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A Blindfold Belief

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*“Jesus said, ‘So, you believe because you’ve seen with your own eyes. Even better blessings are in store for those who believe without seeing.’”
(John 20:29)*

A Blindfold Belief

Have you ever taken a blindfold walk?
Someone takes your hand and leads you.
You put your life in their hands and believe the person will lead you safely.
You have a blindfold belief.

Are you like Thomas who said, “Unless I see the nail holes in his hands, and stick my fingers in the nail holes, and stick my hand in his side, I won’t believe it.”
For Thomas, seeing is believing. He did not have a blindfold belief.

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During the Lenten season, we have been in a way been blindfolded. We knew our goals, but we also knew the hand that guided us, was the hand of Jesus. Though we were challenged and perhaps a bit fearful, we trusted. We believed the good and provident God would keep us from stumbling or falling.

Alleluia! We have traveled a bit closer to those heavenly gates.

As Jesus removes your blindfold, you see his smiling face and hear him say to you,

“Even better blessings are in store for those who believe without seeing”

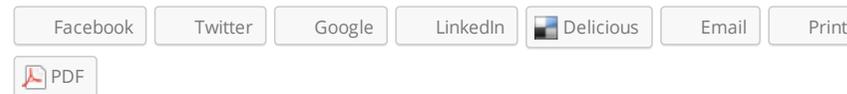
Alleluia! Alleluia! Easter blessing to all those who are blindfolded, yet trust and believe.

Alleluia! Amen.

For Reflection and Sharing:

1. Why do you think the disciples had such a difficult time believing in the resurrection?
2. When did you experience a time when your own belief wavered?
3. What are some the reasons we waver in faith?
4. Are we “rolling stones?”
5. What are some of the social injustices we could roll away?
6. What one thing were you able to sacrifice to Jesus that makes you shout out, “Alleluia?”

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