



peace be with you
weekly devotional

from the desk of Rev. Marta Wheeler

SAINT PAUL BENSON

Flowing Spirit

I catch the resurrection spirit
on the breeze of Easter morn
pink, orange sky to the east
waning full moon to the west.

The resurrection spirit flows through
as Charles Wesley's famous "Christ
the Lord is Risen Today" is
exuberantly rung and sung.

I sense the resurrection spirit
on the breath of Easter Monday
all senses heightened while praying
scriptures with friends on holy deck.

The scent of the resurrection spirit
Enters my awareness like
doggie catching whiff of
something too pleasing to spurn.

Flowing resurrection spirit wafts
love renewing in the bright
yellow forsythia
and sweet scent of hyacinth.

Gratefulness enters every cell for
the incomparable
life of Jesus whose love
eternally flows through us.

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Matthew 28: 1-10 Resurrection

28 After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to look at the tomb. ²Look, there was a great earthquake, for an angel from the Lord came down from heaven. Coming to the stone, he rolled it away and sat on it. ³ Now his face was like lightning and his clothes as white as snow. ⁴ The guards were so terrified of him that they shook with fear and became like dead men. ⁵ But the angel said to the women, "Don't be afraid. I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. ⁶ He isn't here, because he's been raised from the dead, just as he said. Come, see the place where they laid him. ⁷ Now hurry, go and tell his disciples, 'He's been raised from the dead. He's going on ahead of you to Galilee. You will see him there.' I've given the message to you."

⁸ With great fear and excitement, they hurried away from the tomb and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹ But Jesus met them and greeted them. They came and grabbed his feet and worshipped him. ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to them, "Don't be afraid. Go and tell my brothers that I am going into Galilee. They will see me there."

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Holy Week and Easter services became even more special upon seeing so many of you in-person at Saint Paul. We miss those who couldn't be here and appreciate your prayerful presence wherever you may be.

We are now in the first week of Eastertide and remain in the glow of the resurrection, marveling in new possibilities for our lives. It helps to see new life erupting around us as the grasses and bulbs come out of dormancy and brighten the world.

Admittedly, I miss the fun days in which our children, and then grandchildren, delighted in finding freshly dyed Easter eggs that were hidden in gutters, in the branches of trees, and crevices in the pile of firewood. It made me smile to see our Sunday School children carry on the tradition in the church courtyard a week ago.

Little children grow up and we mature, yet our prayer for you is that the sense of wonder in springtime, and the awe in the resurrection of our Savior, Jesus Christ, will remain with you always.

Christ is Risen! Alleluia!

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