

Gospel for Sunday 4th April - Easter Sunday

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John

On Sunday morning while it was still dark,
Mary Magdalene went to the tomb
and saw that the stone had been rolled away from the entrance.
She ran to Simon Peter and to Jesus' favourite disciple and said,
"They have taken the Lord from the tomb!
We don't know where they have put him."
Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb.
They ran side by side,
until the other disciple ran faster than Peter and got there first.
He bent over and saw the strips of linen cloth lying inside the tomb,
but he did not go in. When Simon Peter got there,
he went into the tomb and saw the strips of cloth.
He also saw the piece of cloth that had been used to cover Jesus' face.
It was rolled up and in a place by itself.

The disciple who got there first
then went into the tomb,
and when he saw it, he believed.
At that time Peter and the other
disciple did not know that the
Scriptures said Jesus would rise to
life.

The Gospel of the Lord.



For you to think about: Jesus followers thought that Good Friday was the end of the story and on Easter Sunday at first only Mary Magdalene had the courage to go to the tomb to be close to Jesus. What she and the other disciples found was that something had happened which changes everything! Jesus had risen from the dead, he had received new life from God. Death had no hold over him and so it has no hold over us either. We know that Jesus lives and that we will have eternal life with him too. We are an Easter people, full of joy because our God loves us completely and will be with us forever. We were created for a life that doesn't end in death! Alleluia! HAPPY EASTER TO YOU.