

The Angel and the women

A new day has dawned;
Fill us with faith and hope.

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it.

His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, "He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him." This is my message for you.' So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples.

Lord of Life,
As the angel brought good news,
Help us to see the good in each
other and in your world.
Enable us to hear your message
of love and the promise of life,
Through the resurrection of your Son.

Amen

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Thinkabouts:

Why were there guards at the tomb?

What is important about the phrase 'as he said'?

How can the women be afraid and happy at the same time?

Let's wonder:

Why do you think that the first to receive the news were women and mothers?