
He is Risen, indeed! Alleluia!***

THE Easter Proclamation rings out again. Christians celebrate once more the joy of the Risen Lord. From cathedrals to parish churches to mission chapels, the Gospel of Easter is proclaimed in the hearing of the faithful. In the font of living water, blessed by the Paschal mystery, new Christians are born again. Young and old renew their baptismal vows, receiving at the altar rail the Easter Sacrament of Christ's most Precious Body and Blood.

Easter is the season of promise and hope. The promise of eternal life in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; the hope of glory in His Resurrection. In the seasons of our lives as Christians, we have our days of joy, our times of hope, the glimpses of glory when the promises of God are so very real. We also have days of sorrow, times of trial, even moments of despair. Those who followed Jesus in the last week of His earthly life experienced all of these moments, these emotions, these ups and downs, as they journeyed with their Lord from Jerusalem to Calvary to the Empty Tomb. Through it all, and in the moments of our own lives, the promise of Jesus rings true: "Do not be afraid, neither be anxious, in the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world!"

Our Lord Jesus Christ not only overcame the things of this fallen world; but restored our relationship with God, defeating death, restoring life. From the shock and horror of the Crucifixion came the glory and joy of the Resurrection. From the grave of death came the empty tomb – and the promise of everlasting life. From the broken pieces of our lives, Christ fashions new life filled with hope and faith. Holy Church is enlivened by the Spirit of the Risen Christ, and we are emboldened to proclaim our faith in the crucified and risen Saviour.

This proclamation of the Christian Faith was evident to me as I visited the Parishes and Missions of the Traditional Anglican Church in Central America last month. The Bishops, Clergy and People made me feel welcome wherever I went. Their faithful witness to the Christian Faith in the Anglican tradition was inspiring as well as humbling. I am very grateful for the opportunity of spending time in prayer and worship with our brothers and sisters in Christ. I also give thanks for the Consecration of Bishop Carlos Enrique Zet Ramirez to serve as Bishop Coadjutor for the Province of the Traditional Anglican Church in Latin America. May our Lord Jesus Christ bless and prosper his episcopal ministry.

As the disciples of Jesus went forth into their world to speak of the Risen Christ, so we too need to go out into our world, to speak of our faith in Jesus. Inviting others to know the love and joy which is ours as Christians and professing members of the Traditional Anglican Church. The call of Christian discipleship is great and not without cost but it is our mission in the world. Let us never fail in our witness nor falter in our resolve to preach Christ risen, ascended and glorified.

May all our Churches, Dioceses, Parishes and Missions across the Traditional Anglican Church be blessed this Easter Season with a faith renewed and an outpouring of God's Holy Spirit. I extend to all my blessing and prayers for a joyous Eastertide.

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