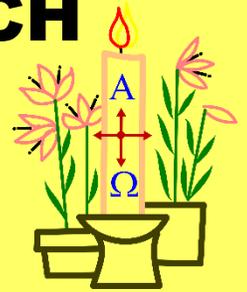




# An EASTER MORNING WATCH

April 4, 2021

AND SO TODAY IS EASTER,



What does that mean to you?

For me, it usually meant a trip to Craig's Department store for a combined birthday/Easter outfit. As I got a bit older and my big sister, Marti, married the leading florist in the area, it also meant a pretty corsage or and orchid for my Easter outfit to wear to church, after which we had a huge extended family Easter Dinner, followed by a fabulous Easter egg hunt, conducted by my big brother, Bob, who made this activity last all afternoon as new (the same) eggs were again hidden and re-found over and over.(Great fun for my cousins and me!)

Mother loved being creative with her culinary skills, and Easter provided lots of opportunities for her creativity. (I still have the lamb cake pan that usually was put to use at Easter time--along with lots of fluffy coconut.) Mother created some really delightful Easter dishes.

But that's not really what Easter is supposed to be about, is it?

(Some thoughts about Easter.)

God loves all of His children, and some 2000 plus years ago, He realized that we needed some "big time help", so He sent the person we all call "Jesus" to try to save us from all of our "screw-ups." God knew that for Jesus to realize all of the Earthly challenges that we encounter that He would have to become one of us--to be born and grow up just like us in order to "show us the way." And He did- for more than 30 years, culminating with his last week with us. Wow, HE CRAMMED A LOT INTO THAT WEEK!) LOOK IT UP, the acts of this last week were incredible! Perhaps because He knew what was coming so fast! However, after a lifetime of "way-showing" to us, He was still misunderstood and feared by some. Have you ever had something like that happen to you? Someone telling lies about you--and hurting you on purpose? How did you react to that?

After a lifetime of showing us the way, He was betrayed. How must He have felt? (He was human, too.) But even in these most horrible of times, He continued to show us the way--At the Last Supper (as he washed the grimy feet of his disciples, )-- In the Garden, (as He prayed fervently to His Father, but accepted His Will.--Yes, even from the cross, as He taught us to forgive. And it was in these last days with us that He gave us His only commandment, "Love one another as I have loved you." Yes, He taught us to the very end, and then after this final big attempt to show us the way, He returned to help His Father in Heaven and indeed to continue to show us the way--IF WE WILL PAY ATTENTION!!!

**HALLELUJAH!**

