Alleluia! Jesus is risen!

Today, we celebrate the “Good News” that Jesus Christ rose from the dead to bring us into the fullness of God’s love for us.

Imagine how frightened Jesus’ disciples--his friends and followers--must have been after witnessing or hearing of His death on the cross on Good Friday. Imagine how lonely they must have felt on Holy Saturday, as they hid, not knowing what to do without their Master to lead them. Imagine how Mary Magdalene felt on that Easter Sunday morning when she approached Jesus’ tomb and saw that the stone had been rolled away. Imagine going with her to tell Peter of her concern: the Messiah’s body had been removed and no one knew where he’d been taken. Imagine running along with Peter and Jesus’ “Beloved Disciple” as they ran to the tomb and found it empty, with only Jesus’ burial clothes rolled up neatly in a corner. They were only beginning to understand that Jesus’ promise had come true: that He would be raised from the dead and reunited with His Father, God, and that Jesus came to offer that same gift to each of us who believe in Him!

We have been living in some pretty scary days these last few weeks. Life is not normal. Our world may feel confusing and out of order. The Good News that we celebrate this Easter Sunday is that even in the scariest of times, we are never alone. Like the disciples who had to put aside their fear to share the Good News of Jesus' resurrection with others, we celebrate the joy of knowing that Jesus never leaves us, that God’s presence is always with us. Let’s find a way this Easter, in the heart of our homes, to celebrate this joy and to share it with everyone we meet.

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