

Joyce Rupp writes:

I believe Easter is a heart celebration, a feast of "dreaming the impossible dream."

Theologians and scripture scholars continue to discuss whether Jesus rose physically or if this was a symbolic rising. What truly matters, from my perspective *is that those who loved Jesus and mourned His absence found in their hearts a transformed space of renewed enthusiasm for their relationship with Him.*

This came about because the disciples recognized and accepted the presence of their Beloved being with them in a new way. They had to let go of their "head" and embrace His presence with their "heart." *The heart intuited. The heart recognized. The heart did not need to quibble about it.* The disciples could let themselves be taken into joy without objection once they let go of the natural tendency to try to figure it out rationally.

This letting go allowed their elation at the Risen One's presence to transform their sorrow into utterly amazing gladness. *Let us, then, look with our heart for the Risen One among us.*



EASTER WATCH

Look for light piercing the gloom.

Receive little joys inside old troubles.

Hold on to love in bleakest of times.

-Keep faith alive when filled with doubt.

Accept help from whomever it comes.

Pray in spite of strong resistance.

Laugh amid the tattered tears.

Stand at Easter's emptied tomb.

Remember what the message is.

Shake off what holds you back.

Cast your gaze inside your journey.

Meet the Risen One on the road.

Let renewed hope enter every step.

Watch how Love surprises you.

Observe the Freed One slipping inside the story of your life.

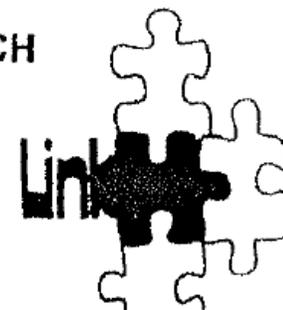
(taken from: *My Soul Feels Lean*)

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IN EVERYTHING JESUS CHRIST IS SUPREME
Colossians 1:18



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PRAYER IS THE KEY OF THE MORNING AND THE BOLT OF THE NIGHT

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CHRIST IS RISEN - ALLELUIA

When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome brought spices so that they might go to anoint Jesus' body.

Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they were on their way to the tomb and they asked each other, "*who will roll the stone away from the entrance to the tomb?*"

But when they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side and they were alarmed.

"*Don't be alarmed,*" he said. "*You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him. But go; tell His disciples and Peter, 'He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see Him, just as He told you'*"

Trembling and bewildered, the women went out and fled from the tomb. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid.

When Jesus rose early on the first day of the week, He appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom he had driven seven demons. She went and told those who had been with him and who were mourning and weeping.

When they heard that Jesus was alive and that she had seen him, they did not believe it.

Mark 16: 1-11

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

YVONNE DINNIE broke a bone in her shoulder after a fall in the car park at Trinity last Sunday. We give thanks that surgery isn't necessary, the doctor has strapped her shoulder. Yvonne thanks everyone for their help, we pray for her full recovery.

ERIK MC CANN passed away 10 days ago, he suffered a brain aneurysm. Vanessa, his sister, wrote the following to Lorna Steel *"I want to thank you for your thoughtfulness & love shown in starting a group of prayers for my brother. I really believe those prayers carried him in the things he has been wrestling with"*

GARTH (Eddie & Joy Fysh son-in-law) has been in hospice for 6 weeks, he is very ill with cancer throughout his body. Pray peace for Garth, his wife and the family.

NOREEN & DEREK TINDALL are going through a tough time. Derek is not well & Noreen is taking a lot of strain, they miss their Trinity friends, please pray for them.

JOY ANDERSON requested the following for the Link *"Thank you Jesus, it is by your wounds we are healed. Thank you also to the Trinity family for prayers from all the prayer warriors, thank you for all the blessings of kindness"*

CHRISTIAAN VERMEULEN has been in hospital for 3 weeks after open heart surgery. He is still very weak & we pray the Lord's touch of healing & strength for Christiaan with perfect peace for him and his family.

NORMA MORGAN is now home after suffering with a hiatus hernia & collapsed lungs. We pray for her full recovery.

CRAIG MCKENZIE will be having a skin cancer procedure on Tuesday. Our prayers are with Craig, his wife Noreen & with the medical team who carry out the procedure.

WE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR:

DUNCAN EDWARDS (48) diagnosed with a rare disease (there are only 80 cases in the world), he is on new medication. Duncan lives in Fourways & his parents recently moved overseas. Pray healing for Duncan & peace for his parents.

BECKY OWENS received a bone marrow transplant 10 days ago & will be in hospital for a month, we pray total success of transplant & perfect healing for Becky.

FRANCES SIMPSON is in hospital with a pulmonary problem, we pray wisdom for doctors as they treat her, healing for Frances & peace for her, Carol & family.

NOELLE MARSHALL has had the first injection into her eye & will be having monthly injections. We pray for healing for Noelle who thanks all for prayers.

HILARY ADAMS had laser treatment in both eyes on Thursday; we pray that the procedure is successful & that the pressure behind her eyes is released.

ELLEN COETZEE has been moved into high care after further surgery for a hiatus hernia and three blood transfusions. We pray God's healing touch on Ellen.

VERNA is undergoing a course of chemotherapy, we pray for healing & for peace.

ELMA (friend of Barbara) has cancer in her brain & in 4 areas of the body. She had a stroke, and has been diagnosed with Parkinson's. She had a hysterectomy on Monday & is in a lot of pain. She is being treated with chemo / radiation. We pray for her.

FRED DE KOCK still in a coma, doctors unsure of the cause but think he may have had an epileptic fit. We pray release from coma, healing for him & God's love to surround his wife Marike, and sons of 2 and 4 years old.

MERYL & ALLAN – Allan has joined Meryl in CT. We continue to pray healing and wholeness for Megan, Rebecca & Terry & peace & God's strength for all.

CANCER LIST: *Gordon Bennett, David Edwards, Anton Marais (Sydney), Lee Barnes, Nola Dodds, Tracy Hoy (UK), Hilda Louter, Val Warren, Dudley Middleton, Marguerite, Peter, Myrren (18), Joy Anderson, Diane Turner, Maureen Lupton, Garth Odendaal, Martin vd Merwe (Karin Blackburn's dad), Joy vd Klis, Jean Clarence, Les Tippett, Rebecca Owens, Daniela Andrade (7), Estelle, Jeanie (double mastectomy), Russell Jones, Ursula Ryder, Graeme, Lesley Steyn, Reef Carneson (USA)*

CHRONIC LIST: *Denese Pieterse (back problems), Dave (Guillain Barre Syndrome), Emmanuel Thavhiwa (difficult times), Elaine Vermaak (osteoporosis), Rolene (cellulitis), Craig Hart (sleep apnea), Moira Smith (hiatus hernia), Brian & Eva Humphreys (Eva's recovery), Maureen Dewberry (heart problems), Alison (spinal problems), Illia & Graham (UK), Rodney (very weak), Mavis Edmunds (Hip op), Douglas (heart problems), Diana Viljoen's Mom (stroke), Harold (very tired), Mike & Helen Urban (ill health), Mushe Roos (brain surgery), Joan Potgieter (heart surgery), Mavis Edmunds (recovery from accident), Colleen Hunter (brain op).*



*...his Son was declared with power to be the Son of God, by His resurrection from the dead: **Jesus Christ our Lord.*** Romans 1:3-4

One preacher explains our Lord's resurrection like this: *'imagine a television news studio before the high-powered lights are switched on. The newsreader who sits there occupies just a few cubic feet of space. If someone was able to see him from a mile away he would look very small indeed. And if he shouted with his loudest voice he would not be heard. But when the lights are switched on and the cameras begin to roll – what a difference. **He can now be seen and heard by millions**'.*

Since the resurrection, Christ, who previously had occupied just a few cubic feet of space and could only be in one place at a time, is now able to fulfill his promise that *'where two or three come together in My name, there I am with them* (Matt.18:20). Through His rising from the dead, our Lord has opened up for us new perspectives here on earth and also the unending vistas of eternity. There is a song that says, *I can see clearly now the rains have gone*'. My heart sings, *'I can see clearly now that Christ has risen*'.