



Welcome to the circle of prayer

St. Augustine reminds us ...” We are an Easter people and Alleluia is our song.” As resurrection people, let us take time to reflect on what Easter means in my own life... in this time and place ...

Moment of quiet prayer

Hymn: *Christ, be our Light* (Bernadette Farrell)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZJq3bhdgQoc>

Readings:

- *I am the Resurrection and the Life. Those who believe in me will live, even though they die...Do you believe this?* John 11:25-26
- *Easter is the feast of hope. This is the feast that says God will have the last word and that God’s final judgment is resurrection. God will turn all that we maim and destroy and hurt and punish into life and beauty. What the resurrection reveals more than anything else is that love is stronger than death. Jesus walks the way of death with love and what it becomes is not death but life! It doesn’t fit any logical explanation. Yet this is the mystery: that nothing dies forever, and all that has died will be reborn in love. So, to be a Christian is to be inevitably and forever a person of hope.* Richard Rohr

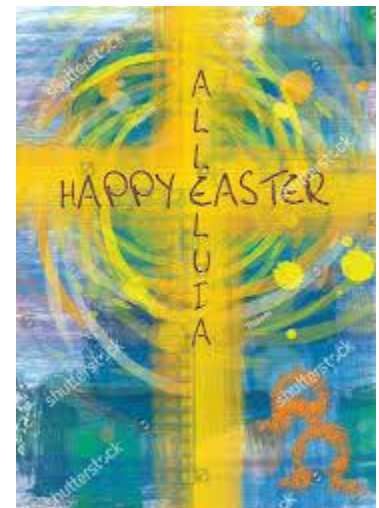
Prayer Response: (Ann Harbridge)

O God, you come to us in unexpected places,
in a crowded room, behind closed doors.

You come to us on dusty roads, as we go from
place to place and in conversations with loved ones.

You come bringing us peace where there is no peace.
You come bringing us hope when everything seems hopeless
You come bringing us courage when we are afraid.

Come and be among us now, and in every place where we are,
Open our eyes to see You and open our hearts to know You.
In the name of the Risen Christ we pray. Amen



Blessing:

When others dismiss our story as an idle tale, who will we be?

Resurrection people with Easter in our hearts

When the world seems to be crumbling around us, let us remember who we are:

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When our frailties and difficulties burden us, let us believe in who we have become:

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When it is hard to persevere against all odds, let us trust in God who names us:

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As we strive to follow Christ as committed and faithful disciples, may God help us to live our call as:

Resurrection people with Easter in our hearts.

When we forget that we are missionary disciples of Jesus, may we remind each other of the truth of who we are:

Resurrection people with Easter in our hearts.

As we allow our God to transform our hearts and our lives, individually and communally, let us ask for the grace to truly become:

Resurrection people with Easter in our hearts.

