

# Wisconsin Religious Collaborative

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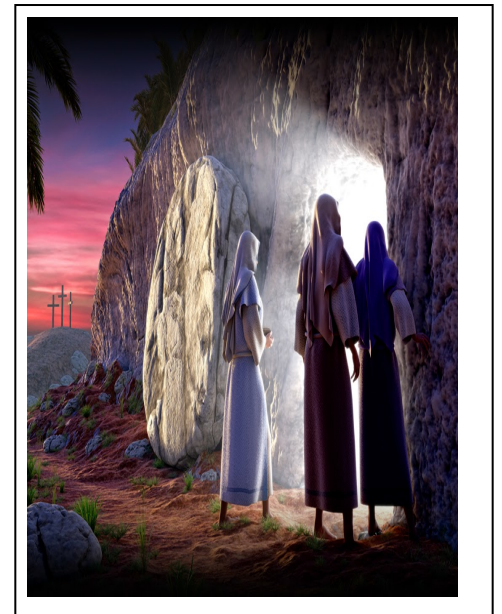
Presence: How do I come to this meeting? What is stirring within me?

Once everyone has shared

Song: Deep Within - David Haas

Blessing in the Chaos by Jan Richardson

*To all that is chaotic in you,  
let there come silence.  
Let there be a calming of the clamoring,  
a stilling of the voices that have laid their claim on  
you,  
that have made their home in you,  
that go with you even to the holy places  
but will not let you rest,  
will not let you hear your life with wholeness  
or feel the grace that fashioned you.  
Let what distracts you cease.  
Let what divides you cease.  
Let there come an end to what diminishes and  
demeans,  
and let depart all that keeps you in its cage.  
Let there be an opening into the quiet  
that lies beneath the chaos,  
where you find the peace  
you did not think possible  
and see what shimmers within the storm.*



Sharing of a word or phrase

**Prayer:** Together, Risen Christ, we turn to you with full reliance on your resurrected presence with us here and now. We renew our trust in your grace to restore our joy when it lies hidden in our entombed self. Turn us again and again toward hope. Open our hearts to recognize you in the garden of our everyday lives. AMEN.