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EASTER MONDAY OF LENT
APRIL 5, 2021

Today is Easter Monday!

CHRIST IS RISEN!

Christ is risen indeed!

*Take a moment to pause and
breath in and out slowly.*

Intentionally.

*Rest in and welcome God's
grace-filled resurrection presence.*

We started our Lenten Journey by reminding one another how Lent is a gift that enables us to create space to reflect on our relationship with Jesus so we can recognize and release anything in our lives that hinders God's transforming grace.

What gifts has God enabled you to receive as you created space for Jesus through this year's Lenten journey? More specifically, what have you been asked to let go of so you can more fully embrace God?

During this season of Lent, we reflected on God's circles of commitment to us, known in the Scriptures as covenants.

These covenants reveal how God, through Jesus, has continually pursued us, to interrupt our distracted and unfaithful lives, so we may continue to be blessed to be a blessing.

When we violate God's boundaries for our flourishing, Jesus demonstrates how to resist temptation and live in continued partnership with God.

Jesus is of the family of Abraham and faithfully brings God's blessings and promises to the whole world.

Jesus is the faithful One who fulfills the law in its entirety.

Jesus is from the line of King David and extends God's kingdom of justice and peace to all.

Jesus Himself is the New Covenant renewing our minds and hearts.

Read today's Scripture.

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The days are coming,” declares the Lord, “when I will make a new covenant with the people ... “I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. ... For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more.”...And [Jesus] took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, “This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me.”

In the same way, after the supper [Jesus] took the cup, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you.”

Christ’s love controls us. Since we believe that Christ died for all, we also believe that we have all died to our old life. He died for everyone so that those who receive his new life will no longer live for themselves. Instead, they will live for Christ, who died and was raised for them.... This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun! ... And all of this is a gift from God, who brought us back to himself through Christ. And God has given us this task of reconciling people to him. For God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself, no longer counting people’s sins against them. And he gave us this wonderful message of reconciliation. So we are Christ’s ambassadors; God is making His appeal through us. We speak for Christ when we plead, “Come back to God!” For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ.

Jeremiah 31; Luke 22; 2 Corinthians 5

Reflect on the words of N.T. Wright with this refreshed picture of our Lenten journey in mind.

“When we learn to read the story of Jesus and see it as the story of the love of God, doing for us what we could not do for ourselves—that insight produces, again and again, a sense of astonished gratitude which is very near the heart of authentic Christian experience.”

N.T. Wright

In these final moments today share with Jesus, from a place of gratitude and love, what your relationship with Him means to you.

**Lord Jesus, search us,
and know our hearts;
test us and know
our anxious thoughts.
Point out in us anything
that offends you,
and lead us along
the path of everlasting life.**

Amen.