

Connect Prayers for EASTER Day 2 **The Start: He's not here.**

Prayer: *Lord of resurrection power, revive us today.*

Mark 16: When the women were on the way to the tomb when Jesus had been laid they asked each other, "Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?" But when they looked up, they saw that the large stone had been rolled away. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe and they were alarmed. "Don't be alarmed," he said. "You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter, 'He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.'" Trembling and bewildered, the women went out and fled from the tomb. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid..

Meditate: Spend time reflecting one set of words that were said or not said and recognise what might be behind these reactions .

Invite the Lord to guide your words today..

The Middle: He is not here!

At the empty tomb, God is present even when his presence is not directly noticed. Close your eyes and imagine a place maybe in the news or closer to home where it is imagined that God is not present.

The End: Thine be the glory...

Lo, Jesus meets us,
Risen from the tomb;
Lovingly he greets us,
Scatters fear and gloom;
Let the Church with gladness
Hymns of triumph sing,
For her Lord now liveth,
Death hath lost its sting.

