

## Weekly Meditation, March 31, 2010

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### Death...And Life

***“So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, “I am innocent of this man’s blood; see to it yourselves.”...and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.” Matthew 27:24, 26b***

This is an odd space to hold as a pastor...this sitting on the Wednesday before Good Friday, before the kids Easter Egg Hunt and lunch, before Easter Sunday. Tragedy, sadness, crucifixion, and triumph, joy, and resurrection are in such close proximity to each other and the temptation is always to say “well we know how it turns out” and forego the dying parts for the living parts.

We truly do want to wash our hands and leave the death to someone else. But the truth is that dying and living go hand in hand and we cannot embrace one without experiencing the other so...I know, I know... this is so macabre for a devotion.

So...if we are very, very brave we will get really still this coming Good Friday and pray to Spirit...simply, openly...show me what needs to die in my life so that something new can be born. The good news is that we DO know how the story turns out...life DOES come from places we thought long dead and the places we have sealed off DO break open and we DO get to play in “God’s recreation of the new day.”

See...even in darker devotions...the light prevails...yes?