

Mary and Jesus

A new day has dawned;

Fill us with faith and hope.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.'

When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.' Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned to him and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabboni!' (which means teacher). Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold onto me because I have not yet ascended to the Father.'

Risen Christ,
for whom no door is locked:
open our eyes to see more clearly,
open our hearts that we may know love,
and walk the joyful path of peace.
To the praise of God the Father.

Amen

Thinkabouts:

What did Mary think had happened to Jesus' body?

What word did Jesus say to help Mary see who he was?

What does Jesus mean by 'ascended' ?

Let's wonder:

Why do you think that Mary did not recognise that Jesus stood in front of her?

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