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Dear Parishioners:

Jesus has brought the world his justice and peace through His death and resurrection. What is mysterious is how slow we people are to catch on to Jesus' way of peace and justice. There continues to be a lot of people who can't get along with their neighbors peaceably and justly. Power plays among people persist as we tend to forget who is God in our lives and it's not ourselves.

According to the Gospel, we are to become childlike in humbly admitting our complete dependence on God. In the power of God's Love in Christ we can become more justice and peace oriented people. For many, becoming childlike does not set in until we are brought low through crisis such as sickness, injury, or loss of a job. Crisis has a way of humbling us to the childlike point where we repentantly admit that we are not God and we are prone to falling apart all the way to death.

As we grow in the humility of Christ, we are more likely to treat one another with more peace and justice. We will move away from lording ourselves over others and more humbly admit we are all fragile/weak and in constant need of God's saving power in Christ the Savior. Our Lord Jesus has already brought God's peace and justice to the world through His death and resurrection. Hopefully, we will more quickly catch on to Jesus' way of peace and justice and live it more faithfully in daily life.

In our childlike oneness in Christ,

Fr. Terry