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AS HE SAID HE WOULD.

MATTHEW 28:6

Jesus is risen! Alleluia! He rose, just as he said he would, and has won for us the gift of eternal life. Pope Francis reminds us in his 2024 Lenten message: “Through the desert, God leads us to freedom.”<sup>1</sup>

If the invitation of Good Friday is to follow Jesus to the cross—where sin was defeated—then **the call of Easter Sunday is the sound of freedom**, proclaimed to all people, at all times, and in all places. This is the song sung over the world by our loving God: “So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.”<sup>2</sup>

So let us hesitate no longer. Let us step out of the tomb of sorrow and despair into the light of hope and freedom, knowing that, “Whatever faces us there, whatever storms ... Jesus is with us.”<sup>3</sup> Therefore, **let us make our lives a song of joy, peace, kindness, and above all else, love.**

I urge you to **live your life as if it matters to God ... because it does.** Every blessing for this Easter season. I pray that we all find the fullness of life promised to us in Jesus.

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<sup>1</sup> Pope Francis, *Theme of the Message of the Holy Father Francis for Lent 2024*.

<sup>2</sup> John 8:36.

<sup>3</sup> Bishop Brian Mascord, *Come and See, Go and Make: A Vision for Parishes 2023*, 26.