

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

LOOK

1. If a friend asked you what is more important to your faith, Easter or Christmas, how would you answer?

BOOK *Matthew 28:1-10*

“They left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy.”

1. What do you think causes the women and the guards to be afraid? And what gave the women joy?
2. The Marys get their first post resurrection missional directive from the angel. What is it and how is that significant?

TOOK

The tomb is empty and Jesus has risen. Our faith perspective is that of a post Easter people. Jesus' resurrection gives us victory over sin and death.

1. Where do you see evidence of this victory?
2. How is the church's mission the same or different now as compared to the first Easter? Name the fears and joys involved in our mission.