

The Light Still Shines

BISHOP BRIAN MASCORD'S EASTER MESSAGE 2026

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

JOHN 1:5

This Easter, in 2026, we pause and find ourselves in a world that faces uncertainty, rapid change, and moments that are testing our resilience. Across our world we see challenges that remind us how interconnected we truly are, but also how strong we can be when we stand together.

Easter is the story of resurrection, the triumph of life over death, of hope over despair, a story of renewal. It reminds us that through the risen Christ, we are reminded that no darkness is too great for God's light, and no burden is beyond God's power to redeem. What seemed like an ending became a new beginning, offering us a living hope that endures through every season. Even after the darkest moments, light can return, hope is not fragile, it is enduring—that new beginnings are always possible, even when they seem distant.

In a time when many feel weary or uncertain, this promise calls us back to faith: that God is still at work, bringing renewal where it is needed most. The resurrection assures us that suffering is not the final word, love is. Grace is. Life is.

At Easter, we celebrate not just tradition, but the quiet courage of people everywhere: those who keep going, who care for others, who choose kindness when it's easier not to. These everyday acts are what shape a better future.

As we reflect this Easter, may we open our hearts to that hope, not as wishful thinking, but as something we actively build in our communities, in our conversations, and in the way we show up for one another. May we be renewed in spirit, strengthened in faith, and inspired to share Christ's love through compassion, kindness, and unity with those around us.

I wish you a blessed Easter filled with peace, joy, and the enduring hope found in the risen Lord. He is risen, bringing light to our world and hope to every heart and a sense of purpose this Easter. Brighter days are ahead, and we will reach them together.

Yours in Christ

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