

## As Far As We Dare

*We talk glibly of journeying with Jesus as if it is a bit challenging but on the whole relatively simply. This prayer, written for Good Friday recognises that even the disciples could only journey with Jesus so far and that's ok. Only the women dared to travel with Jesus to the foot of the cross. So this prayer is dedicated to all those saints who dare to accompany others in their journeys, through unimaginable pain and anguish, right up to the end of life and across the threshold to whatever comes next.*

The disciples journeyed with Jesus  
through the events of the last supper  
and into the garden of Gethsemane  
and then fled in terror.

Peter journeyed with Jesus  
hidden at the edge of a courtyard  
and then his courage failed  
as he denied Jesus and ran.

The women journeyed with Jesus  
to the foot of the cross  
watched him being tortured to death  
and then laid his body to rest.

**So come let us journey with Jesus  
in the company of the disciples  
and those who loved Jesus  
let us journey as far as we dare  
let us face the unimaginable  
and stand together in solidarity  
and witness the sounds and silence of death  
at the foot of the cross.**

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