

Reflection Tuesday Easter Week 2023

Despite the suffering and grief Mary of Magdala felt, she stayed at the tomb mourning the loss of someone she deeply loved. It would seem that Jesus responded to her patience and grief. When she had first met Jesus, he would have called her by her name. Maybe it was the memory of that first call that helped her recognise Jesus when he spoke her name. At birth we are given a name by our parents but we are called by God in a very special way when we are baptised. In every Easter season Jesus call us by name many times to renew his life within us. Like Mary, we have to be patient and spend time in quiet reflection to hear Jesus call us. Then we too will experience the joy, love and exultation Mary felt when Jesus spoke her name.

HE KNOWS MY NAME

He is not bound by time or place,
the Holy Ghost reveals His grace,
uniting all the blood washed saints,
the great / Am has no restraints.

He has no favourites, loves the same,
all who call upon Jesus' Name,
in a great throng or all alone,
Jesus never will neglect His own.

God's loving kindness never ends,
he is a faithful loving friend,
in deepest valley, darkest night,
his glorious light shines oh so bright.

Faith that's tested by the fire,
keep on trusting do not tire,
he walks with us among the flames,

I am assured He knows my name. by Cathy White 2012 ©

*"To believe in the risen Jesus
is to trust that the transformational power of God
is active in the human world,
available and relevant to every situation."* Rowan Williams

*Risen Jesus
you call us each by name and we are yours:
though we cannot touch you,
hold on to us
leading us through loss and lament
to the Easter we long for.*