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ENTERING THE SCENE:

The huge stone, the danger, the unimaginable grief, nothing deterred the two Mary's from trying to respond in the most loving way they could think of that early pre-dawn morning. The Sabbath finally over, they took their first opportunity to rush to the tomb to provide what little they could do to make this terrible wrong –

right. Let us go with them now to lend them our support.

(Easter Vigil gospel)

Mark 16:1 When the **Sabbath** was over, **Mary Magdalene, Mary** the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go to anoint Jesus' body. 2 **Very early** on the first day of the week, **just after sunrise**, they were on their way to the **tomb** 3 and they asked each other, "**Who will roll the stone away** from the entrance of the **tomb**?" 4 But when they looked up, they saw that the **stone**, which was **very large**, had been **rolled away**. 5 As they entered the **tomb**, they saw a **young man dressed in a white robe** sitting on the right side, and they were **alarmed**. 6 Don't be **alarmed**," he said. "You are looking for **Jesus the Nazarene**, who was **crucified**. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him. 7 **But go, tell** his disciples and Peter, '**He is going ahead of you** into Galilee. There you will see him, **just as he told you**.'"

DISCUSSION QUESTION: Mark tells us that Jesus is going ahead of us. How do you make sense of that?

PRAYER: Hopefully our Lenten times of reflection and prayer have rolled away some stones for us. Stones of doubt. Stones of fear. Stones of grief. We believe the Resurrection opens the closed tomb of death. Now we trust that God's love for us is always there. For now we pray that our ability to trust what the angel told the women is true for us as well. Amen.