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Message from the Moderator of General Assembly - Holy Week and Easter 2023

Dear Presbyterians

**"Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost, but now I'm found
Was blind, but now I see"**

That is the take-home message for this Good Friday and Easter Weekend this season. From Palm Sunday to Resurrection Sunday, there is one thread that joins us all Presbyterians at the hip: Jesus loved us and died for us in Calvary and our sins were washed and forgiven. We were lost and were found. We were also blind, but now we see. Amazing Grace!

As we go through this Holy Week, let us be reminded of that Amazing Grace. We could have been condemned eternally, lost without any hope of being recovered. But through God's divine plan, Jesus found us and took our place on the Cross. He found us blind and irretrievably messed-up, and he made us whole again. Oh it is Jesus...

What shall we render back to our Redeemer for this Amazing Grace – even during these times of uncertainty, unemployment, doubt, loneliness, loss of life and livelihood, inequality, racism, ethnic and tribal divisions, class and gender injustices, war and terminal disease, corruption from governments and business alike, crime and violence in our countries and communities?

Let us render our hearts, our lives our homes, our congregations, our leaders, our grandparents and parents, our children, and their children. Let us render our skills and knowledge, our money through tithes offerings and pledges, our lives, our past, our present and our future. Let us render back to our Saviour our ministry, our plans, our service, our church. Our faith and our hope too.

Be safe from accidents and from crime if travelling. May the blood of Jesus protect you and your loved.

Blessed Easter to you all.

With much love

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