

EASTER SUNDAY APRIL 12, 2020



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Prayer:

Welcome Creator! And thank you for it is a new day! A new day that you have made. Today we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus, a new life, a birth of a new start of a dying soul, a reactivation of the path we walk on this path which we call life.

People of the land, my relations, wake up. Look to the east, the sun is rising. It is a good day! Do not be afraid. The sun will bring light to the dark. And we can all praise the Creator for all the sacred and loving gifts that we have in our life. The air we breathe to sing, the water we replenish our bodies with, the fire that creates warmth, and the land that supports us when we dance in celebration. All of Creation Sings! All of Spirit is Calm!

“O give thanks to the Creator, for the Creator is good,
for our Creators steadfast love endures forever.”

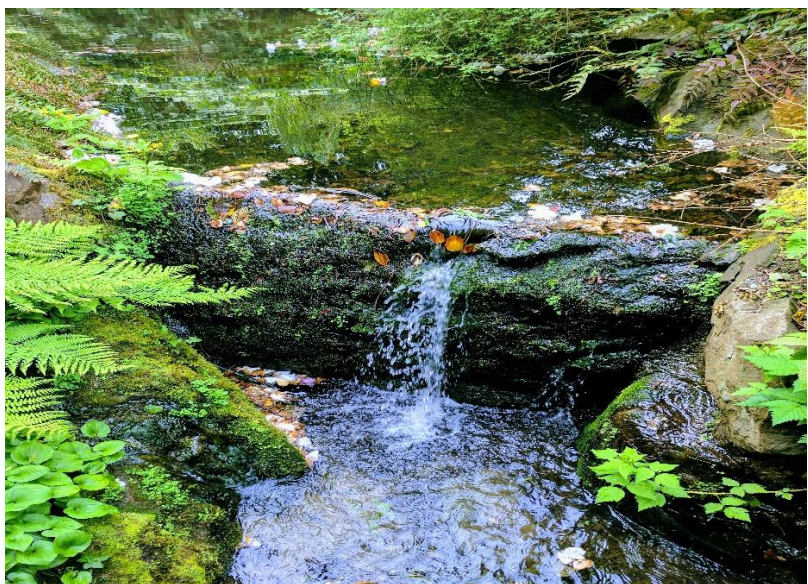
In Jesus name, Amen.

Scripture:

Matthew 28: 1-10 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

The Resurrection of Jesus

28 After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. 2 And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. 3 His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. 4 For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. 5 But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. 6 He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. 7 Then go quickly and tell his disciples, ‘He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.’ This is my message for you.” 8 So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to tell his disciples. 9 Suddenly Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. 10 Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”



Reflection:



The Sun Rises by Murray Pruden

Jesus has taught us to try to achieve a loving life. I believe that is who he is. He was always serving, teaching, healing, blessing and challenging the world around him. Always placing his Faith ahead of him for God to lead him to where he is needed. And even more so after his crucifixion and now to his enlightened and resurrected state, his message of new possibilities of challenging the world is more profound. That sometimes when we look at things in our life, we can look at them not just for their physical qualities and endurance but with our spiritual eyes and receive a new vision of what the world was, is and can become. The challenge then becomes for us is taking that spiritual vision and making it the betterment for the all of us to live in, together. The challenge becomes uniting the spiritual vision with the physical sight to become the goodness we want the world to live in.



“Do not be afraid”, as Jesus tells the mourning followers. And this is what Jesus tells us today, do not be afraid. I like to add what I think Jesus would add to us today as we isolate in this time of Covid 19 pandemic: Do not be afraid... creation is with you because creation is made in each one of you. As the air lifts the eagle soaring in the sky, God our Creator will lift you in ways that you never knew possible. Look for that miracle and be thankful. But don't just look for it with your eyes, look for it also with your heart, that beats the drum of our Mother Earth. The answer is there and share it with all the people, with of all of creation, because we are all made of God. Do not be afraid.

My relations, as the sun rises this day let it touch you, give you warmth on your back, comfort in the days ahead. This is the embrace from our Creator and from Creation to continue our journey of life, on that path that sometimes can be rough, dark, cold and a challenge. But as a community of spiritual faith we are

not alone because we live in God's world. The sun will always rise to bring us back to life each day. That is the blessing we receive from the Land, from the Spirit and from the Creator. Do not be afraid, our new day has just begun. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Blessing:

The Cree Sunrise Song

waniskâ! pêtâpan ôma

âsay piyêsîsak kî-nikamowak

ê-miyonâkwan kitaskîkaw

Wake up! The sun is coming.

The birds are already singing

How beautiful this land of ours is.

<https://creeliteracy.org/2013/04/07/cree-sunrise-song/>

May God Bless you,

walk with you and rise with you this Easter day.

The Sun is dancing for us all! Amen.

