

Readings for 19 July 2020 – Mary Magdalene

A reading from Solomon's Song of Songs chapter 3 beginning at verse 1. [3.1-4a]

1. 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.
 2. '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.
 3. The sentinels found me,
as they went about in the city.
'Have you seen him whom my soul loves?'
 - 4a. Scarcely had I passed them,
when I found him whom my soul loves.
- Hear the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 63

1. O God, you are my God:
eagerly will I seek you.
2. **My soul thirsts for you, my flesh longs for you:
as a dry and thirsty land where no water is.**
3. So it was when I beheld you in the sanctuary:
and saw your power and your glory.
4. **For your unchanging goodness is better than life:
therefore my lips shall praise you.**
5. And so I will bless you as long as I live:
and in your name will I lift my hands on high.
6. **My longing shall be satisfied as with marrow and fatness:
my mouth shall praise you with exultant lips.**
7. When I remember you upon my bed:
when I meditate upon you in the night watches,
8. **How you have been my helper:
then I sing for joy in the shadow of your wings,**
9. Then my soul clings to you:
and your right hand upholds me.
10. **Those that seek my life are marked for destruction:
they shall go down to the deep places of the earth.**
11. They shall be delivered to the sword:
they shall be a portion for jackals.
12. **The king will rejoice in God,
and all who take oaths on his name shall glory:
but the mouths of liars shall be stopped.**

Glory to God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit:
as in the beginning, so now, and for ever. Amen

A reading from Paul's second letter to the Corinthians chapter 5 beginning at verse 14. [5.14-21]

¹⁴For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died.

¹⁵And 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.

¹⁶From 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.

¹⁷So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:

everything old has passed away;

see, everything has become new!

¹⁸All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation;

¹⁹that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us.

²⁰So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.

²¹For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John chapter 20 beginning at verse 1. [20.1-18]

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

1. 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.

²So 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.'

³Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb.

⁴The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first.

⁵He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in.

⁶Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there,

⁷and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself.

⁸Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed;

⁹for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

¹⁰Then the disciples returned to their homes.

11 But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb;

¹²and 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.

¹³They 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.'

¹⁴When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus.

¹⁵Jesus 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.'

¹⁶Jesus said to her, 'Mary!'

She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' (which means Teacher.)

¹⁷Jesus 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.' "

¹⁸Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.