



Leaning Into the Heart of the Holy

2016 Lenten Devotions

Resurrection Sunday

March 27, 2016

Alleluia! Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed!

Happy Resurrection morning, Lakeside family!

Over the past forty-six days we have once again shared our journey of confession, reflection and discernment called Lent. We have experienced meaningful times of prayer and worship and have explored how our faith in Christ calls us to “lean a little further into the heart of the holy.” Our prayer is that this time has been significant for you as you have discovered the ways you are being called into closer communion with God and with one another. As we emerge from our wilderness wandering and into the glorious light of Christ’s resurrection, may we each find our own deeper and more profound ways to talk to God and listen for God, through fellowship and solitude, word and song, work and play, worship and service, as we lean in to hear God’s voice and answer God’s call, proclaiming with our voices and our lives, “Alleluia! Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed!”

Prayer:

Our God of Resurrection,
our long Lenten journey,
begun in the bleak of winter
and now finished in the springtime
with its budding signs of hope,
has brought us through the night
to the foot of the cross
and now to an empty tomb.

We thank you for this Easter day,
for the miracle of the resurrection of our rightful King,
who has washed our sins away
and conquered death
and given us the gift of life.

We praise you for this Easter Day,
for today the great adventure begins:
new life, true life,
free from the sin that would enslave us,
free from the fear of death that would claim us,
free to love fully and completely,
as you have loved us.

May your name be praised! Amen.

By Israel Galindo

John 20:1-18:

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.” Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabbouni!” (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, “Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’” Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord”; and she told them that he had said these things to her.