

Reflection for Easter 2020

Dear Parish Members of Christ on the Mountain,

As I think about Easter this year I am thinking about the different questions and statements made in the different Resurrections accounts.

In Matthew's account the angel says, "Do not be afraid! I know you are seeking Jesus crucified. He is not here, for he has been raised just as he said." Then the women meet Jesus and he says to them again "Do not be afraid!"

In Mark's account of the resurrection we hear the question the women were asking on their way to the tomb, "Who will roll back the stone for us from the entrance and the tomb?" And again, we hear from a man in white telling the women not to be amazed! You seek Jesus of Nazareth the crucified, he is not here. He has been raised.

In Luke's account two men appear in dazzling garments and they say, "Why do you seek the living one among the dead? He is not here, but he has been raised." Then in John's gospel we hear the question "Women why are you weeping? And Who are you looking for?"

These questions and statements are important for our reflection. We hear that we are not to be afraid. This is something we need to internalize. We must remember that perfect love casts out fear. When we focus on our love for the Lord and on our love for others we will experience a lessening of fear. We also hear in these resurrection accounts questions. Who will roll away the stone? Why do you seek the living one among the dead? Why are you weeping? And what are you looking for? Do we know what we are looking for? Or why we are weeping? The gospels tell us we are looking for the crucified but he is not in our tombs. He is not among the dead. He is alive. He has been raised. We are to look for the risen one in life each day. Life is where we find Christ our Lord.

In the Resurrection,

Fr. David