

## **STAYING HOME FOR EASTER**



**EASTER COLLEAGUES SINCE 1971**

We're going to spend Easter at home this year...  
still remembering 8 years celebrating my last church...  
then 40 years on Vineyard Mountain and Inavale Farm...  
the only Easter our grandchildren ever knew.  
Songs and food and a word from me  
after Paul sang "Holy City" and Jean read the Easter story  
from The Beginner's Bible.  
It's an entry level version of a story that's been told in many ways  
with mind-changing new scholarship appearing every few years...  
the only agreement is Jesus was crucified by the Romans and died.

The rising-up part of Easter is more appealing  
unless you like all the conspiracy theories  
about the empty tomb and whether a dead body came back to life.  
I place the Christian celebration in the context  
world-wide view of life on earth  
renewing itself after falling dormant all winter.  
It's whenever and wherever the universal hope of springtime rises up...  
nature's darkness and human grieving  
turns into rolling stones away.

Paul and Mary came for our Friday lunch on... Good Friday...  
they bring pizza and we provide the wine...  
as it cooked Paul sang my revised version of the Holy City  
while Jean and Mary sang with me...  
**JERUSALEM, JERUSALEM, LIFT UP YOUR GATES AND SING.**

We're old guys now ... 40 years since leaving my last church...  
in our "Moment" ministries touching lives in different ways...  
his voice and my writings reached many more.  
We divided the pizza and lifted a glass in memory absent friends...  
after goodbyes I took a nap and went outside to see red tulips  
attracting bees spreading the pollen of new life  
*for the moment ... Art Morgan*

NOTE: A memorial service for Barbara Ross is scheduled for 2 p.m. Thursday, June 16, at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Salem, located at 5090 Northeast Center Street

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