

Daily Prayers 44

A Prayer for the Season of Easter

Risen One, we praise you.
We thank and bless you for your overflowing love for us
and all humanity, and indeed all Creation:
a love out of which you came to us, healed us, and lifted us;
a love out of which you gave yourself up for us unto death;
a love which could not be stilled by the power of death;
a love which blossomed into a living presence
which we cannot understand, but only name as resurrection;
a love which comes seeking us as we travel our road home.

We would welcome that love and accept it into our homes,
as Cleopas and his partner welcome you into their home.
We would invite that love to dwell among us
as they invited you to sit at table with them.

Now Lord Christ, Risen Saviour,
make that love break forth in our midst.
Let it be known to us in the breaking of bread,
in your Spirit's breaking open of the gifts that lie within us,
in the passing of those gifts to the hungry all around us.

Let your love suddenly appear in the form of
a kind word to a worried person,
a hand that brings a gift,
a respectful silence that listens to the pain
of another's story,
a cheque written that will forestall someone's suffering,
a card sent to keep in touch with someone struggling
with clinical depression,
the enduring of an insult for the sake
of the larger relationship,
the challenging of the corrupt
in the name of honesty and justice.

Let your love suddenly appear in the breaking of bread,
quite literally as food is given to those who starve.
Let it appear in the silencing of guns and bombs.

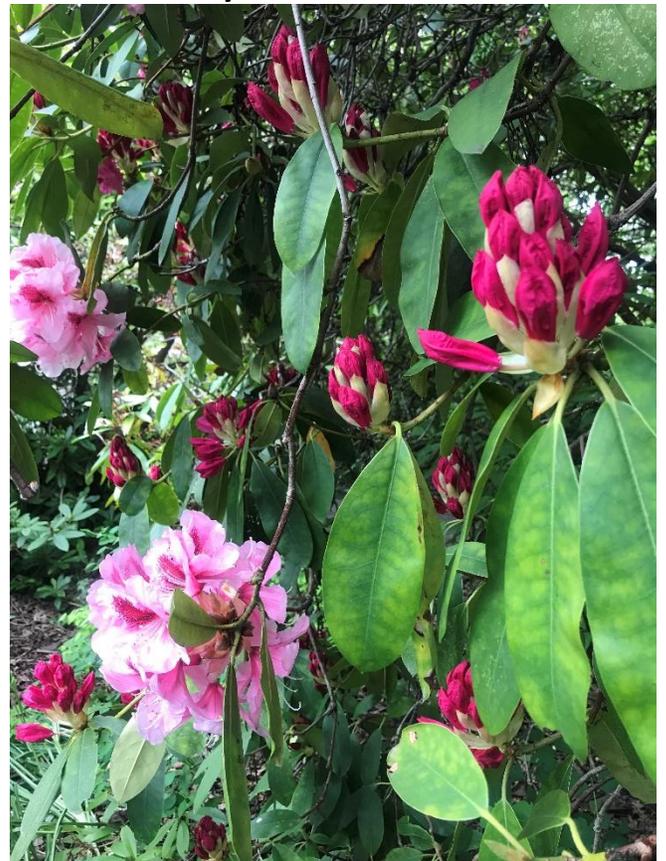
Lord Christ, we therefore name before you
the places and the people who need your love ...

Lord Jesus, Resurrected One, be known to us and bless us.

Rod Sykes



Rhodos at Playfair Park *M Matsuo Saunders*



A Psalm for this time

The grace of God guides us,
We don't lack and never will lack anything.
He leads us to places of rest and care
and to drink waters of trust.
He renews our strength
so we do not abandon the path of solidarity,
because it is there, in our empathy with others,
where we honour his name.

Even though we pass through polluted streets
and places of possible contagions,
we will not fear any danger,
because You, divine presence,
maintain the prudent distance between tenderness and respect,
and that inspires us with serenity and confidence.

We will share the table again, and the banquet and the party,
before the astonished gaze of the empire of the viruses
and of any empire that proposes death and exclusion.
We will fill our cups again until they overflow
to toast for the new worlds,
already stripped of their greed and their thirst for power,
more aware of being family, people, humanity.

Surely your goodness and love
will follow us every hour of each journey
until we know how to make this earth of yours
a house in which we can all live,
in our full and rich diversity,
with health, fullness, dignity,
bread, shelter, work and justice,
forever.

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