

SUNDAY READINGS & PRAYERS

ST MARY MAGDALENE

COLLECT

Almighty God, whose Son restored Mary Magdalene to health of mind and body and called her to be a witness to his resurrection: forgive our sins and heal us by your grace, that we may serve you in the power of his risen life; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Song 3.1-4

A reading from the Song of Songs.

On my bed by night I sought him whom my soul loves; I sought him, but found him not. I will rise now and go about the city, in the streets and in the squares; I will seek him whom my soul loves. I sought him, but found him not. The watchmen found me as they went about in the city. "Have you seen him whom my soul loves?" Scarcely had I passed them when I found him whom my soul loves. I held him, and would not let him go until I had brought him into my mother's house, and into the chamber of her who conceived me.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

from Ps 42



℟. My soul is yearning for you, my God.

(All repeat)



As the deer that yearns for | running streams,
so my soul is athirst for | you O God.

When shall I come | to appear
before the pre-|sence of God? ℟.

I pour out my soul as I think | on these things:
how I led the rejoicing crowd into the | house
of God,
amid cries of gladness | and thanksgiving,
the throng | wild with joy. ℟.

Why are you so full of heaviness, | O my soul?
and why are you so disquiet-|ed within me?
O put your | trust in God,
for I will give him thanks, my helper | and my
God. ℟.

SECOND READING

2 Cor 5.14-17

A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

The love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.

From now on, therefore, we regard no-one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

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Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 20.18

Alleluia.

Mary Magdalene announced to the disciples:
'I have seen the Lord.'

Alleluia.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Hear the Gospel ✠ of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him."

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb. And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." Having said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned and said to him in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord" – and that he had said these things to her.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

God of life and health, in your Son Jesus Christ we find the forgiveness of all that is past; grant that in our offering of this eucharist we may find the healing of all our sins; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION

God of life and love, whose risen Son called Mary Magdalene by name and sent her to tell of his resurrection to his apostles: in your mercy, help us, who have been united with him in this eucharist, to proclaim the good news that he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**