

(Insert B)

Offertory Hymn

- 1 A teacher came with grace from God
to heal the living dead,
and Mary of Magdala found
her seven demons fled.
Her life renewed through Jesus Christ,
she walked his dusty road
and, from her own resources, gave
thanks for the love he showed.
- 2 Her teacher came with truth from God
to shake the powers of earth,
and Mary of Magdala saw
that God-forsaken death.
Love kept her faithful, as she watched
her own life-giver killed;
she helped them lay him in the grave,
she saw the tomb was sealed.
- 3 Her teacher came with life from God
to put an end to pain,
and Mary of Magdala heard
him speak her name again.
Through tears she knew him, and obeyed
when Jesus sent her on;
she told the others: Jesus lives!
so Easter faith was born.
- 4 Our teacher, too, is Jesus Christ,
the one who sets us free,
gives life and hope, and sends us out
with Easter energy.
With Mary of Magdala, let
us tell that God is near;
through tears and triumph, spread the news
for all the earth to hear.

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Suggested music: Kingsfold (AHB500)

Insert (A)

Processional Hymn

- 1 WALKING in a garden
At the close of day,
Adam tried to hide him
When he heard God say:
'Why are you so frightened,
Why are you afraid?
You have brought the winter in,
Made the flowers fade.'
- 2 Walking in a garden
Where the Lord had gone,
Three of the disciples,
Peter, James, and John;
They were very weary,
Could not keep awake,
While the Lord was kneeling there,
Praying for their sake.
- 3 Walking in a garden
At the break of day,
Mary asked the gardener
Where the body lay;
But he turned towards her,
Smiled at her and said:
'Mary, spring is here to stay,
Only death is dead.'

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