

MARY, FAITHFUL THROUGH HER TEARS

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Mary, faithful through her tears,
through her anguish, doubts, and fears,
near to Jesus' tomb remained
and a blessing there obtained, alleluia.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Mary heard him call her name
and, her heart with love aflame,
by the Risen Jesus sent,
*midwife of the Church she went, alleluia.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Having found the One she sought,
Good News to his friends she brought:
"I have seen the Lord," she said,
"Jesus, risen from the dead," alleluia.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

When we suffer doubts and fears,
still the Risen Christ appears.
To his presence let us tend
in each stranger, guest, and friend, alleluia.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

*or: "*herald* of the Church she went, alleluia."

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John 20:1–18

Mary Magdalene's key role as first witness to Jesus' resurrection has for too long been downplayed and neglected, unknown to many believers. The Revised Common Lectionary used by mainline Protestant churches lists John 20:1–18 as the Gospel for Easter Sunday, but the Catholic lectionary lists only John 20:1–9. It stops short of Jesus' appearance to Mary in the garden and his sending her to announce to the other disciples, "I have seen the Lord."

Mary Magdalene remained faithful to Jesus beneath the Cross and even after his death, coming to his tomb on Easter morning to find the stone rolled away. After running to tell Peter and John, she returned and stood weeping near the tomb. When Jesus appeared alive to her, he sent her as an apostle to the other apostles.

Mary Magdalene's fidelity was rewarded by Christ's appearance to her. We, too, can encounter the Risen One in unexpected and unlikely places, events, and people. He may appear in an unfamiliar form, but faith and love can enable us to recognize him.

Use: Easter, Mary Magdalene



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2. Mar - y heard him call her name and, her heart with
3. Hav - ing found the One she sought, Good News to his
4. When we suf - fer doubts and fears, still the Ris - en

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1. and a bless - ing there ob - tained, — al - le - lu -
2. *mid - wife of the Church she went, — al - le - lu -
3. "Je - sus, ris - en from the dead," — al - le - lu -
4. in each stran - ger, guest, and friend, — al - le - lu -

*or: "herald of the Church she went, alleluia."



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1. ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al -
2. ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al -
3. ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al -
4. ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al -



1. le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
2. le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
3. le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
4. le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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