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Dear friends in Christ,

In recent days, many of us have been carrying a heavy mix of grief, concern, and uncertainty as we witness violence, fear, and deep division in our nation—especially as these realities affect immigrant communities and others who live with daily vulnerability. Scripture does not ask us to turn away from such moments. Like the people who walked in darkness in Isaiah’s time, we know what it is to feel the weight of gloom. Yet we are also a people shaped by hope: hope rooted in the conviction that every human life bears the image of God, and that suffering—wherever it is found—calls forth our compassion rather than our indifference. I write to you simply to acknowledge this moment, to invite prayer for those who are afraid or grieving, and to remind us that mourning itself can be a faithful response.

As your vicar, I am mindful that we do not all experience or interpret these events in the same way. What unites us, however, is our shared baptismal calling: to seek Christ in all persons, to respect the dignity of every human being, and to walk together in love even when the way forward is not simple. In this season of Epiphany, I invite you to remain rooted in prayer, to support ministries that bring care and relief to those in need, and to resist the temptation to harden our hearts or retreat into division. The way of Christ is not loud or triumphant, but steady and faithful—marked by service, humility, and trust that God’s light continues to shine, even when the darkness feels close at hand.

Faithfully yours,

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