

## **HOLY IS THIS TIME**

*Every year it happens:  
earth shakes her sleepy head  
still a bit wintered and dull,  
and feels new life stirring.*



*Every year cocoons give up their treasures,  
fresh shoots push through brown leaves,  
seemingly dead branches shine with green,  
and singing birds find their way home.*

*Every year we hear the stories  
empty tomb, surprised griever,  
runners with news and revelation,  
unexpected encounters, conversations on the road,  
tales of nets filling with fish,  
and breakfast on a seashore.*

*And every year  
the dull and dead in us  
meets our **EASTER CHALLENGE:***



***to be open to the unexpected,  
to believe beyond our security,  
to welcome God in every form,  
and trust in our own greening.***

Joyce Rupp

## **HOLY IS THIS TIME**

**REFLECTION:** *Which Easter Challenge reflects where I/we seem to be at this present moment?*

---

**At the close of the meeting:**

*How was our charism reflected in the discussion/sharing/decisions within our meeting?*

**LET US PRAY:** *Loving God, we are mindful of Your presence among us and are filled with gratitude for the numerous gifts and the countless blessings that come from You. We thank You for the grace of partnership that strengthens us to live and work so that all people may be united with You, with one another and with all creation. Amen*