

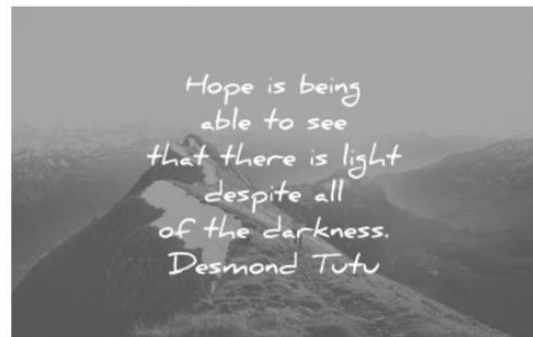


Collective Worship - Term 5

Worship Wherever You Are

Live the Rainbow

w/b: 13th April 2020



Give Thanks – Celebrate Easter

Look at this painting, which is called The Empty Tomb by Nebiyu Assefa.

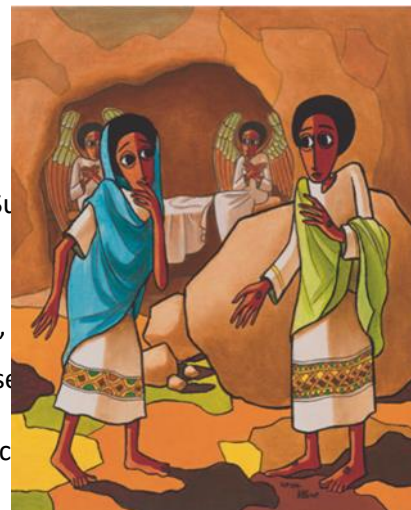
What can you see, what do you notice?

Read the story below together. This is the story that Christians remember on Easter Sunday.

At first, Mary didn't recognise Jesus. Why do you think this could have been?

Hands always play an important part in Nebiyu's art. What do you notice about Jesus' hands and feet in this picture? Why do you think it might have been important for Mary to see?

I wonder what you did to celebrate Easter? Did you get an Easter egg? An Easter egg can remind us of the empty tomb, Jesus didn't stay dead, he came back to life. Christians celebrate this joy at Easter time.



I wonder what Easter means to you?

I wonder how you could continue celebrate the joy of Easter Sunday?

The Story: On the third day after Jesus had been crucified and whilst it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the garden tomb where Jesus had been laid. As she drew nearer, she noticed, with alarm, that the huge stone that had been in front of the entrance had been rolled away! Bewildered, Mary raced back to the disciples who immediately returned with her to see for themselves. It was true, the tomb was empty and Jesus' body was no longer there!

Shocked and confused but realising there was nothing to be done, the men went home again but Mary stayed. She had never felt more alone and she wept bitterly. Bending over once more, Mary looked into the cave. To her amazement, she saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been. "Why are you crying?" they asked.

"They have taken my Lord away" she said "and I don't know where they have put him."

At this moment, Mary turned and saw Jesus standing there. At first, she did not recognise him but then he spoke her name, "Mary". Her face lit up, her tears turned to joy and her heart was ready to burst. She had seen him with her own eyes, Jesus was alive!

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Give Thanks – Celebrate Spring

I wonder what you can see out of your windows.

Can you see signs of spring? Can you hear the birds, see the sun shining?

I wonder what you want to give thanks for today.

For spring, for sunshine or for your family and friends? Maybe you'd like to use the prayer below to give thanks to God for these things or perhaps you would like to make up a prayer of your own.



Dear God we give thanks for this earth, your garden. Help us take good care of all the plants and animals that live here with us. Thank you for the warm sunshine that encourages all things to grow. Amen.