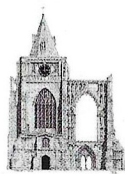


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RECTOR'S REFLECTION: HE IS RISEN

As we approach Easter, we find ourselves once again in a world filled with uncertainty. Global affairs continue to shift and challenge us, and at times, it can be difficult to see a clear path ahead. Yet, amid all this, the rhythm of the seasons offers us a quiet and steadfast assurance. The arrival of spring reminds us that renewal and hope are always within reach.

Spring brings with it longer days, budding trees, and the gentle warmth of the sun breaking through the cold of winter. The world begins to wake up, as if creation itself is whispering a promise: light will overcome darkness, and life will triumph over death. This is the message of Easter, the foundation of our faith, and the reason we hold on to hope.

As we journey through Lent, we embrace a time of preparation, helping us to refocus our hearts and minds. Through acts of kindness, fasting, and contemplation, we remember the sacrifice of Christ and the deep love that led Him to the cross. It is a solemn time, but it is not without hope—for we know that beyond the suffering of Good Friday lies the joy of Easter Sunday.

Easter morning bursts forth with the triumphant news of the resurrection. The tomb is empty, and Christ is risen! It is a victory over death and despair, a reminder that love and life are stronger than any darkness we may face. This is the hope we carry with us—not just at Easter but throughout the year.

As we celebrate with family, friends, and our Crowland community, let us hold fast to this hope. Even in uncertain times, the promise of Easter remains unchanged: new life is always possible, and hope is never far away.

May this season bring you peace, joy, and the deep assurance that the best is yet to come. Christ is risen—He is risen indeed!

God bless you.
Rev. Carolyn