

Archdiocese of Seattle  
Easter Retreat  
April 2021

“Do not abandon yourselves to despair. We are the Easter people and hallelujah is our song.”

- St. Pope John Paul II



"Mary of Magdala Proclaims the Resurrection," sculpture by Sister Margaret Beaudette, SC

What does it mean to encounter the Risen Christ?

Spend a little time with these passages and let the text speak to you afresh.

- Jesus appears to Mary of Magdala in [Matthew 28](#) and [John 20](#)
- Jesus accompanies the disciples on the road to Emmaus in [Luke 24](#)
- Jesus tells Peter, “feed my sheep” in [John 21](#)

Questions for prayer and reflection:

1. What words or images stand out to you -- and why?
2. What moves your heart and fills you with hope and joy?
3. How can you be a witness of this “Good News” to others?

## Additional Resources:

### Images:

- William Hart McNichols: [Risen Christ](#)
- Kelly Latimore: [Christ Enthroned](#)
- More icons of the resurrection available [here](#)

### Articles:

- Fr. James Martin, SJ on "[nothing is impossible with God](#)"
- Esau McCaulley on "[the power of Easter](#)"
- Amanda Osheim on "[resurrected reality](#)"
- Stephen Okey on "[embodied resurrection](#)"
- John Slattery on "[the frailty of Easter](#)"
- Meghan Clark on "[Mary Magdalene: the apostle to the apostles](#)"
- Mike Jordan Laskey on "[what are you doing for Easter?](#)"
- Marcus Mescher on "[to practice resurrection](#)"
- Andy Staron on "[why 'Doubting Thomas' doubted](#)"
- Artur Rosman on "[what death has to teach us](#)"
- Colleen Campbell on "[the sacramentality of everyday life, even in a pandemic](#)"

### Books:

- Pope Francis, [Let Us Dream: The Path to a Better Future](#) (Simon & Schuster, 2020)
- Marcus Mescher, [The Ethics of Encounter: Christian Neighbor Love as a Practice of Solidarity](#) (Orbis, 2020)
- Nancy Pineda-Madrid and Richard Lennan (eds.) [Hope: Promise, Possibility, and Fulfillment](#) (Paulist, 2014)
- Dean Brackley, [The Call to Discernment in Troubled Times](#) (Crossroad 2004)

### Prayer:

- Daily Readings and Reflections: [video](#), [audio](#), and [text](#)
- [Sacred Space](#)

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