

**Mary Magdalene**

**22 July 2018**

**Sentence**

The love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all, so that those who live might live not for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them.

*2 Corinthians 5.14-15*

**Collect**

Lord of the dawn, whose risen life  
began deep in the freshening earth,  
you called Mary Magdalene to see what men could not,  
to be the first witness to resurrection  
and whose love was stronger than fear:  
speak our name, and open our hands to let your Spirit flow into all the  
lightening world,  
through Jesus Christ, the Tree of Life. **Amen.**

**A reading from the book of the Song of Songs (Solomon)**

*The Song of Songs is thought by some to be an allegorical representation of the relationship of God and Israel as husband and wife. It most likely originates in Bedouin marriage 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. *Song of Songs 3.1-4a*

Reader Hear the word of the Lord

**All Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 63 at 8am APBA page 284**

*This psalm of trust describes an encounter with God in the Temple.*

*The depth of longing for God is powerfully expressed.*

**A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians**

*Paul sees the cross as the supreme evidence of God's love and as God's way of reconciling the world to God.*

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 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.

*2 Corinthians 5.14-21*

Reader May your word live in us

**All And bear much fruit to your glory.**

**Gospel Acclamation**

**All Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Cantor Mary Magdalene announced to the disciples,  
'I have seen the Lord'

**Next Sunday the Vicar is preaching at the Patronal Festival of St James' Church, King Street in Sydney.** This prominent parish

has been at the heart of the city since 1834. The Georgian church

building is the work of the convict architect Francis Greenway in the time of Governor Lachlan Macquarie. The parish has close links to the legal profession given its proximity to the law courts.

The parish is known for its Anglican traditions, fine music, lively program of seminars through its Institute, its contemporary

theology and welcome to all people. It also runs the Sister Freda Mission to the homeless. Next Sunday a sculpture of Jesus the

homeless man will be unveiled. It is also the parish church of the Vicar's daughter in law who lives in London but will be in Sydney next week with the Vicar's son and grandchildren.

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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 20.1-18*

Reader For the Gospel of the Lord

**ALL Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

**Prayer for the Week** Creator God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they find their rest in you: teach us to offer ourselves to your service, that here we may have your peace, and in the world to come may see you face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Bible Readings next week Tenth Sunday after Pentecost**

2 Kings 4.42-44 Ps 145.10-18 Ephesians 3.14-21 John 6.1-21

**Pray for the Faithful Departed.** We remember before God: Susan Moody, Leigh Manning, John Pritchard, Jeannie Ferguson, Mary Sexton, Lawrence Stokes, Isambard Corless, Iris Menck, Russell Myers, Alys Prout-Webb, Frederick Theobald, Charlotte Schnelle *whose anniversaries occur this week.*

**Commemorations of the Week. July 25. James Apostle and Martyr.**

Brother of John and close to Jesus and one of the three present at the Transfiguration and in Gethsemane. There is a legend that he laboured in Spain. Martyred by Herod (Acts.12.2). **July 26. St Anne, mother of the Blessed Virgin Mary.** No historical details of her life are known but tradition names her as Anne. Mary’s parents have been a frequent subject in art.

**All Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Reader The Lord be with you

**ALL And also with you**

Reader A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

**ALL Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ**

*It is Mary Magdalene whom John depicts as discovering the empty tomb. Whilst Peter and John confirm that the tomb is empty, it is to Mary that Jesus appears first. For John, she is the primary witness to the resurrection.*

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 towards 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; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

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 round 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