

3 Then let us praise the Father
And worship God the Son
And sing to God the Spirit,
Eternal Three in One,
Till all the ransomed number
Fall down before the throne,
Ascribing pow'r and glory
And praise to God alone.

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LESSONS FOR LAMBS

ST. MARY MAGDALENE (JULY 22)
The color for St. Mary Magdalene is white.



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What to listen for during the service?

Today we celebrate Mary Magdalene, who was one of the first people to see Jesus after His resurrection from the dead. What day do we celebrate Jesus' resurrection from the dead? When do we talk about Jesus' resurrection from the dead during the service? Did your pastor talk about it in his sermon today?

Gospel Reading: John 20:1-2, 10-18

(The Gospel Reading is from the part of the Bible that is about Jesus and his ministry.)

1 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. 2 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." ... 10 Then the disciples went back to their homes.

11 But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb. 12 And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet. 13 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." 14 Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. 15 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." 16 Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned and said to him in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means Teacher). 17 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.'" 18 Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"—and that he had said these things to her.

Questions to talk about with your parents:

- 1) What did Mary Magdalene see when she went to the tomb of Jesus in the morning?
- 2) What did Mary Magdalene say to the two disciples? Why did they just go back to their homes?
- 3) What did Mary Magdalene see when she looked inside the tomb? Who was she looking for?
- 4) When Mary Magdalene saw Jesus, did she know it was him right away? When did she know it was Jesus? What did Jesus say?

- 5) Mary Magdalene expected that Jesus would be in the tomb, but instead He appeared to her and spoke to her. Why wasn't Jesus dead in the tomb, what happened?

People of the Bible: Mary Magdalene

In the Gospel reading we hear about Mary Magdalene. But who was Mary Magdalene? We hear in Luke and Mark that Jesus cleansed Mary Magdalene of seven demons. She then became a loyal follower and supporter of Jesus. We hear in Matthew 27 that Mary Magdalene was at the crucifixion of Jesus as well as His burial in the tomb. As we heard in the Gospel reading today, Mary Magdalene was also one of the women that went to the tomb on Easter morning and found the tomb empty. All four Gospels record that Mary Magdalene was among the first ones to see Jesus after His resurrection. Mary Magdalene believed that Jesus forgave all her sins and that He was her Savior.

HYMN – "By All Your Saints in Warfare"

- 1 By all Your saints in warfare,
For all Your saints at rest,
Your holy name, O Jesus,
Forevermore be blest!
For You have won the battle
That they might wear the crown;
And now they shine in glory
Reflected from Your throne.
- 2 All praise for Mary Magdalene
Whose wholeness was restored
By You, her faithful master,
Her Savior and her Lord.
On Easter morning early
A word from You sufficed;
For she was first to see You,
Her Lord, the risen Christ.