

ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Tell us, Mary, what did you see on the way?

I saw the glory of the risen Christ, I saw his empty tomb.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Jn. 20: 1-18

✠ **The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John**

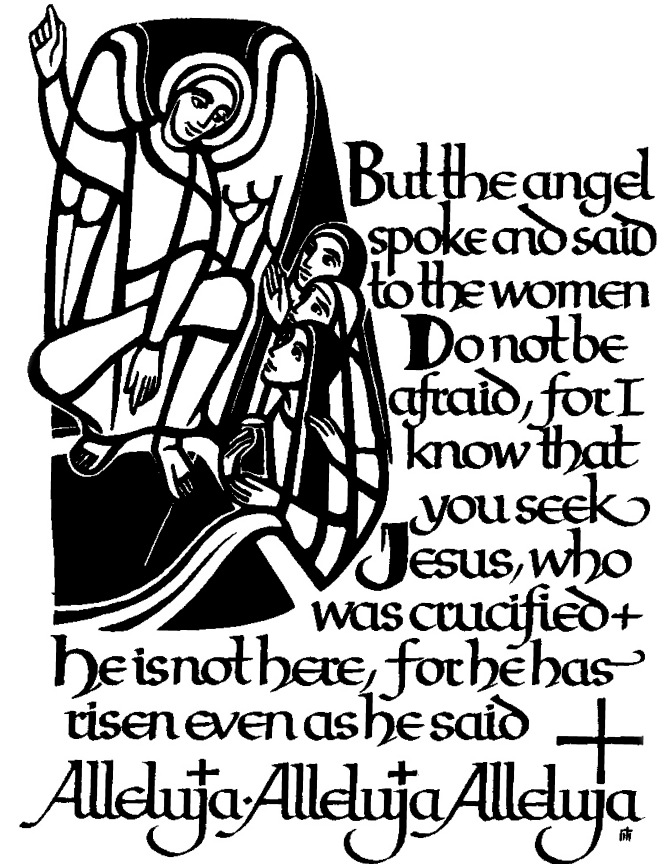
Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed 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." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

SAINT MARY MAGDALENE



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Sentence

The love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all, so that all who live might live not for themselves, but for him who died and was raised to life for them. 2 Corinthians 5.14-15

Prayer of the day

Almighty God, whose Son called Mary Magdalene to be a witness of his resurrection: mercifully grant that by your grace we may be forgiven and healed, and may know you in the power of your Son's risen life; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

or

Christ our healer, beloved and remembered by women, speak to the grief that makes us forget, and the terror that makes us cling, and give us back our name, so that we may greet you clearly, and proclaim your risen life.

Amen.

First Reading

Song 3:1-4a

A reading from the Song of Songs

Upon my bed at night I sought him whom my soul loves; I sought him, but found him not; I called him, but he gave no answer. 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 sentinels 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.

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Thanks be to God.

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- 1 O God you are my God:
eagerly will I seek you.
- 2 My soul thirsts for you my flesh longs for you:
as a dry and thirsty land where no water is.

- 3 So it was when I beheld you in the sanctuary:
and saw your power and your glory.
- 4 For your unchanging goodness is better than life:
therefore my lips shall praise you.
- 5 And so I will bless you as long as I live:
and in your name will I lift my hands on high.
- 6 My longing shall be satisfied as with marrow and fatness:
my mouth shall praise you with exultant lips.
- 7 When I remember you upon my bed:
when I meditate upon you in the night watches,
- 8 How you have been my helper.
then I sing for joy in the shadow of your wings,
- 9 Then my soul clings to you:
and your right hand upholds me.
- 10 Those that seek my life are marked for destruction:
they shall go down to the deep places of the earth.
- 11 They shall be delivered to the sword:
they shall be a portion for jackals.
- 12 The king will rejoice in God,
and all who take oaths on his name shall glory:
but the mouths of liars shall be stopped.

Second Reading

2 Cor. 5:14-21

A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians

The love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are