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LOVE
Pride Four

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First Reading ~ *Mark 5:21-43*

When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him, and he stayed by the sea. Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came up, and seeing Jesus, fell down and pleaded earnestly, "My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her and make her better, so that she may be made well, and live." Jesus went with him, and a large crowd followed, pressing from all sides.

Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years. She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had and she was no better- in fact, she was getting worse. She had heard about Jesus, and she came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak. "If I can touch his clothes, even the hem," she told herself, "I will be well again." Immediately the flow of blood stopped, and she felt in her body she was healed of her affliction. Suddenly aware that power had gone out from him, Jesus turned to the crowd and said, "Who touched my clothes?" The disciples said, "You see how the crowd is pressing in on you. How can you say, 'Who touched me?'" Jesus looked all around to see who had done it. But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came forward in fear and trembling, and fell at the feet of Jesus and told him the whole truth. "My daughter," Jesus said, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace and be healed of your affliction."

While Jesus was still speaking some people arrived from the synagogue leader's house to say, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the Teacher any further?" But Jesus overheard the remark and said to the synagogue leader, "Don't be afraid, just believe." Jesus allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. They came to the official's house and Jesus noticed all the commotion, with

people weeping and wailing loudly. Jesus went in and said to them, "Why all this commotion and crying? The child is not dead, but asleep." And they laughed at him. Then Jesus put them all outside, and took the child's mother and father and his own companions, and entered the room where the child lay. He took her by the hand and said to her, "*Talitha kum!*", which means, "Little girl, get up!" Immediately the girl, who was about 12 years old, got up and began to walk around. At this they were overcome with amazement. Jesus gave the family strict orders not to let anyone know about this, and told them to give the little girl something to eat.

Second Reading ~ *adapted from Deepak Chopra*

We have stopped for a moment to encounter each other, to meet, to love, to share, to touch, to heal. This is a precious moment, but it is fleeting. It is a little parenthesis in eternity. If we share with caring, lightheartedness, and love, we will create abundance and joy for each other. And then... this moment will have been worthwhile.