

## Collect

Almighty God,  
whose Son restored Mary Magdalene to health of mind  
and body and called her to be a witness to his  
resurrection:  
forgive our sins and heal us by your grace,  
that we may serve you in the power of his risen life;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

## First Reading Song of Solomon 3:1-4

A Dream of Love

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.

## **Psalm 42 1-10**

As the deer longs for the water brooks,  
so longs my soul for you, O God.  
My soul is athirst for God, even for the living God;  
when shall I come before the presence of God?  
My tears have been my bread day and night,  
while all day long they say to me,  
‘Where is now your God?’  
Now when I think on these things, I pour out my soul:  
how I went with the multitude  
and led the procession to the house of God,  
With the voice of praise and thanksgiving,  
among those who kept holy day.  
Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul,  
and why are you so disquieted within me?  
O put your trust in God;  
for I will yet give him thanks,  
who is the help of my countenance, and my God.  
My soul is heavy within me;  
therefore I will remember you from the land of Jordan,  
and from Hermon and the hill of Mizar.  
Deep calls to deep in the thunder of your waterfalls;  
all your breakers and waves have gone over me.  
The Lord will grant his loving-kindness in the daytime;  
through the night his song will be with me,  
a prayer to the God of my life.

## Second Reading 2 Corinthians 5:14-17

For 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!

## Gospel John 20:1-2, 11-18

### The Resurrection of Jesus

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.’

### Jesus Appears to Mary Magdalene

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  
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.

## Post Communion

God of life and love,  
whose risen Son called Mary Magdalene by name  
and sent her to tell of his resurrection to his apostles:  
in your mercy, help us,  
who have been united with him in this eucharist,  
to proclaim the good news  
that he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.