

Our Lenten Devotionals feature reflections from *The Road Back to God* by Larry Neeb.

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Matthew 11:25-27 **25** *At that time Jesus said, "I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. 26 Yes, Father, for this is what you were pleased to do. 27 "All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.*

On this day, when the evening light falls softly on the page, listen and you will hear the words: "Come, for all things are now ready."

"In The Still of The Night"

There comes a time when quiet is a blessing. The tumult of the past days ... the tears and the despair and the darkness are almost overwhelming. It takes quiet to let it sink in.

Let the candle burn low tonight, a vigil of discovery of how all of history itself was rushed toward fulfillment ... prophets of old had their say and what they said was coming true.

In the quiet of that Saturday evening after Good Friday, the forces of all evil were poised for victory – but only poised! They didn't win. And tomorrow would come startling news and the beginning of a new era!

A longing for answers settles in with new intensity this Holy Saturday. What is the real meaning of all the things that have happened this past week? How can it be? ... God willing to suffer? For me?

In one sense, the story of Lent and Easter is not the story of the settling of accounts between good and evil. It is God settling of accounts with himself, making peace with himself, being willing to pay the price to buy back his own. Easter is God coming to grips with the largesse of his unconditional love, willing to spend it all for the creation he loves.

--Larry Neeb

Friends –

Waiting can be hard for us. But we have the privilege of knowing that real JOY will come in the morning. We can rest easy because we have the certainty that God's blessing is among us in the presence of Jesus, the Christ.

--Pastor bea