Welcome to “Voices of Grace”, our virtual worship experience that features parishioners leading worship from their own homes. We hope you join us from yours! Wherever you are, we pray for your health and well-being. God bless you!

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FESTAL CHORAL EVENSONG
FOR THE FEAST OF SAINT MARY MAGDALENE
VOICES OF GRACE “VIRTUAL” WORSHIP
JULY 22, 2020

VOLUNTARY
Fugue in F Major, BWV 540ii
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

INTROIT
MAGDALEN, CEASE FROM SOBS AND SIGHS: Wipe the tear drops from off thine eyes: Simon the leper’s feast is o’er: Christ today needs thy nard no more. Now thousand times may’st thou rejoice: Now thousand times uplift thy voice. Alleluia. Magdalen, bind upon thee now Garland of gladness o’er thy brow: Banish'd afar is grief and pain: Welcome is sunshine after rain. For Jesus Christ the world hath freed, Triumphant over Death indeed. Alleluia.

Words: from Pone luctum, Magdalena; trans. George Ratcliff Woodward (1848-1934)
Music: Melody of Nicht ruhen Magdalena kundt (Köln, 1623); arr. Peter Hurford (1930-2019)

THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER

OFFICIANT

O God, make speed to save us.

PEOPLE

O Lord, make haste to help us.

OFFICIANT AND PEOPLE

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Al-le-lu-ia.
THE OFFICE HYMN 231

1. By all your saints still striving, for all your saints at rest,
your holy Name, O Jesus, for evermore be blessed.

2. All praise for Mary Magdalene, whose wholeness was restored
by you, her faithful Master, her Saviour and her Lord.

3. Then let us praise the Father and worship God the Son
and sing to God the Spirit, eternal Three in One,

You rose, our King victorious, that they might wear the crown
On Easter morning early, a word from you sufficed:
and ever shine in splendor reflected from your throne.
her faith was first to see you, her Lord, the risen Christ.

Psalm 30

Sung by the Choir

I will exalt you, O Lord, because you have lifted me up *
and have not let my enemies triumph over me. 
O Lord my God, I cried out to you, *
and you restored me to health. 
You brought me up, O Lord, from the dead; *
you restored my life as I was going down to the grave. 

Sing to the Lord, you servants of his; *
give thanks for the remembrance of his holiness. 
For his wrath endures but the twinkling of an eye, *
his favor for a lifetime. 
Weeping may spend the night, *
but joy comes in the morning. 
While I felt secure, I said, "I shall never be disturbed. *
You, Lord, with your favor, made me as strong as the mountains."

Then you hid your face, *
and I was filled with fear.
I cried to you, O Lord; *
I pleaded with the Lord, saying,
"What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the Pit? *
will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?
Hear, O Lord, and have mercy upon me; *
O Lord, be my helper."
You have turned my wailing into dancing; *
you have put off my sack-cloth and clothed me with joy.
Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing; *
O Lord my God, I will give you thanks for ever.

GLORY TO THE FATHER, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

THE LESSONS

THE FIRST READING

Exodus 15:19-21

WHEN, the horses of Pharaoh with his chariots and his chariot drivers went into the sea, the Lord brought back the waters of the sea upon them; but the Israelites walked through the sea on dry ground. Then the prophet Miriam, Aaron’s sister, took a tambourine in her hand; and all the women went out after her with tambourines and with dancing. And Miriam sang to them: ‘Sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously; horse and rider he has thrown into the sea.’

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

MAGNIFICAT

The Magnificat is Mary’s song of praise sung during the visitation to her cousin Elizabeth. As the Magnificat is sung, the High Altar is censed, representing the prayers of the people ascending up into heaven.

MY SOUL doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior. For he hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaidens. For behold from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed. For he that is mighty hath magnified me, and holy is his Name. And his mercy is on them that fear him throughout all generations. He hath showed strength with his arm; he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. He hath put down the mighty from their seat, and hath exalted the humble and meek. He hath filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he hath sent empty away. He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel, as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed forever. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be; world without end. Amen.

Words: Luke 1:46-55
Music: Evening Service in F, Thomas Barrow (c 1720-1789)

THE SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 1:3-7

BLESSED be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all consolation, who consoles us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to console those who are in any affliction with the consolation with which we ourselves are consoled by God. For just as the sufferings of Christ are abundant for us, so also our consolation is abundant through Christ. If we are being afflicted, it is for your consolation and
salvation; if we are being consoled, it is for your consolation, which you experience when you patiently endure the same sufferings that we are also suffering. Our hope for you is unshaken; for we know that as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our consolation.

Reader  The Word of the Lord.
People  Thanks be to God.

NUNC DIMITTIS
The Nunc Dimittis is sung by the prophet Simeon upon seeing the child Jesus presented in the temple.

Lord now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word; For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people, To be a light to lighten the Gentiles, and to be the glory of thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be; world without end. Amen.

Words: Luke 2:29-32
Music: Evening Service in F, Thomas Barrow

THE APOSTLES’ CREED  (Sung on a single note by all)

I BELIEVE in God, the Father Almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth;
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceiv’d by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary,
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was cruciﬁed, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

The Lord be with you.  And also with you.  Let us pray.

THE LORD’S PRAYER  (Sung on a single note by all)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

THE SUFFRAGES

Cantor or Officiant

That this evening may be holy, good, and peace-ful,

People

We en-treat you, O Lord.

That your holy angels may lead us in paths of peace and good-will, We en-treat you, O Lord.

People

That we may be pardoned and forgiven for our sins and of-fen-ses, We en-treat you, O Lord.

People

That there may be peace to your Church and to the whole world, We en-treat you, O Lord.

People

That we may depart this life in your faith and fear,

and not be condemned before the great judgment seat of Christ, We en-treat you, O Lord.

People

That we may be bound together by thy Holy Spirit in the commu-nion of

St. Mary Magdalene and all your saints, entrusting one another and all our life to Christ,

People

We en-treat you, O Lord.

THE COLLECTS

Al-MIGHTY God, whose blessed Son restored Mary Magdalene to health of Body and
of mind, and called her to be a witness of his resurrection: mercifully grant that by your
grace we may be healed from all our infirmities and know you in the power of his
unending life; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.
ORD Jesus, stay with us, for evening is at hand and the day is past; be our companion in the way, kindle our hearts, and awaken hope, that we may know you as you are revealed in Scripture and the breaking of bread. Grant this for the sake of your love. Amen.

EEP watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love’s sake. Amen.

ANTHEM

MULIER, QUAE ERAT in civitate peccatrix,
attulit alabastrum unguenti:
et stans retro secus pedes Domini,
lacrimis coepit rigare pedes ejus,
et capillis capitis sui tergebat.

A woman who was in the city, a sinner,
brought an alabaster box of ointment:
and standing behind the Lord at his feet,
began to wash his feet with her tears,
and wiped them with the hair of her head.

Words: Based on Luke 7:38
Music: Andrea Gabrieli (1532/3-1585)

A PRAYER OF SAINT CHRYSOSTOM

Officiant Let us pray.

LMIGHTY God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

THE DISMISSAL AND GRACE

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore.

Amen.
1. Mag - da - lene, thy grief and glad - ness voice and heart in con - cert sing
2. She be - held him, yet she knew not in the garden - er's seem - ing guise
3. Weep not, Ma - ry, weep no long - er! Now thy seek - ing heart may rest;

tell - ing how the ri - sen Sav - iour called thee from thy sor - row - ing,
Christ, who in her heart was sow - ing seed of heav'n - ly my - ster - ies,
Christ the heav'n - ly garden - er sow - eth light and joy with - in thy breast:

Ti - dings of his Re - sur - rec - tion to his cho - sen flock to bring.
Till his voice, her name pro - nounc - ing, Bade her see and re - cog - nize.
In the glow - ing cry 'Rab - bon - i!' Be thy gra - ti - tude con - fest.

Words: Charles Stanley Phillips (1883-1949), based on Collaudemus Magdalenae, Philippe de Grève (c 1160-1236)
Music: Rhuddlan, Traditional Welsh Melody

VOLUNTARY

Improvisation

O lamp of the world and gleaming pearl, who by announcing Christ's resurrection
merited to become the “Apostle of Apostles,” Mary Magdalen,
be ever our loving advocate with God who has chosen you.
(Traditional Antiphon for the Feast of Saint Mary Magdalene)
This week, we pray for: the family of Avis Payne, the Scanlan family, Diana, Robert Cramer, all those caring for the sick, those seeking treatments and vaccines for the virus, and all those whose work places them in harm’s way. We also pray for those members of our church who are homebound.