



## Women of the Resurrection

“Filled with awe and great joy,  
the women raced  
to proclaim the good news...”

(Cf. Mt. 28:8)

Easter has arrived!  
Before dawn that day,  
Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to the tomb.  
Women who had loved Jesus deeply, they had been his followers (Mt. 27:56)  
and now they *lingered* near his burial site (Mt. 27:61).  
Women who had been wounded by life,  
they were now even more vulnerable in the wake of the Lord's death.  
Strong-willed women, they returned to his tomb  
before dawn, as soon as Saturday drew to a close.  
We too are invited  
to visit the garden in which the Lord was buried,  
to *hear* his voice,  
to *see*, to *touch*...and to *recognize* the Living One,  
to affectionately clasp his feet  
and exclaim with immense love: “Rabbuni...Master!”  
We too are called  
to boldly, ardently and prophetically  
*proclaim* the risen Lord.  
We are called to be, in the Church,  
“women of the resurrection,” urged on by a love  
that impels us to joyfully proclaim  
the “overflowing riches” poured out so liberally upon us.  
May our faces—which bear the marks of youthful vitality,  
maturity, illness or advanced age  
and may the messages we prepare and disseminate,  
be “signs of the resurrection”  
that warm hearts, reawaken hope  
and bring God's consolation to everyone.  
Happy Easter to all of you!  
We feel close to you and send you our affectionate best wishes.

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