

An imaginative reflection for April

Picture yourself in a room. Any room. Maybe the one you're in just now. Maybe a room that is important to you for any reason.

Are you alone in that room, or with others? Are they people who are special to you?

How are you feeling? Are you content, or worried, or excited, or fearful? How are you feeling about life just now?

Here you are. However you are.

Now into that room comes Jesus. And Jesus says, "Peace be with you."

Maybe you noticed Jesus coming in, or maybe he's just there. Where are you in relation to Jesus? Are you close, or behind others? Are you wanting to get close, or stay at a distance?

Jesus is here – with you – in the room with you.

This is the risen Jesus. He has wounds and scars, from his beating and death. He has been through a lot – he has been through everything. And he has come through it, and come to you.

He speaks again. This time, he looks right at you. Jesus looks at you, with love in his eyes, with arms open wide, with a smile. And Jesus says "Peace be with you."

Hear those words. See his love. Let yourself respond.

Jesus says, "Peace be with you." And he means it.

May we know the peace, love and hope of the risen Jesus.