

# Compline : Night Prayer for S. Mary of Magdala, Apostle to the Apostles

## The Gathering ...

### Welcome and introduction

*From our cycle of prayer for this dispersed  
worshipping community: Tonight's Office Prayer is  
offered alongside and for*

- *the priest, clergy team, people and  
community of S. Michael and Wulfad, Stone,  
with S. Saviour, Aston by Stone, in the  
Lichfield Diocese*
- *and for the Norwich Diocese.*

O God, come to our aid,  
**O Lord, make haste to help us**

**Glory be to the Father,  
and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.  
As it was in the beginning,  
is now and ever shall be,  
world without end.  
Amen. Alleluia**

## Scripture

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.

*Song of Songs 3: 1-4*

## Hymn

Life died, but soon revived again,  
and even death by it was slain,  
alleluia, alleluia.  
Say, happy Magdalen, O, say,  
what didst thou see there by the way?  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia  
Alleluia.

'I saw the tomb of my dear Lord,  
I saw himself, and him adored,  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
I saw the napkin and the sheet,  
that bound his head and wrapped his feet'  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia  
Alleluia.

'I heard the angels witness bear,  
Jesus is ris'n he is not here,  
Alleluia, alleluia;  
go, tell his foll'wers they shall see  
thine and their hope in Galilee.'  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia  
Alleluia.

*Text: 'victimae paschali laudes', (11<sup>th</sup> C) trans. W K Blount 1717  
Music: 'Lasst uns Erfeuen' from Geistliche Kirchengesang  
(HON Liturgical 184),*

## Psalmody

**My heart is on fire;  
I desire to see my Lord;  
I look for him,  
but I cannot find  
where they have put him.  
Alleluia**

O God, you are my God, for you I long;\*  
for you my soul is thirsting.

My body pines for you\*  
like a dry weary land without water.  
So I gaze on you in the sanctuary\*  
to see your strength and your glory.

For your love is better than life,\*  
my lips will speak your praise.  
So I will bless you all my life,\*  
in your Name I will lift up my hands.

My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,\*  
my mouth shall praise you with joy.

On my bed I remember you\*  
on you I muse through the night  
for you have been my help;\*  
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.  
My soul clings to you;\*  
your right hand holds me fast.

*Psalms 31: 1-6*

**Glory be to the Father,  
and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.  
As it was in the beginning,  
is now and ever shall be,  
world without end.  
Amen.**

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Alleluia**

## **Scripture reading**

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."

*Simon Peter and the other disciple whom Jesus loved, come and find the tomb empty, and return home in wonderment.*

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? Whom are you looking for?*"

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

*John 20: 1-2, 11-18*

*From the Anglican Eucharistic Lectionary*

## **Responsory**

Into your hands, Lord, I commend my spirit,  
**Into your hands, Lord,  
I commend my spirit**

You have redeemed us, Lord God of truth.  
**Into your hands, Lord,  
I commend my spirit**

Glory be to the Father,  
and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit  
**Into your hands, Lord,  
I commend my spirit**

## **Intercession...**

*.... Bringing to mind those whom we pray for and holding them in God's love..., bringing the needs of the world, the church, and those who have no-one to pray for them...*

## **Collect for S. Mary of Magdala**

O God, whose only begotten Son entrusted Mary Magdalene before all others with announcing the great joy of the Resurrection, grant, we pray, that through her intercession and example we may proclaim the living Christ and come to see him reigning in your glory. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

## **The Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father,  
which art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name.  
Thy Kingdom come,  
thy will be done  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive them  
that trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
Amen.**

## ***Nunc Dimittis (Gospel Canticle)***

**Save us Lord, while we are awake;  
protect us while we sleep;  
that we may keep watch with Christ,  
and rest with him in peace. Alleluia**

**At last, all-powerful Master,  
you give leave to your servant  
to go in peace,  
according to your promise.**

**For my eyes have seen your salvation  
which you have prepared for all nations,  
the light to enlighten the Gentiles  
and give glory to Israel, your people.**

**Glory be to the Father,  
and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit.  
As it was in the beginning, is now  
and shall be for ever,  
world without end.  
Amen**

**Save us Lord, while we are awake;  
protect us while we sleep;  
that we may keep watch with Christ,  
and rest with him in peace.  
Alleluia**

## ***Blessing and departure***

Visit our homes, we pray you, Lord:  
drive far away from them  
all the snares of the enemy.  
May your holy angels stay here  
and guard us in peace,  
and let your blessing be always upon us.  
Through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

The Lord grant us a quiet night  
and a perfect end.

**May the Lord bless us, protect us from  
all evil, and bring us to everlasting life.**

**Amen**

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