

SCRIPTURE & REFLECTION

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FIRST READING | MATTHEW 27:57-65

57 As evening approached, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who had himself become a disciple of Jesus. 58 Going to Pilate, he asked for Jesus' body, and Pilate ordered that it be given to him. 59 Joseph took the body, wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, 60 and placed it in his own new tomb that he had cut out of the rock. He rolled a big stone in front of the entrance to the tomb and went away. 61 Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were sitting there opposite the tomb. 62 The next day, the one after Preparation Day, the chief priests and the Pharisees went to Pilate. 63 "Sir," they said, "we remember that while he was still alive that deceiver said, 'After three days I will rise again.' 64 So give the order for the tomb to be made secure until the third day. Otherwise, his disciples may come and steal the body and tell the people that he has been raised from the dead. This last deception will be worse than the first." 65 "Take a guard," Pilate answered. "Go, make the tomb as secure as you know how." 66 So they went and made the tomb secure by putting a seal on the stone and posting the guard.

**NAME ONE OR TWO SORROWS
THAT HAVE FELT TOMB-LIKE
FOR YOU THIS PAST YEAR.**

HE IS RISEN

SECOND READING | MATTHEW 28:1, JOHN 20:11-16

1 After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb.

11 Now Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb 12 and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot. 13 They asked her, "Woman, why are you crying?" "They have taken my Lord away," she said, "and I don't know where they have put him." 14 At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus. 15 He asked her, "Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?" Thinking he was the gardener, she said, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him." 16 Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, "Rabboni!", teacher.

**THIS MORNING AS YOU TURN TO
JESUS, WHAT NAME DO YOU
HAVE FOR JESUS?**

THIRD READING | JOHN 20:19-22

19 On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" 20 After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

21 Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you."

22 And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit."

You will be invited into a breath prayer by your gathering leader :

**INHALE: HOLY
EXHALE: SPIRIT**

COLLECTIVE RESPONSE, "YOU ARE RISEN!"

DECLARATION & RESPONSE

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LEADER

Today we leave this sunrise service reminded that we are in an ever-evolving story with God. A story that sends us tumbling through the sorrows, the joys, the fears and the surprises of life.

And we are also reminded by this Easter story that we are not alone.

We are gathered here, [NAME FOLKS IN YOUR GROUP] together today, declaring that:

LEADER: HE IS RISEN!

COMMUNITY: HE IS RISEN INDEED!

We are also reminded in this Easter story that LIFE cannot ultimately be conquered by death, because:

LEADER: HE IS RISEN!

COMMUNITY: HE IS RISEN INDEED!

And we are reminded that even when hate prowls in every corner, LOVE will prevail, because:

LEADER: HE IS RISEN!

COMMUNITY: HE IS RISEN INDEED!

And we are reminded that when trials abound, PEACE will be multiplied - because:

LEADER: HE IS RISEN!

COMMUNITY: HE IS RISEN INDEED!

“And may we remember that when we have reached the end of our resources, that Our God’s full giving has only begun” (Thurman), because:

LEADER: HE IS RISEN!

COMMUNITY: HE IS RISEN INDEED!

**ALLELUIA
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