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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I greet you in the Name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

I am writing to you as we look ahead to Holy Week, with its focus on our Lord's sacrificial offering of love on the cross and our response in faith to that outpouring of love for us and for all of creation.

Love is at the heart of the meaning of the cross. Love is at the heart of the life Christ calls us to live. Love is at the heart of the movement Jesus began and which we live in our own time.

Love is at the foundation of the Good Friday Offering of our Church which provides an opportunity for every parish throughout our Church to be connected with the ministry of love and compassion carried out by our Anglican sisters and brothers throughout the Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East.

I believe our partnership with those who keep the faith of Jesus alive in the region, where our Lord walked and began his movement, is a significant aspect of our work as part of the church catholic.

The Good Friday Offering provides hope and opportunity for students, patients, needy families and more in the Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East. We do make a difference. This is important. I have witnessed this Jesus-inspired compassion and commitment at work with my own eyes.

I hope you will encourage the members of your congregation to participate in this effort. Information, including bulletin covers, inserts, and more, is available at <https://www.episcopalchurch.org/global-partnerships/good-friday-offering>. Any questions about this program may be directed to the Rev. Canon Robert Edmunds, our Middle East Partnership Officer. He can be reached at redmunds@episcopalchurch.org.

Thank you for considering this important witness to the love of Jesus across our Church. May God bless you and keep you always. I remain

Your brother in Christ,



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