

Easter

‘... very early on the first day of the week they came to the tomb bringing the spices they had prepared. They found that the stone had been rolled away from the tomb, but when they went inside they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. While they stood utterly at a loss, suddenly two men in dazzling garments were at their side. They were terrified and stood with eyes cast down, but the men said, ‘Why search among the dead for one who is alive?’

(Luke 24 v 1 - 5 REB)

Merciful God, so often we search for you in the wrong places,
our expectations are very limited.

Our minds are slow to comprehend what you are doing,
our understanding is dull and we are slow to believe.

Forgive our weaknesses, build our faith
and raise our expectations so that we may be filled with joy.

Merciful God, Open our eyes to the wonder of Easter.

Loving God, sometimes we feel that you are far away,

Quicken us with your life, fill us with your love.

Draw us near to you, quell our doubts and still our fears

and lead us into a knowledge of the reconciliation that comes through the cross.

In answer to our questions reveal your very self

and rekindle the fire of faith in our hearts.

Loving God, Open our hearts to the glory of Easter.

Living God, as you went before your disciples

please prepare the way forward for us and all your followers.

Inspire us with your presence and Spirit

so that your life may permeate our lives.

Give us the grace and courage to follow our risen saviour

wherever he may lead.

Living God, Open our lives to the fullness of Easter.

Amen