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Dear Father,

Now that the frenzy has abated may I join the thousands of others, who must have written to you, to thank you for all you have done. - you, with your beautiful holiness and wisdom have steered the Holy Ark of the (anny, ad Anglican Communion through such a wild storm. And you have still allowed it to be the wonderful eccentric Church that it is. I believe that it was Timothy Ratchiff who said that the Church of England was perhaps the most difficult Church in Christendom to belong to, but that it was certainly the most Christ-like. Thank you, over, and over again that like Esther, you have been given to us for 'such a time as this'.

LAMBETH PALACE

I hope that may be you are at the glorious  
Shell Cottage, and enjoying the reverse of Gerard  
Manley Hopkins: 'out of the swing of the sea'.  
We hope to be there in November if I am well  
enough. And I hope to see you, though sadly  
only at a distance, on October 5<sup>th</sup> in Chicago  
Cathedral. - I was ordained by Holy George and  
was blessed to be a sort of blue-eyed boy of his.  
So knew him well, and was filled with his love and  
many stories about him. He had the mystery of  
holiness.

Very sorry to occupy your time. Thank  
you again: though I fear it must have been very  
painful.

With love and prayer,

Peter. (Bill)