

Feast

Saint Mary Magdalene

Roman Missal 885; Lectionary 603

Saint Mary Magdalene was a faithful follower of the Lord. See p. 166.

Entrance Antiphon

(Jn 20) **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.**

Glory to God (p. 7)

Collect

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.**

An alternate reading follows.

Reading

(Song of Songs 3.1-4a)

The bride speaks of her beloved: 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.

So I said to myself, “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. I asked, “Have you seen him whom my soul loves?”

Scarcely had I passed them, when I found him whom my soul loves.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

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Reading _____

(2 Corinthians 5.14-17)

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!

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm _____

(Psalm 63)

R. My soul is thirsting for you,
O Lord my God.

O God, you are my God, I seek you, my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as

in a dry and weary land where there is no water. **R.**

So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory. Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you. **R.**

So I will bless you as long as I live; I will lift up my hands and call on your name. My soul is satisfied as with a rich feast, and my mouth praises you with joyful lips. **R.**

You have been my help, and in the shadow of your wings I sing for joy. My soul clings to you; your right hand upholds me. **R.**

Acclamation

Alleluia. Alleluia. Tell us Mary, what did you see on the way? I saw the glory of the risen Christ, I saw his empty tomb. **Alleluia.**

Gospel _____

(John 20.1, 11-18)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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. She 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, “Rabboni!” 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 the Lord had said these things to her.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Prayer over the Offerings

Accept, O Lord, the offerings presented in commemoration of Saint Mary Magdalene, whose homage of charity was graciously accepted by your Only Begotten Son. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Preface (Saints, p. 13)

Communion Antiphon

(2 Cor 5) **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

May the holy reception of your mysteries, Lord, instill in us

that persevering love with which Saint Mary Magdalene clung resolutely to Christ her Master. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

It is love alone that gives worth to all things.

—St. Teresa of Avila