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Lenten Meditations

EASTER MESSAGE : GLIMPSE THE GLORY

“Do not hold on to me, but go.. And say...”

John 20:17

John 20: 1-18

Blessed and Happy Easter to all!

Today we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ. He is risen from the dead. The world knew that no power on earth can annihilate Jesus and hold him in the tomb. No seal of the Roman Empire or powerful soldiers of the military could stop Jesus from coming out of the dead.

Easter is the day of celebration. Every time we come together for worship and have communion with the Lord, we say: ‘Lord, we celebrate your resurrection’. The women who kept themselves away on the Sabbath and the disciples, who sought security behind closed doors for fear of Jews, came out to witness the empty tomb. The scripture portion tells us that Jesus appeared to Mary Magdalene and said two important things:-

1. The purpose about your life is not to domesticate Jesus. It is the human tendency to hold as dear the one who is intimately close. Mary Magdalene, who couldn’t believe her eyes in seeing Jesus as risen from the dead, was turning to embrace and hold Jesus as her own. Jesus turned her attention to realize that the crux of God’s intention in creating each person is to go out of one’s self. As religious people, we tend to become communitarian. As a nation we develop complexes and alienations. As individuals we prefer to be insulated and inward looking. Easter breaks this notion. We are not our own. Jesus belongs to all. He is King of Kings and Lord of Lords. He is not to be domesticated by persons or communities.

2. The purpose of creation is for each one to be a missionary. The risen Jesus asked Mary to go and tell the disciples the good news. The disciples were called to be sent out to give the Gospel. Easter becomes a celebration when the Good News, Jesus Christ, is given to all nations. This is a call to engage oneself in a life – enhancing mission with preference for the weak and the oppressed.

The members of the Church are anointed to bring good news to the poor, by releasing the captives, granting recovery of sight to the blind and freeing the oppressed. May the Church, thus be an Easter Community where the risen Jesus remains as Lord and leads the members to minister for the growth and establishment of God’s Kingdom. Alleluia

Prayer: Oh Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace, where there is hatred, let me sow love. For it is in giving that we receive and it is in pardoning that we are pardoned. And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life, to eternal life. Amen. (St. Francis of Assisi)

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