



April 8th, 2023 Second Saturday Chat Transcript

- 09:29:58 From [ATTENDEE] : hello from sunny Ottawa Canada
- 09:30:12 From [ATTENDEE] : Hello from Denver
- 09:30:24 From [ATTENDEE] : Happy Easter from West Linn, Oregon~
- 09:30:36 From [ATTENDEE] : Grace and Peace from WV!
- 09:30:39 From [ATTENDEE] : [ATTENDEE], waltzing in Tucson, Arizona
- 09:30:54 From [ATTENDEE] : Hello from Springfield, Missouri
- 09:30:57 From [ATTENDEE] : Hello from Hamilton Ontario. Love the intro music.
- 09:31:08 From [ATTENDEE] : Greetings from Laurens, South Carolina.
- 09:31:09 From [ATTENDEE] : Hello from sunny Tampa, FL
- 09:31:10 From [ATTENDEE] : Sacramento California
- 09:31:12 From [ATTENDEE] : Hello from Seattle.
- 09:31:12 From [ATTENDEE] : Hi from Chelsea Michigan. Home of Jiffy Mix and Jeff Daniels the actor.
- 09:31:21 From [ATTENDEE] : Portland, Oregon
- 09:31:22 From [ATTENDEE] : Hello from Saint Joseph, Missouri
- 09:31:23 From [ATTENDEE] : readying for Easter Sunday at Juliet Fowler Communities in Dallas, TX
- 09:31:27 From [ATTENDEE] : Greetings from St. Peter, MN
- 09:31:30 From [ATTENDEE] : Peace from Torontio

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- 09:31:37 From [ATTENDEE] : greetings from Davidson NC
- 09:31:40 From [ATTENDEE] : Good morning from Payson, Arizona ❤️
- 09:31:41 From [ATTENDEE] : Greetings from Maine
- 09:31:43 From [ATTENDEE] : Hello from Montreal, Canada. 🇨🇦
- 09:31:50 From [ATTENDEE] : Good morning from Vancouver Island in cloud and birdsong this Holy Saturday morning.
- 09:32:00 From [ATTENDEE] : Hello from Fort Collins, Colorado
- 09:32:00 From [ATTENDEE] : Hi! All the way from South Africa but staying for past 3 years in Fort Frances. ON. Canada
- 09:32:03 From [ATTENDEE] : Greetings! I am in, but not of, Oklahoma.
- 09:32:05 From [ATTENDEE] : Greetings from TX
- 09:32:07 From [ATTENDEE] : Hello from Birmingham, AL
- 09:32:11 From [ATTENDEE] : Hello from Thunder Bay, Ontario, Canada
- 09:32:19 From [ATTENDEE] : Good morning from Whitefish Bay, Wisconsin
- 09:32:22 From [ATTENDEE] : Hello from Ashland, Oregon
- 09:32:23 From [ATTENDEE] : Hello from Greensburg, PA
- 09:32:25 From [ATTENDEE] : Hello from Heppner, Oregon
- 09:32:29 From [ATTENDEE] : Claudia from Salem, Oregon
- 09:32:31 From [ATTENDEE] : Greetings from Pismo Beach, Ca!
- 09:32:35 From [ATTENDEE] : Greetings from Exeter, Ontario

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- 09:32:51 From [ATTENDEE] : Good morning from Seattle.
- 09:32:59 From [ATTENDEE] : Easter blessings from Portland OR
- 09:33:05 From [ATTENDEE] : Greetings from Peterborough, Ontario Canada
- 09:33:05 From [ATTENDEE] : Greeting for Tucson
- 09:33:09 From [ATTENDEE] : Greetings from Auburn, WA
- 09:33:09 From [ATTENDEE] : Greetings from Albuquerque, nm
- 09:33:18 From [ATTENDEE] : Good morning everyone, Roy and Eric in Ft. Morgan, Colorado.
- 09:33:39 From [ATTENDEE] : Blessings from Australia.
- 09:34:00 From [ATTENDEE] : Hi from St Paul, Mn! 😊
- 09:34:17 From [ATTENDEE] : From Sonoma County, CA, greetings to all!
- 09:34:29 From [ATTENDEE] : Hi from Windsor, NY
- 09:35:05 From [ATTENDEE] : Hello from Beacon, NY
- 09:35:16 From [ATTENDEE] : Blessings from Atlanta, GA. Peace and every good...
- 09:35:23 From [ATTENDEE] : Hello from The Lakes District of NH, where the snow is almost gone!
- 09:35:30 From [ATTENDEE] : Hello from Lyn in Franklin, Massachusetts
- 09:35:51 From [ATTENDEE] : Greetings. Mansfield MA
- 09:36:25 From [ATTENDEE] : Blessings to all from Ojai CA
- 09:37:06 From [ATTENDEE] : Greetings from Utah!

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- 09:39:16 From [ATTENDEE] : Hello from Fort Morgan1
- 09:39:39 From [ATTENDEE] : Very happy to be here. From Maumee, OH!
- 09:40:29 From [ATTENDEE] : Marianne mentioning 'the Word' reminds me I really I really appreciated Matt Syrdal's article "Conversation Therapy" in which he points out the origin of the word "Word" means more "conversation".
- 09:40:40 From [ATTENDEE] : Hi from San Dlego
- 09:44:24 From [ATTENDEE] : Just watched a program on Julius Caesar and times have not changed.
- 09:45:03 From [ATTENDEE] : I believe people do not kill animals in the Kingdom of God.
- 09:45:39 From [ATTENDEE] : The Lion will lie down with the Lamb.
- 09:48:02 From [ATTENDEE] : The Book of Common Prayer does have a short service for Holy Saturday but no Eucharist
- 09:48:09 From [ATTENDEE] : Hello from Rose and Hank Kliewer in Rochester, Minnesota.. We participated in the "Solar Eclipse" pilgrimage in Turkey.
- 09:48:54 From [ATTENDEE] : The Eternal Return by Nietzsche. The idea that if we lived our lives with all the same experiences over and over again, same pain, same choices....and that this was preferable...then that is happiness.
- 09:49:14 From [ATTENDEE] : The Kingdom of God is that which Jesus brought to the world through his life, death and resurrection. Our challenge is to live into the Kingdom.
- 09:50:15 From [ATTENDEE] : The BCP Holy Saturday service is a kind of brief afterthought. I used to read it with the altar guild on Saturday morning until I realized they were just being polite and really just wanted to get on with their polishing.

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- 09:50:39 From [ATTENDEE] : Boy were the Romans wrong!
- 09:52:51 From [ATTENDEE] : greetings from Hattiesburg, MS
- 09:52:57 From [ATTENDEE] : Today we execute people whose opinions are “dangerous” powers think—we execute them by casting them out of Tenn legislature, by words that destroy character
- 09:53:10 From [ATTENDEE] : Reminds me of Putin's 'empire' and his strategy of violence. How are we to handle that?
- 09:54:57 From [ATTENDEE] : Maybe we need to look at our own violence - our drones were killing in Somalia and Yemen the day Putin invaded - and we destroyed Afghanistan and Iraq and VN for nmant mant years
- 09:56:45 From [ATTENDEE] : The Spirit of Empire has possessed the U.S. when we went to Vietnam, Afghanistan and Iraq. President Johnson said he would not be the first president who lost a war. His ego, the ego of George Bush was enmeshed in those despicable actions. Empire all over the map!
- 09:57:02 From [ATTENDEE] : Perhaps they empowered the vision through the execution of Christ?
- 09:57:54 From [ATTENDEE] : Good Friday and Easter each imply a story-teller's imagination of any conversation reported in the various gospels, whereas "Holy Saturday," by virtue of its silence, does not. Holy Week is, itself mythic in its nature.
- 09:59:07 From [ATTENDEE] : God’s weakness, God’s vulnerability, God’s mortality
- 10:00:13 From [ATTENDEE] : God is relational.
- 10:00:29 From [ATTENDEE] : God is a human projection
- 10:00:46 From [ATTENDEE] : Jesus paid the consequences of telling the Truth, as we each would if we spoke the truth to power...

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10:00:47 From [ATTENDEE] : IF God is mortal does that mean if we ignore God then he is dead?

10:00:55 From [ATTENDEE] : if god is vulnerable, that implies god is a being

10:00:55 From [ATTENDEE] : Did the execution of Christ transform his vision from something finite into something Infinite and Eternal?

10:01:14 From [ATTENDEE] : He became like us so that we could become like Him.

10:01:37 From [ATTENDEE] : killing Jesus symbolizes the killing of the essence of God in humans.

10:03:14 From [ATTENDEE] : God in us —we are mortal. Kingdom of Jesus enactment of our treatment of each other; includes actions toward justice and mercy/love.

10:03:31 From [ATTENDEE] : Is God a person?

10:03:42 From [ATTENDEE] : The onl

10:04:20 From [ATTENDEE] : The God that is dead is the theistic concept of G-D.

10:04:21 From [ATTENDEE] : Marianne asked "Do we dare go there" YES! I think we always have to Dare to have some deep complicated conversations. Someone is thinking it already ... let's talk it out - discuss the many sides of it even if there is no absolute answer to the question (I love these conversations)

10:04:40 From [ATTENDEE] : Are we not in danger of 'anthropomorphising' God with these stories? Is the concept of God not just a representation of all LOVE? When Marcus was asking us what procession we choose to walk in, it seems to me that this cannot be just for the time of Rome and Palestine of the day, but must also be the choice of which 'camp' we choose to associate with today... If we talk about the possibility of putting God to death, are we not saying that it is LOVE that is put to death.

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The world we choose to live today seems to be a demonstration of how to kill LOVE...

10:04:42 From [ATTENDEE] : God is not an individual but essence of life itself, that pervades everything that exists.

10:05:32 From [ATTENDEE] : Just starting 3 of Brandon Scott's books including resurrection

10:06:33 From [ATTENDEE] : Now we call it a revolution.

10:06:47 From [ATTENDEE] : From Gregory Maguire's "Wicked" series: "Elphaba lives!"

10:08:16 From [ATTENDEE] : God is Spirit, in all and through all - the kingdom of heaven is within you. ' My kingdom is NOT of this world

10:08:32 From [ATTENDEE] : I really like this interpretation of the resurrection.

10:09:43 From [ATTENDEE] : It's the deus ex machina, a theater term

10:10:06 From [ATTENDEE] : Resurrection is a commencement where we are called to keep the vision of the KoG going!

10:10:56 From [ATTENDEE] : "Whom and what will you serve?"

10:10:56 From [ATTENDEE] : Can we dispose of the "harrowing" of hell myth?

10:11:25 From [ATTENDEE] : I would like a discussion of Crossan's newest book on Resurrection (with outstanding images) that focuses on the ancient understanding of Jesus dwelling 'among the masses/faithful' on Holy Saturday, to be resurrected with them on Easter Sunday. In other words, not individual but group 'uprising'.

10:11:28 From [ATTENDEE] : Holy Saturday is sitting with the choice we all must make... the way of love, or the way of domination

10:11:38 From [ATTENDEE] : For me the resurrection is the rebirth of Christ in the

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human heart. A German mystic said that Jesus could be born 10,000 times in Bethlehem but if Christ were not born in your heart, you are lost.

10:12:46 From [ATTENDEE] : Yes

10:13:04 From [ATTENDEE] : This makes so much sense Sinai was communal it makes sense resurrection is communal

10:14:11 From [ATTENDEE] : Meister Eckhardt is that mystic, I believe.

10:14:34 From [ATTENDEE] : God is not weak. God does not interfere with humanity - God created us with free will. If God would manipulate us, there would be no point in creating us.

10:17:00 From [ATTENDEE] : I always feel a sense of sadness and mourning on Good Friday. Jesus has been killed and Easter is not here yet. I am sitting with the humanity of the people close to him, the grief and fear that they must have felt. I wonder at how they moved through that grief to doing the work of proclaiming the Good News and seeking to make the Vision of the Kingdom of God a reality.

10:17:18 From [ATTENDEE] : We have a choice to live, or not, within the kingdom of empire in a Way that the Kingdom of God is who we are in spite of the noise, messiness and violence around us. How then do we embody the character and nature of God in our world today?

10:17:20 From [ATTENDEE] : Alan Watts "The Wisdom of Uncertainty"

10:17:23 From [ATTENDEE] : Thank you for that beautiful gift.

10:18:08 From [ATTENDEE] : the work for god on earth could fail. humanity's future is in question. those that respect all of life, its limits, , the possibilities and have a clear view of Reality represent the living Jesus way on earth. I don't find resurrection to be a political experience, but rather describes the transformation that occurs in lost and despairing humans when they wake up, embrace and face the way life is and loose their anxiety, clinging and fears so they can act for earth.

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10:21:04 From [ATTENDEE] : The day after someone dies is both a relief and a sadness, mixed emotions. We need a break between Good Friday and Easter message of rising to new life. The Spirit will survive no matter what looks like death.

10:22:02 From [ATTENDEE] : Always appreciated Marcus' arresting phrase: "Jesus shows us what a life full of God looks like." I invite students to consider this from the KOG perspective. Simply that Jesus embodied the values of God. Their enactment is the KOG. We can access those values by reflecting on Jesus ministry and teachings. Also, the social ethic of the OT prophets are earlier echoes of these divine values.

10:23:38 From [ATTENDEE] : Excellent [ATTENDEE]. So well articulated. My same question.

10:25:10 From [ATTENDEE] : I think Christianity may have a chance in the 21st C. I did not read or hear one sermon about Substitutionary Atonement. I did hear one in which Good Friday was called a "royal screw up" and we were asked how we will interfere on behalf of those who are being figuratively crucified today.

10:29:39 From [ATTENDEE] : Amen to that

10:30:12 From [ATTENDEE] : Yes. Constantine made Christianity politically useful.

10:30:49 From [ATTENDEE] : Dominion theology has caused much of our justice system problems, arms race, and environmental destruction.

10:30:54 From [ATTENDEE] : Just an FYI - the theologian Shelly Rambo has done very interesting work on Holy Saturday -
<https://faithandleadership.com/shelly-rambo-the-space-between-death-and-resurrection>
and this video series from Boston College -
https://www.bc.edu/bc-web/schools/stm/sites/encore/main/2014/normal-resurrection-trauma/_jcr_content.html

10:31:59 From [ATTENDEE] : We are not broken...rather, we are a young, immature species. But we are growing, evolving, and, hopefully, learning from our

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mistakes.

10:32:10 From [ATTENDEE] : The Romans used gladiators and exotic beasts as entertainment. Resurrectionists would have been seen as playthings and been killed for sport.

10:33:08 From [ATTENDEE] : what is the last name of the theologian Brandon, that Marianne spoke of? thank you in advance

10:33:20 From [ATTENDEE] : Brandon Scott

10:33:31 From [ATTENDEE] : thank you!

10:33:31 From [ATTENDEE] : Resurrection and apocalypse seem the same idea to me

10:34:37 From [ATTENDEE] : an apocalypse is a revelation - i.e. Apocalypse of John

10:34:42 From [ATTENDEE] : Do politicians and the media use us for sport?

10:34:49 From [ATTENDEE] : wELL AID. tHANKS

10:35:14 From [ATTENDEE] : Martin Luther King. He will always be remembered and most importantly this memory continues to challenge us all. and always will.

10:35:35 From [ATTENDEE] : The best Easter Saturday sermon I've ever seen was by Rep. Justin Pearson in Louisiana yesterday.

10:35:43 From [ATTENDEE] : Resurrection was not unknown in ancient times. Roman emperors were believed to come back from death.

10:35:57 From [ATTENDEE] : Christ has died; Christ is Risen; Christ HAS come again.

10:36:11 From [ATTENDEE] : Great question, [ATTENDEE]. I'm going to think on

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that for awhile

- 10:37:10 From [ATTENDEE] : The Christ has never left us.
- 10:39:21 From [ATTENDEE] : Thank you, [ATTENDEE]!
- 10:39:33 From [ATTENDEE] : I like Kierkegaard!
- 10:40:02 From [ATTENDEE] : You are absolutely welcome [ATTENDEE] !
- 10:40:51 From [ATTENDEE] : What if God Was One of Us? (A Song by Joan Osborne) from the 1990s
- 10:40:54 From [ATTENDEE] : God is not an entity! If you have seen me you have seen the one who sent me!
- 10:41:17 From [ATTENDEE] : The ancient Celtic Theologians would agree.
- 10:41:49 From [ATTENDEE] : I am that I am!
- 10:42:19 From [ATTENDEE] : Bravo!
- 10:42:34 From [ATTENDEE] : God "is" (Watchman Nee)
- 10:42:56 From [ATTENDEE] : that sounds like a star trek episode where they meet n themapollo. sll the other gods died because no one believed
- 10:43:32 From [ATTENDEE] : God exists whether or not we agree to that. We do not understand and cannot, because we are not God, not even the most sensitive intelligent of God's creation.
- 10:43:58 From [ATTENDEE] : Marcus Borg's concept of "isles" appeals to me.
- 10:44:18 From [ATTENDEE] : Smell Roses and tend garden and live in the present. Christian and Buddhist for me.
- 10:45:35 From [ATTENDEE] : I have a hard time figuring out the Trinity, but I love

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the picture behind Carolyn Bluemle, who is speaking now

10:46:02 From [ATTENDEE] : Per Marcus Borg, in his Book “The GOD WE NEVER KNEW”, “The Bible also speaks of God as the encompassing Spirit, as a reality all around us.

10:47:24 From [ATTENDEE] : I believe it’s immortal.

10:47:42 From [ATTENDEE] : So the martyrs were/are in “hell” because????

10:48:02 From [ATTENDEE] : I have a hard time figuring out the Trinity, but I love the picture behind Carolyn Bluemle, who is speaking now Rublev’s icon of the Trinity, I think.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Trinity_\(Andrei_Rublev\)#:~:text=The%20Trinity%20\(Russian%20n%3A%20%D0%A2%D1%80%D0%BE%D0%B8%D1%86%D0%B0%2C,highest%20achievements%20of%20Russian%20art.](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Trinity_(Andrei_Rublev)#:~:text=The%20Trinity%20(Russian%20n%3A%20%D0%A2%D1%80%D0%BE%D0%B8%D1%86%D0%B0%2C,highest%20achievements%20of%20Russian%20art.)

10:48:10 From [ATTENDEE] : Thank you Carolyn

10:50:19 From [ATTENDEE] : I am called wife, mother, daughter, friend, housemother, and other names, but there is only one of me here. I have different functions in those other names, but still just me here. So it is with the Trinity, and all the other names of God of other faith orientations.

10:50:29 From [ATTENDEE] : What is the theologian’s last name Maryann mentioned: Jack?

10:50:38 From [ATTENDEE] : Caputo.

10:50:46 From [ATTENDEE] : Yes re the Tennessee representatives. They were newsworthy in Western Australia - where it’s 1:50am now.

10:50:49 From [ATTENDEE] : Jack Caputo

10:51:06 From [ATTENDEE] : Thank you.

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10:52:45 From [ATTENDEE] - MA, USA : FYI - the theologian Tripp Fuller, is currently doing a "study" with John Domenic Crossan, right now, on the "Easter Stories". <https://theonlygodordainedsurvey.com/easterwithcrossan/> if you just want to browse around and dip in a bit, the videos show up on Youtube. -- just do a search on "Tripp Fuller and Crossan" on YouTube, and you'll get pertinent links.

10:53:06 From [ATTENDEE] : Thank you for this wonderful gathering

10:53:33 From [ATTENDEE] : Thank you all!

10:54:24 From [ATTENDEE] : You mean Jesus was not led to salvation by accepting Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior?

10:56:32 From [ATTENDEE] : How do you "stay for coffee time/"

10:57:09 From [ATTENDEE] : Jeff, I really appreciate being able to respond in the chat, before my thoughts escape!

10:57:20 From [ATTENDEE] : just stay on

10:57:25 From [ATTENDEE] : Forever grateful for these Saturday gatherings and for the continuation of Marcus' teachings.

10:57:32 From [ATTENDEE] : Thanks.

10:59:05 From [ATTENDEE] : Rumi Poem

10:59:52 From [ATTENDEE] : Caputo

10:59:58 From [ATTENDEE] : I call through your door. "The mystics are gathering in the street. Come out!"

11:00:05 From [ATTENDEE] : First time I have attended this discussion, I am very appreciative of Marianne and this group, I will be back!

11:00:16 From [ATTENDEE] : I called through your door, "The mystics are

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gathering in the street. Come out!" "Leave me alone. I'm sick." "I don't care if you're dead! Jesus is here, and he wants to resurrect somebody!" -- Rumi

11:02:33 From [ATTENDEE] : Poem -
<https://thepoetryplace.wordpress.com/2022/01/19/a-poem-by-rumi/>

11:03:17 From [ATTENDEE] : Love this Mahler piece, too! Thank you, Marianne for these sessions and am grateful for your beingness.

11:04:33 From [ATTENDEE] : can you turn the volume up?

11:05:37 From [ATTENDEE] : Marianne I have to go to church and decorate for tomorrow! I can't stay for th coffee time! The Mahler piece is wrenching and filled with longing!

11:05:51 From [ATTENDEE] : Volume is so low it can barely be heard.

11:06:08 From [ATTENDEE] : Thank you for these gatherings!

11:06:33 From [ATTENDEE] : Thank you for a great discussion!

11:06:47 From [ATTENDEE] : Thank you! First time joining. It was so rich!

11:07:03 From [ATTENDEE] : Was this recorded? Will we get a copy?

11:07:38 From [ATTENDEE] : This was recorded and will be available on the website.

11:07:40 From [ATTENDEE] : This was my first time but it won't be the last . I so glad you're all here. Thank you for having this.

11:07:52 From [ATTENDEE] : Thanks!

11:08:01 From [ATTENDEE] : Is a podcast available for these discussions?

11:08:02 From [ATTENDEE] : Was this not part of the music used for the film Death in Venice directed by Visconti?

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11:09:22 From [ATTENDEE] : Thank you so very much. I have been deeply touched. This conversation will help me talk with my three little children who ask me so many questions, I have not had words for till now.

11:12:10 From [ATTENDEE] : I am certain that uncertainty is a very good thing.

11:13:11 From [ATTENDEE] : isn't uncertainty part of weak theology?

11:14:05 From [ATTENDEE] : Isn't certainty part of fundamentalism?

11:14:28 From [ATTENDEE] : AMEN

11:15:43 From [ATTENDEE] : I'd like to ask a question but don't know how to do so,

11:16:43 From [ATTENDEE] : Somehow the raising of hand does not work for me - I set it & then it goes away

11:17:55 From [ATTENDEE] : KJV "Stinketh"

11:19:09 From [ATTENDEE] : I love zoom meetings! How else could I participate with so many good people, on good topics?

11:20:01 From [ATTENDEE] : Jonah was discussed lot this past week by Richard Rohr

11:20:57 From [ATTENDEE] : The discussion reminds me of what some one said about planting a tree. The tree will sleep for a year, extended its roots for a year, and then during the 3rd year it leaps. Sleeps, feds and then leaps.

11:24:52 From [ATTENDEE] : This makes sense that Resurrection was the uprising - of the community but this community was grounded in awakening to the oneness as opposed to individual resurrection

11:25:26 From [ATTENDEE] : And a group of ethics of what an awakened community look like