

# The Patronal Festival

25 July 2021

## Hymn

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| <p>1 By all your saints still striving,<br/>for all your saints at rest,<br/>your holy name, O Jesus,<br/>for evermore be blessed.<br/>You rose, our King victorious,<br/>that they might wear the crown<br/>and ever shine in splendour<br/>reflected from your throne.</p> <p>2 All praise for Mary Magdalene<br/>whose wholeness was restored<br/>by you, her faithful Master,<br/>her Saviour and her Lord.<br/>On Easter morning early<br/>a word from you sufficed;<br/>her faith was first to see you,<br/>her Lord, the risen Christ.</p> | <p>3 Apostles, prophets, martyrs,<br/>and all the noble throng<br/>who wear the spotless raiment<br/>and raise the ceaseless song:<br/>for them and those whose witness<br/>is only known to you,<br/>by walking in their footsteps<br/>we give you praise anew.</p> <p>4 Then let us praise the Father<br/>and worship God the Son<br/>and sing to God the Spirit<br/>eternal Three-in-One,<br/>till all the ransomed number<br/>who stand before the throne<br/>ascribe all power and glory<br/>and praise to God alone.</p> |
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Horatio Bolton Nelson 1823-1913 *alt.*  
Verse 2 by F. Bland Tucker 1895-1984

## THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

### Entrance Antiphon

John 20.17

The Lord said to Mary Magdalene:  
Go to my brothers and tell them:  
I am going to my Father and your Father,  
to my God and your God.

### Greeting

✠ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
– Amen.

The grace and peace of God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.  
– And also with you.

### Penitential Act

The choir sings

Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison.

The priest, deacon, or another minister says

Brothers and sisters, let us acknowledge our sins,  
and so prepare to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

Silence. Then all say

**Merciful God,  
our maker and our judge,  
we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,  
and in what we have failed to do:  
we have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves;  
we repent, and are sorry for all our sins.  
Father, forgive us.  
Strengthen us to love and obey you in newness of life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**The priest says:**

Almighty God,  
who has promised forgiveness  
to all who turn to him in faith:  
pardon ✠ you and set you free from all your sins,  
strengthen you in all goodness,  
and keep you in eternal life,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **Hymn of Praise**

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to God's people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,  
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

### **Collect**

Let us pray.

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.**

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### First Reading

Song of Solomon 3.1-4

A reading from the book of the Song of Solomon.

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. I held him, and would not let him go until I brought him into my mother's house, and into the chamber of her that conceived me.

For the word of the Lord,  
– thanks be to God.

### Psalm 63.1-8

O God, you are my God;  
and eagerly will I seek you.

My soul thirsts for you, my flesh longs for you,  
as in a barren and dry land where no water is.

Therefore I have looked for you in your sanctuary,  
that I might behold your power and glory.

For your loving-kindness is better than life itself;  
my lips shall give you praise.

So will I bless you as long as I live  
and lift up my hands in your name.

My soul is content, as with marrow and fatness,  
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,

when I remember you upon my bed,  
and meditate on you in the night watches.

For you have been my helper,  
and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.

### Second Reading

2 Corinthians 5.14-17

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!

For the word of the Lord,  
– thanks be to God.

## Gospel Acclamation

Cf Victimae Paschali

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!  
Speak, Mary, declaring what you saw when wayfaring:  
“The tomb of Christ, who is living, the glory of Jesus’ resurrection.”  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

## Gospel

John 20.1-2, 11-18

The Lord be with you.  
– And also with you.

✠ A reading from the holy Gospel 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.’

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other 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.’ When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, ‘Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?’ 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 Hebrew, ‘Rabbouni!’ (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, ‘Do not hold on to me, because 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 she told them that he had said these things to her.

For the Gospel of the Lord,  
– praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

## Homily – Fr Gwilym Henry-Edwards

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### Looking for Mary Magdalene



Open your mind’s eye and take a look at Mary Magdalene, whose feast day is 22<sup>nd</sup> July. How do you see her? Imagine her as a woman standing in front of you. What is she like? What is her character? Who is she for you?

The first picture I have is a wonderful wooden statue by Donatello, made in 1550, which shows Mary as a repentant sinner. She is very thin, her body wasted away with sin and suffering. She is dressed in rags which hang lifelessly around her as a sign of humility and repentance. Her hair is lank and untidy, long and uncared for – repentant sinners have no pride. Her face is bony and anguished, streaked with tears and racked with pain. Her eyes are fixed, begging

for mercy, and her hands are raised in prayer, her long, thin fingers touching each other lightly as if all her hopes now lie with Christ's mercy.

Fifty years after Donatello's statue, the great artist Caravaggio, painted a picture of the wealthy and influential Mary Magdalene. He showed her talking to Martha. Mary is dressed in luxurious clothing, with wonderful red sleeves where the artist was showing how clever he was at painting the folds of the material and the light and shade. Mary is a beautiful and young, her low cut bodice revealing smooth and perfect skin. Mary has her left hand on top of a large mirror, while with her right hand she holds a white flower up to her breast as if daring Martha to make the comparison between white flower and white skin.



The third picture is an icon written by Robert Lenz in 1988, for Christ church, New York, on the occasion of the consecration of Barbara Harris as bishop. Mary is shown as a Middle Eastern woman, holding and pointing to an egg. The Eastern Orthodox tradition tells us that after the Ascension, because of her high social standing, she journeyed to Rome and was invited to the court of Tiberius Caesar. She told Caesar that Jesus had risen from the dead. To help explain His resurrection she picked up an egg from the dinner table. Caesar responded that a human being could no more rise from the dead than the egg in her hand could turn red. The egg instantly turned blood red. The icon shows her serious, confident face, her eyes holding the gaze of the Emperor.



But there is another old story that Mary Magdalene went to France. An unknown artist, working in the same century as Donatello and Caravaggio painted a picture of Mary Magdalene preaching to the people of France. The artist has chosen to show Mary Magdalene as a mature woman. She is healthy, strong and utterly at ease with herself and the task of preaching. Her face is wise and comforting – she could be someone's mother. Her face is familiar with life and death, with crucifixion, burial and resurrection. And around her there are men and women of every age, listening to her words and talking about the message she has brought them. The scene is outside, surrounded by flowers and trees and the glories of nature. It is perfectly natural for this middle-aged woman to be telling the wonders of God's mercy to God's beloved children.

Over the centuries, Mary Magdalene has been a controversial figure. She has been depicted as a desperate and repentant sinner; a confident woman of power and privilege, a close intimate of Jesus (and according to one tradition, his wife.). She has been seen as the Apostle to the Apostles, first witness of the Resurrection. She is said to have visited Europe, where she became a noted preacher,

preaching to the wealthy and powerful princes of the country which later became France. She has been used to denigrate women and she has become the champion of feminists.

For me, however, amongst all these vicissitudes, she has been for me a symbol of confident hope. Whether she turned to Christ for her salvation; became his supporter and companion; proclaimed the message of the Resurrection to the Apostles, the French Nobles or the Emperor in Rome, there is a confidence about Mary. She knew what she was doing and she knew where her hope and her future lay.

May we have that same confidence and hope on our journey of faith.

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### **Profession of Faith**

Let us together affirm the faith of the Church:

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation,  
he came down from heaven;  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory  
to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son  
is worshipped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life for the world to come. Amen.**

## Prayers of the People

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Leonie leads us in the prayers of the people

The thing I love about Mary Magdalene is her ongoing transformation as she lived her life with Jesus. If Mary Magdalene could be transformed by the presence of Jesus in her life surely there is hope for all of us and for the world which we pray for now.

Today I'd invite you to be enveloped in that transforming power. I'd invite you to bring it to your prayers. Perhaps begin by imagining Jesus and Mary Magdalene next to you, in the space where you are now. Imagine them living and breathing, but also understanding, knowing all of the deepenings that you and the world have.

Allow their transforming power to move in you.

And then consider the people and places, the issues that come to your mind when you think about praying for the world.

It may be the leaders of the world who you think need our prayers.

It may be health care workers, those people on the front lines of COVID, those people who are continuing daily to have to deal with all of the issues surrounding the pandemic, but as well as that all of the everyday issues that bring health into sharp focus for so many of us.

It may be that you think about people in lockdown, those people who are struggling because of their jobs or simply because of the isolation.

It may be that this week it is the people who have suffered with the floods in Europe and in China and the fires across America and Canada.

It may be that what rises in your heart is about the earth itself and its desperate need for our good care.

Bring whatever things you think are important to Jesus and to Mary Magdalene, into their transforming power.

Take a minute now simply to think of and bring to the surface those things you think are of greatest need.

Remember the transformation that happened in Mary Magdalene. Believe and trust that that sort of transformation, miraculous, deep, significant, can occur for whomever and whatever you are praying for.

Lord Jesus Christ, empower our transformation and the transformation of the world. Amen

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Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers.

**Grant that what we have asked in faith  
we may by your grace receive,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**



## Greeting of Peace

We are the body of Christ.

– God’s Spirit is with us.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

– And also with you.

## THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

During the preparation of the gifts, the chant is sung. Please note that there will be no Collection taken up: offerings of money can be left in the Collection plates at the front and rear of the pews.



Bo-num est con - fi-de-re in Do - mi - no, bo-num spe - ra - re in Do - mi - no.

Jacques Berthier 1923-1994

*Translation: It is good to trust and hope in the Lord.*

When all is prepared, the Priest says,

Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours  
may be acceptable to God, the Father almighty.

**May the Lord accept our sacrifice  
for the praise and glory of God’s name,  
for our good, and the good of all God’s holy Church.**

## Prayer over the Offerings

God of life and health,  
in your Son Jesus Christ  
we find the forgiveness of all that is past.  
Grant that in this eucharist today  
we may find the healing of all our sins.  
This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you.

– **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

– **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
– **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is truly right and just,  
our duty and our salvation,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God,  
whose mercy is no less than his power,  
to preach the Gospel to everyone  
through Christ, our Lord.

Preface of the Apostle of the Apostles

In the garden he appeared to Mary Magdalene,  
who loved him in life,



who witnessed his death on the cross,  
who sought him as he lay in the tomb,  
who was the first to adore him when he rose from the dead,  
and whose missionary duty was honoured by the apostles,  
so that the good news of life might reach the ends of the earth.

And so Lord, with all the Angels and Saints,  
we, too, give you thanks, as in exultation we acclaim:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Merciful God, we thank you  
for these gifts of your creation,  
this bread and wine,  
and we pray that by your Word and Holy Spirit,  
we who eat and drink them  
may be partakers of Christ's body and blood.

On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread;  
and when he had given you thanks  
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying,  
'Take, eat. This is my body given for you.  
Do this in remembrance of me.'

After supper, he took the cup,  
and again giving thanks  
he gave it to his disciples, saying,  
'Drink from this, all of you.  
This is my blood of the new covenant  
shed for you and for many  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

Therefore we do as our Saviour has commanded:  
proclaiming his offering of himself  
made once for all upon the cross,  
his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,  
and looking for his coming again,  
we celebrate, with this bread and this cup,  
his one perfect and sufficient sacrifice  
for the sins of the whole world.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died;  
Christ is risen:  
Christ will come again.**

Renew us by your Holy Spirit  
unite us in the body of your Son,  
and bring us with all your people  
into the joy of your eternal kingdom;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
with whom, and in whom,

in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
we worship you, Father,  
in songs of never-ending praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power  
are yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

## THE COMMUNION RITE

### The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour Christ has taught us we are confident to pray:

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins,  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.**

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil,  
graciously grant peace in our days,  
that, by the help of your mercy,  
we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress,  
as we await the blessed hope  
and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.**

### The Breaking of the Bread

The celebrant breaks the bread, saying –

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.  
We who are many are one body,  
– for we all share in the one bread.

While the bread is broken Agnus Dei is sung –

**Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.  
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.  
Jesus, Redeemer of the world, grant us your peace.**

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Those who are not to receive the Blessed Sacrament are invited to unite themselves with  
Jesus by making a Spiritual Communion.

### Act of Spiritual Communion

St Alphonsus Liguori

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love you above all things and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there, and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

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## Communion Antiphon

2 Cor 5.14, 15

The love of Christ impels us,  
so that those who live may live no longer for themselves,  
but for him who died for them and was raised.

## Prayer after Communion

Compassionate God,  
in this eucharist you have set aside our sins  
and given us your healing.  
Grant that all who have shared in holy things  
may bring your healing to this broken world,  
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.  
– Amen.

## Hymn

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the first two staves. The first staff ends with a double bar line and the word 'Fine'. The second staff continues the lyrics. The third and fourth staves are instrumental accompaniment.

Thine be the glo - ry, ris - en, con- quering Son,  
End - less is the vic - tory thou o'er death hast won.

**Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,  
Endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won;  
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,  
Kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.**

*Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,  
Endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.*

**Lo, Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;  
Lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;  
Let the Church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,  
For her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting:**

**No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of Life;  
Life is nought without thee: aid us in our strife,  
Make us more than conquerors through thy deathless love;  
Bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.**

*À toi la gloire O Ressuscité*  
Edmond Budry 1854–1932  
trans Richard Hoyle 187501939

## THE CONCLUDING RITES

### **Blessing and Dismissal**

The Lord be with you.

– And also with you.

God give you grace  
to follow Mary Magdalene and all the saints  
in faith and hope and love;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

– Amen.

*The priest, deacon, or another minister says*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

– In the name of Christ. Amen.