Dear Friends in Christ,

Happy Easter! Jesus Christ is risen today. Alleluia!

During the course of our Lenten journey we dedicated ourselves to prayer, fasting, and almsgiving as a way of drawing closer to Christ. Now, we offer thanks for the One who conquered sin and death by the resurrection we celebrated at Mass today.

In my Easter homily, I suggested that if ever there were a reason for coming to Mass today and each Sunday, for praying each day, for studying our faith, and striving to live it intentionally, this is it: St. John Paul II once said that in worthily receiving the Eucharist, the true Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Christ, we “digest the secret of the Resurrection”, we deepen in us that new principle of life, that new source of love; we tap into that love stronger than sin and death that enables us to love now as we will love in heaven.

Be assured of my prayers for you and for those you love. May you be blessed by the gift of your faith and by the knowledge that the Lord is Risen! Indeed He is truly Risen! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Faithfully in Christ,

Most Reverend William E. Lori
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