

Easter Sunday

Alleluia! He is risen! He is risen INDEED! We have just finished a week of journeying with Jesus to the cross. We've sat in desperation and with our pain, but today we wake up with the glorious news that Christ is alive! All that once seemed hopeless, forever dead, no longer bears its sting. Today we remember that the worst things are NEVER the last things. Thanks be to God. He is risen!

READ: Matthew 28:1-10

REFLECT: He is risen! The story tells us that Mary Magdalene and Mary come to visit the tomb where Jesus was buried. An angel tells them that he is not there; he has risen, and they are to go and tell the others. It then says that they were afraid yet filled with joy. There are times in our lives when we feel this way – afraid, yet filled with joy. In these times we must remember not to let the fear control us, but rather to live into the joy of our lives. We are called, just like the women, to share the good news of this day. It can be scary, but to be a follower of Jesus means so much joy. How can you follow in these women's footsteps in your everyday life? To whom is God calling you to bring good news?

PRAY: God, we repeat our Easter shouts of surprise and joy again and again, for news of your victory over the powers of death and evil is news so startling, so amazing, so different from the news that bombards us day by day. Beyond our comprehension you startle us again and again with Resurrection Life, bringing grace and hope and joy. You, in your risen power, are shaping all our days, and so we praise you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.