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Dear Friends,

How easy it can be to forget what our faith is all about.

The Gospel tells us that not even death can contain Jesus! Those who knew him in Palestine two thousand years ago experienced something so extraordinary that even his crucifixion could not snuff out the spirit of his *Being*.

Yes, Easter is a day we celebrate each year. It commemorates Mary Magdalene's discovery of the "empty tomb" as the archetypal symbol of the risen Christ. That is, Mary is the first to proclaim that Christ lives! Christ is present in the world, in relationships, and in ourselves ... no matter what. And this is *good news* indeed.

Yet, the spirit of the risen Christ cannot be reserved for a single day. The resurrection is not a single event, but rather the Easter moment is continuous. Every person is invited through the resurrection to awaken to the presence of Christ ... right here, right now. Looking back only misses the point. The resurrection is on-going and, as such, we need to engage it by living into the *good news* of Christ's compassion, forgiveness, sense of justice, and uncompromising love.

Again this Easter, I ask, "Dare we live in such a way that we embrace the spirit of the risen Christ in all that we do and who it is we are and can be?"

Blessings & Peace.

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