



A Lenten Mosaic - Living In Grace Lent 2020

**Devotion for
Resurrection Sunday,
April 12, 2020**

**CHRIST IS RISEN!
CHRIST IS RISEN INDEED!
HAPPY RESURRECTION MORNING,
LAKESIDE FAMILY!**

This year's Lenten journey has been unlike any we have ever seen, as for much of it we have been unable to gather for worship and activities because of the Coronavirus pandemic. We pray that, despite these challenges, our online worship experiences, devotions, "virtual" group meetings, opportunities for serving our church family and the community, and support from one another have helped this to be a meaningful season for you. As we continue to sojourn through these uncertain times, may we pray for one another and our world, continue to strengthen the bonds which join us together as the Body of Christ, serve our community with love, and give thanks for God's grace which surrounds and sustains us each day. With our varied gifts and experiences and callings, may God continue to work in and among us to form a beautiful mosaic of grace so that our lives might proclaim the good news, "Alleluia! Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed!"

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.

Prayer

God of creation and Lord of life, we gather to celebrate the Resurrection of your Son, through whom all things have been made new. In this season of new life, the brilliance of your world cries out with color and song, and the women running from the empty tomb invite us to join the chorus of praise that Christ is risen indeed! Now we, like the first disciples, stare in awe that the Risen Christ stands among us. Though our lives bear witness to the abundance of your gifts to us, O God, in humility, we profess our faith that your redemptive work is not done, but that you continue to transform us in your image, to breathe into us your life-giving Spirit, and to mold us into new creations. Thanks be to God! Amen.