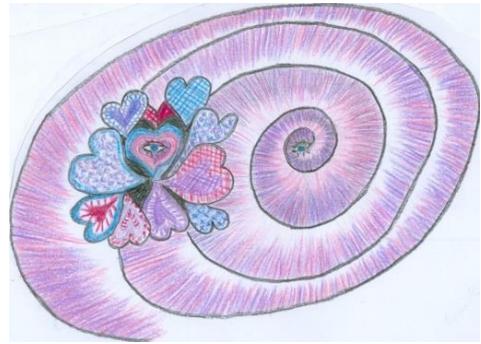




EASTER REFLECTION

Greetings to each of you as Spring begins and as we celebrate Resurrection in a unique way this year.



In her 9th Counsel, Angela says, “If you all stand united in heart, you will be strong in adversities.” Since the beginning of the pandemic, we have certainly experienced adversities. Even though we are being strong and there have been moments of relief we have experienced a tomb-like existence of being wrapped in a shroud of waiting. We have kept our distance and are conscious of the importance of breath. We are longing for the stone to roll away so that our hearts and bodies, transformed by isolation, can reach out and physically touch our companions, our loved ones and dear friends.

The ways we are in communication with each other have taught us how living with gratitude for all our blessings is an ongoing transformation of heart. When speaking on the phone with sisters in Chatham I hear their deep gratitude and feel it in my heart, for the care they are receiving. In our areas it is a delight to see each other by Zoom, to pray together and to share laughter and hope while we respond to ideas and questions about our future reality. As we name the challenges and opportunities facing us our hearts are awakened and our minds are stretched as we nurture the gift of contemplation.

In moments of reflection, I realize how we each are a small part of a global, universal reality. We may feel that our physical, active contribution is small





yet I am astounded by the immensity of the inner life with which we are each blessed. As Angela encouraged us, “Put your whole being into the enterprise you have undertaken. Rejoice!” 9th Counsel. While reflecting on Ps.80 from Nan Merrill’s “Psalms for Praying” I was invited to pause over the words, “Roll away the stone that becomes an obstacle to growth.” While we wait, contemplating on our time apart our prayer is that our hearts will be healed and opened to what is going to be expected of us once we experience Resurrection as the stone rolls away and we walk out and into the Light.

For some time I have been praying with the book called “The Wisdom Jesus” by Cynthia Bourgeault. I am challenged and deeply moved by her words. “We have a latent, nondual, unitive system of the heart. The challenge is to go beyond the mind and into the larger...knowingness of the heart which can see and live from the perspective of wholeness...Jesus is here to awaken that consciousness of the heart.”

The image accompanying this reflection expresses for me the uniqueness of each of our hearts. However and whenever the stone that is keeping us apart rolls away may we continue to be together with gratitude.

A very happy and hopeful Easter
Resurrection to each of us.

With Blessings of love, Margot

