

# Holy Saturday 2017

***"In El Salvador I learned the gift of patience and ...observed that the Salvadoran people live most of their lives in Kairos time. For them this means how they are present in a situation becomes at least as important as what they are doing and more easily becomes sacramental, a presence to the holy in life and in the other."***

Annette Suebert, SP

Have you ever experienced being deep in a cave with all lighting removed? I can picture Jesus being placed in a cave that was his tomb. A great stone is rolled across the opening. Standing in this space, near Jesus on the cold stone, my senses strain for any splinter of light, for a noise, for a smell.

Jesus and I are present together in this cave. Our hearts ache for the pain and humiliation that we suffered. Our friends have betrayed us. We have been unjustly accused. We have been crucified. And now, now we are in this tomb. Waiting.

Jesus and I are waiting and experiencing this time to recover, to gather our strength for what is to come. Without the distractions of light, noise, and odors, I can focus only on Jesus. I can feel the deep commitment that was required to suffer and die for me. I can feel His unconditional love encircle me.

That love fills the entire cave. As my eyes adjust to the brightness and the warmth, I can sense Jesus' forgiveness washing over me. Both Jesus and I are preparing for the stone to be rolled away. But, in this moment, we are experiencing the presence of each other. Come. Be with us in the cave.

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