



The Diocese of Rupert's Land

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Greetings in hope, life and love!

"May we die to rise anew", words from the hymn A Spendthrift Lover is the Lord, which suggest the Body of Christ undergoes transformation from Maundy Thursday through the Sunday of Resurrection. Indeed, Christ is risen, yet Christ only does so through compassionately suffering the world's pain, regrets, sorrow and misery.

One Body of Christ lives, dies and rises, as Jesus calls. One Body is called to be the joy that is for all of God's people and creation. Each of our communities through Rupert's Land are vital centers of risen compassion and leadership, each uniquely skilled and gifted, each with a powerful voice, each with the full capacity to listen to the prophets God has called to speak.

Through this most holy of times, my prayers for you are this: that you fully embrace the Body with which you have called and sent. I pray also that you greet one another in holiness and reverence to build each other up for service and hope, recognizing the deep spiritual presence of God in each other. Finally, I pray that all may shout-out "I have seen the Lord".

May your reflections on the resurrection of Jesus affirm your faith, rekindle relationship, and produce such joyful hope that the world cannot help but notice.

Blessing to all,

The Rt. Rev. Geoffrey Woodcroft
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