



Holy Saturday

In stillness, earth awaits the resurrection...

Sit quietly in the presence of God. Gaze at the candle, at Madeleine Sophie's words and read the gospel for Holy Saturday. What resonates in you?

*'When we seek God
the one we seek is already ours.'*

Madeleine Sophie Barat



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Gospel of Mark 16 1-7



“When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary, the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go and anoint him.

Very early when the sun had risen, on the first day of the week, they came to the tomb.

They were saying to one another, “Who will roll back the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?”

When they looked up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back; it was very large.

On entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, clothed in a white robe, and they were utterly amazed.

He said to them, “Do not be amazed! You seek Jesus of Nazareth, the crucified.

He has been raised; he is not here.

Behold the place where they laid him.

But go and tell his disciples and Peter,

‘He is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him, as he told you.’”

In our world

“With more than 3.1 million refugees forced to flee Ukraine over the past three weeks, and millions internally displaced within the country, UNHCR, the UN Refugee Agency, is warning that humanitarian needs are increasing exponentially. In addition to those who have had to flee, around 13 million people have been affected in the areas hardest hit by the war within Ukraine and are in need of humanitarian and protection assistance.

Many people remain trapped in areas of escalating conflict and, with essential services disrupted, are unable to meet their basic needs including food, water, and medicines.”

From UNCHR spokesman, Matthew Saltmarsh, 18 March 2022

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In our Church

“Jesus was always on the road, but never alone. He moved around with a crowd of disciples. There was no set plan. Jesus let himself be guided by the Spirit and his small community trusted him enough to follow him.

In the Synodal process, the whole Church wants to set out on a journey. It is long and difficult, and we do not know where the Spirit will lead us. Like any journey it begins with the first step, with the question, what will the Spirit and our world ask of us now?”

From AEFJN (Africa Europe Faith and Justice Network) Lenten Reflection 2022

We pray for all those who are displaced by war.

We pray for our own helplessness in the face of vast sorrow.

We pray for our Church on its pilgrim journey.

May we have the courage of Mary Magdalene when she heard the words:

**“He is going before you to Galilee;
there you will see him, as he told you.”**

Closing Song: [Dark Night of the Soul](#)

Easter of Today - *Echoes from People in Exodus*

“Half a million Mariupol residents are cut off from life. There are no streets left with undestroyed houses. The bodies of the dead are buried in the courtyards of residential sectors. There is no light, heat, water, food, communications in the city. Children are dying of dehydration.” – *Natasha, Mariupol (Ukraine)*

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