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TOGETHER DESPITE THE MILES
Easter 2 Week

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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 around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?” 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).

Look at the picture of the first Easter morning. Can you see the two angels in white by the door of the tomb. The figure in blue is Jesus. The figure in red is Mary Magdalene. Mary Magdalene, was a Jewish woman who, according to the four canonical gospels, traveled with Jesus as one of his early and closest followers and was a witness to his crucifixion, and burial. Mary Magdalene was the first to witness the resurrection and that is why she is called the **Apostle to the apostles**. Mary Magdalene is mentioned by name 12 times in the gospels, more than most of the apostles and more than any other non-family woman in the Gospels. *Magdalene* may mean that she came from the town of Magdala, a fishing town on the western shore of the Sea

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of Galilee. Luke lists Mary Magdalene as one of the women who traveled with Jesus and helped support his ministry "out of their resources", indicating that she was probably relatively wealthy.

Regrettably, MM has become maligned over the years. The unnamed "sinful woman" in Luke is never identified as a prostitute and, in Jewish society at the time the gospel was written, "sinful" meant simply they had not kept the commandments. The notion of Mary Magdalene specifically being a former prostitute dates to a claim by Pope Gregory I ("Gregory the Great") made in a sermon in 591 in which he not only identifies Magdalene with the anonymous sinner with the perfume in Luke's gospel but also, for the first time, explicitly identifies her sins as ones of a sexual nature. (FYI Gregory also takes the seven demons expelled from Mary Magdalene by Jesus and transformed them into the seven deadly sins of medieval Catholicism) From then on MM was painted in red (the color of lust). (FYI The "composite Magdalene" was never accepted by the Eastern Orthodox churches, who saw only Mary the disciple, and believed that after the Resurrection she lived as a companion to the Virgin Mary.

DID YOU KNOW? There are many other Gospels than the ones in our Bible...and Mary Magdalene has her own

The Lighter Side—TYPOS IN CHURCH BULLETINS

The outreach committee has enlisted 25 visitors to make calls on people who are not afflicted with any church

The Pastor would appreciate it if the ladies of the congregation would lend him their electric girdles for the pancake breakfast next Sunday morning.

The third verse of Blessed Assurance will be sung without musical accomplishment.

Ushers will eat latecomers.

The Diocese is asking all churches to have 90 day contingency plans in place. The Vestry has been working over the last few weeks to ensure our



(See John 19:17-37)

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"I, JESUS, HEREBY BEQUEATH MY CARPENTRY STUFF TO ZED, MY GOOD TUNIC TO ROB, AND I'LL BE BACK TO PICK UP THE REST. TO EVERYONE IN THE UNIVERSE PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE ... I LEAVE LIFE."

WORSHIP EXPERIENCES

Join us Sundays at 10:00am

Inside Scoop with us on this Thursday at 7pm



Anxious to be doing something? Want to help out. There are plenty of jobs around the church...see our website!

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Your Transfig brothers and sisters are ready! We can grocery shop, do laundry...anything. Call 461-3142