

**“There you will see him”**

Journey

A woman goes for a walk...

It wasn't meant to end like this: They went to the tomb

*A path of sadness, pain, dashed hopes*

The woman sees an open door...

Feels like we are stuck: Who will roll the stone away for us?

*We can no longer do it in our own strength*

The woman finds a safe and welcoming place...

We can feel like we are held captive by fear, doubt, anxiety: Do not be alarmed.

*There is something else than this fear and anxiety.*

The woman discovers a new story...

Christ offers us a new story: But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you.

*There is a call to live in the knowledge of Jesus' resurrection.*

The woman's life is transformed by God's hope...

The love of God which had overcome even death is life transforming: So they went.

*They go in terror and amazement, but they go and they tell and we are here because of them going and telling.*

I will tell Patricia's story because it is part of the Easter story - each of us can be part of the Easter story.

The resurrection of Christ is mind-blowing; a most holy mystery.

Good - I don't want to give my life to something that I can understand in GCSE science.

I want to give it to the God who is beyond all things, whose peace is beyond understanding, whose love is wider than the universe, whose grace is more abundant than I can imagine.

Whose son, Jesus Christ, rose from the dead on the third day and turned despair to hope, fear to love, and shame to grace.

Mark ends his gospel with a simple unwritten invitation.

We know there is a next chapter.

An invitation to each one of us to become part of the Easter story. To allow the journey of our own lives to be lived in relationship with God.

To know the hope and the love of God, which even death cannot stop.

This Easter the invitation is there:

Will you be part of that story?

Will you go and tell, to be a witness to the resurrection of Christ?

“Alleluia Christ is risen, he is risen indeed, Alleluia!”