

Resurrection Encounters

8:45 a.m. + April 19^h + Third Sunday of Eastertide



He Qi, Jesus Appears to Disciples
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*So every time Peter approaches Jesus with his emotional, grasping love
Jesus turns it around on itself and makes it flow out: "Feed my sheep."
He keeps gently returning Peter to the deep, mutual indwelling of kenotic love,
which is the heart of the Jesus path and through which his presence among them will always make itself known.*
Cynthia Bourgeault

Connecting to Source

"At The Center"

*Hidden deep within, undefiled by sin, is a refuge for the soul.
Filled with sacred light, shining pure and bright,
Where the heart can be made whole.
Universal grace floods this holy place, and can heal the deepest scar.
As the false self dies, underneath the lies,
Is the truth of who we are.*

*At the Center, at the Center, at the Center of my life is You.
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Crossing the Threshold

Sitting with a Prayer

Inspired by **Psalm 31**, Malcolm Guite

*The night withdrew and joy came in the morning,
When I remembered that I was remembered,
That even through the bitter tears of mourning*

*I was sustained. The darkest powers were hindered
In their insidious work within my soul,
And I was held together and re-membered*

*By your unceasing love. You made me whole
When all the world was tearing me apart,
When there was fear on every side, you stole*

*Into the secret garden of my heart.
A good thief in the night, and hid with me
In your strong tabernacle, held apart*

*From all that strife of tongues, cacophony
Of condemnations, so you kept me safe
In your deep silence and your mystery.*

Resting in the Mystery

Contemplating the Gospel

John 21:1-8

Question for Reflection

Is there something you've returned to that you thought was behind you — a habit, a way of seeing yourself, a role you'd outgrown? What might it mean that Jesus doesn't call you away from that place first — but shows up there, and shows you abundance in it?

Song of Response

"Love Beyond Measure"

*Love beyond measure,
Mercy so free.
Your endless resources,
Given to me.
Strength to the weary,
Healing our lives.
Your love beyond measure,
Has opened my eyes,
Opened my eyes.*

Lord open my eyes.

Contemplating the Gospel

John 21:9-14

Question for Reflection

Where are you waiting to feel worthy of love before you let yourself receive it? What would it mean to discover that the meal is already prepared — that you are already being fed — even here, even now, even before the confession comes?

Remembering our Belovedness

"I Am Loved"

*I am not who I was, I am not who I will be, I am loved.
I am not what I've done, I am not what I will do, I am loved.
I am beautifully broken, through my darkness shines your light,
I am loved.*

Contemplating the Gospel

John 21:15-17

Meditation

Song of Response

"Call My Name"

*I will wait until I hear you call my name,
Wait until my world inside has come to rest.
Many voices clamor, calling constantly to me,
So, I will wait until I hear you call my name.*

*I will wait until I hear you call my name.
In the whispers of the wind, I hear your voice.
All of your creation sings a gentle melody,
A song that calms my spirit while you call my name.*

*So, speak Lord, speak Lord,
Your servant is listening.
Speak Lord, come and speak Lord,
Your servant is listening.*

*I will wait until I hear you call my name.
When I hear your voice my heart begins to heal.
How my spirit longs to share your love song with the world,
Till everyone who listens hears you call their name.*

Centering in God

During these minutes of silence, simply rest in God's abiding and loving presence in this moment. You are in God and God is in you. Just be and relax. Center your attention in your heart and imagine your breath flowing in and out from your heart area. If it helps you to center, use the heart-focused breath prayer "You know me (inhale) "I am Yours" (exhale).

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Holy Communion

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Receiving a Good Word



Our Staff

Haley Brown – Associate Director of The Anchor House
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Quartet

Caroline Busselberg – Soprano, **Krista Pape** – Alto, **Jon Janacek** – Tenor, **Nathan Holmes** – Baritone

Today's Music

"At The Center" – Peter Johns, *"Love Beyond Measure"* – Dave Bilbrough,
"I Am Loved" – Peter Johns, *"Call My Name"* – Peter Johns

Bringing Butterflies Home: A Creation Care Event

Today | The Anchor House | 11:30 a.m.

Join us at this special event today immediately following Worship Response. Lite bites will be available as well as a chance to hear about our plans for the backyard, meet our landscape partner Elizabeth, and learn about her new book, "Bringing Butterflies Home: Gardening with Native Plants to Heal Our Yards and Ourselves".

New to The Center Gatherings

Today | The Anchor House | 5:30 p.m.

If you'd like to learn more about Contemplative Worship, The Center's ongoing experiences and offerings, and ways to serve or get more plugged into the community, please join us at one of the New to The Center Gatherings.



Yoga at The Center: A Posture of Prayer

April 20th | The Anchor House | 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. | \$10 per class

In this course, led by Jonathan Mangrum, we will use the practice of yoga as a lens to explore what it means to embody spirituality. Each class will include time engaging in breath work, meditation, yoga postures, and poses.



Poetry Circle

Tuesday, April 21st | The Anchor House | 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

For poetry lovers and writers, for the curious and experienced, join Mark Jodon as he leads this time of sharing, of offering feedback, of exploring poetic forms and devices, and trying our hands at writing prompts, all while growing in fellowship and community. For more information, contact Mark at Mjodon@littler.com

Where Sound Meets Silence

Thursday, April 23rd | The Anchor House | 10:30 – 11:30 a.m. | No Cost

Each week Peter and Zach guide a gentle rhythm of silence, Scripture, and improvised music for violin and piano. Within this quiet, gentle space, we reflect on the passage appointed for Sunday's worship, trusting the Spirit to speak anew through word and sound alike. We gather for about thirty minutes of prayer, stillness, and reflection. Those unable to attend in person are warmly invited to join online as the reflection is streamed live. There is no cost to attend but registration is recommended.

