

# *Alleluia!*



## ***We gather...***

O Radiant dawn shine forth in glory!  
Christ has burst forth from the tomb.  
Give praise, O people of the earth.  
Death is overcome, God triumphs. Alleluia!

## ***We listen...***

A reading from the holy gospel according to John (20:11 – 18).

Mary stayed outside near the tomb, weeping. Then, still weeping, she stooped to look inside, and saw two angels in white sitting where the body of Jesus had been, one at the head, the other at the feet. They said, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' 'They have taken my Lord away,' she replied, 'and I don't know where they have put him.' As she said this she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, though she did not recognize him. Jesus said, 'Woman why are you weeping? Who are you looking for?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said, 'Sir, if you have taken him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will go and remove him.' Jesus said, 'Mary!' She knew him then and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbuni!' – which means Master. Jesus said to her 'Do not cling to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go and find the brothers and tell them: I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.' So Mary of Magdala went and told the disciples that she had seen the Lord and that he had said these things to her.

## ***We reflect and respond...***

### ***We ask...***

Mary Magdalene was filled with wonder at your living presence, O Christ. Let us honour with grateful spirits the wonder of your risen life.

Risen Christ, you healed Mary of fear and uncertainty:

**Heal us and all who are afraid or doubtful.**

Holy One, you blessed Mary with the gift of inner quiet and peace:

**Fill us with peace in your presence.**

Comforting Friend, you turned Mary's tears and sadness into understanding and confidence:

**Grant us confidence in your continuing presence in this world.**

Giver of Hope, you offered Mary a sure and faithful love:

**Make our love steadfast and enduring.**

Lord of Life, you sent Mary to announce your resurrection to the apostles:

**Send us forth, like Mary, to tell others the good news.**

### ***We are sent forth...***

Risen Saviour, Mary sought you and found you in the midst of her sorrow. Your presence filled her with a joy that had to be shared. You made her an apostle to the apostles, announcing your risen life. Give us a love that sees you risen among us and sends us forth as bearers of the Good News. We ask this in faith. Amen.

Bless our God who saves. Alleluia!

Bless our Saviour who is risen from the dead. Alleluia!

Bless the Spirit who gives us the power to cry out:

"Alleluia! Alleluia! Blessed be God!"

#### **Opening Prayer, Closing Prayer and Intercessions:** *Intercessions of Mercy*

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