



Read: Mark 16:1-8

Three women come to the tomb to grieve the death of Jesus and instead meet him as the risen Lord.

The women arrive at the tomb expecting to anoint a corpse. Instead they meet an angel with a countenance like lightning and encounter the resurrected Christ. From a place of numbness and defeat they are given a new word of life and sent to tell the disciples that the Jesus they saw executed 'has been raised from the dead.'

The place of celebration is a place of faith and doubt. We don't expect life out of death, we don't expect hope to spring from despair and we don't expect the risen Lord to meet us. When it happens we are filled with 'fear and great joy.' Where God acts in the world we are on holy ground and all we can do is celebrate and praise and be filled with humility.

Suggestions: Identify places, people and redemptive work that invoke in you a spirit of praise and thanksgiving. It could be a faith community, an inner city youth programme, a person who serves the poor or a place that holds a salvation memory for you. Go to that place and prayerfully celebrate the sign of the risen Lord in that place.

Pray: What is your prayer in this place of hope and celebration?

Reflect: What is there to amaze and frighten in this place?

Act: What can you say or do to share your experiences in this place of celebration and hope?