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**He Bowed  
His Head  
And Gave  
Up His  
Spirit**

—John 19:30

## He Is Risen! Alleluia!

Easter 1981

**My Dear Sisters and Brothers:**

All around us are signs of new life. The warm sunshine and bright flowers teach us about the cycle of dying and rising that is at the heart of the Christian life.

During the 40 days of Lent, we have struggled to live our faith anew with the fervor and simplicity of those newly initiated into the life of the Church.

Easter is a Springtime Feast. It celebrates our victory in Christ, our passing through death and winter to new life.

May the Risen Christ fill us with new and deeper joy. Alleluia!

Your Brother in Christ,

+ *Matthew H. Clark*

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