

30 Days of Prayer

Day 28

Matthew 28.1-8

28After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ²And 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. ³His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. ⁴For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. ⁵But the angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. ⁶He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷Then 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.' ⁸So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples.

God of death and resurrection,

Your son, Jesus Christ, came into the world a human being, of flesh and bone. He came to tell us with his entire body that you love us. Have we listened? Have we heard? Have we absorbed your truth into our bodies so that we live it in every breath?

Help me live your truth in my body. Use my feet to take me to those who desire to hear your Word. Use my hands to serve those who need your grace. Use my tongue to tell of your saving actions. Use my eyes to recognize the needs of others. Use my ears to hear of injustice and my mouth to proclaim your justice. Help me carry out the mission that "every person will know Jesus Christ." Help me know how to proclaim this truth, and give me courage to shout boldly, "Jesus Christ is Lord of all!" In the name of Christ,

Amen.

Today we remember the story of Jesus' resurrection. It is the crux of why we gather as a community of faith. It's the turning point upon which the entire church is build. It is why we exist.

We live because Jesus took on our sin in death and was raised on the third day. Jesus has asked us to tell the good news of his resurrection and the love of God to all who will listen.

It is our mission as a congregation that "Every person will know Jesus Christ." How will we carry out that mission? How will we share the good news? How will we live as people who have been transformed by the saving power of Jesus Christ? This is our prayer today.