

# Easter Litany

- Leader: Trembling, the women approached the tomb. The tomb: that mysterious place of meeting. Death meeting life. Women meeting the risen Christ.
- People: **Trembling, we approach the edge of where death and life meet. Death, the unknown, meets new life, also unknown. New life faces us with its possibilities and uncertainties. We approach, trembling.**
- Leader: Easter morning: the women came face to face with Jesus, face to face with the risen Christ. They doubted, they feared, they were struck with awe as life was returned to them from death.
- People: **From a triumphant Palm Sunday to a dark, betrayed Friday, we have journeyed to Easter. Wiser now, we know that joy and sorrow, life and death are bound together. Passing through sorrow, through death, to life and joy, we arrive at Easter.**
- Leader: The risen Jesus still bore the marks of the nails. Life knows death, joy knows sorrow. Yet it is life which triumphs over all, and love which conquers all fear.
- People: **Death is shattered! The disciples stared death face to face, and saw that it had lost its power.**
- Leader: We have survived the deaths, the sorrows, the pains. We receive new life.
- All: *Rejoice! Life bursts through death. God is with us. Alleluia!*

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