



ANGLICAN CHURCH OF PAPHOS

Lent Course 2024

'People On The Edge'

Mary Magdalene: Soul Sister

Week 2: 27 February 2024

Welcome

Song 1017 **Who Is There Like You?**

Self Examination & Confession

God the Father:
Have mercy on us.

God the Son:
Have mercy on us.

God the Holy Spirit:
Have mercy on us.

Holy, blessed and glorious Trinity:
Have mercy on us.

From all evil and mischief; from pride, vanity, and hypocrisy;
from envy, hatred, and malice; and from all evil intent:
Good Lord, deliver us.

From sloth, worldliness and love of money; from hardness of heart
and contempt for your word and your laws:
Good Lord, deliver us.

From sins of body and mind; from the deceits of the world,
the flesh and the devil:

Good Lord, deliver us.

In all times of sorrow; in all times of joy; in the hour of death;
and at the day of judgement:

Good Lord, deliver us.

By the mystery of your holy incarnation; by your birth, childhood and
obedience; by your baptism, fasting and temptation:

Good Lord, deliver us.

By your ministry in word and work; by your mighty acts of power;
and by your preaching of the kingdom:

Good Lord, deliver us.

By your agony and trial; by your cross and passion;
and by your precious death and burial:

Good Lord, deliver us.

By your mighty resurrection; by your glorious ascension;
and by your sending of the Holy Spirit:

Good Lord, deliver us.

Give us true repentance; forgive us our sins of negligence and
Ignorance and our deliberate sins; and grant us the grace of your
Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to your holy word.

Holy God, holy and strong, holy and immortal: have mercy upon us.

Make our hearts clean, O God:

And renew a right spirit within us.

**Father eternal, giver of light and grace, we have sinned against you
and against our neighbour, in what we have thought, in what we
have said and done, through ignorance, through weakness, through
our own deliberate fault. We have wounded your love, and marred
your image in us. We are sorry and ashamed, and repent of all our
sins. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive
us all that is past; and lead us out from darkness to walk as children
of light. AMEN.**

Luke 8:1-3 Some Women Accompany Jesus

¹ Soon afterwards Jesus went on through cities and villages, proclaiming and bringing the good news of the kingdom of God. The twelve were with him, ² as well as some women who had been cured of evil spirits and infirmities: Mary, called Magdalene, from whom seven demons had gone out, ³ and Joanna, the wife of Herod's steward Chuza, and Susanna, and many others, who provided for them out of their resources.

Mark 15: 33-41 The Death of Jesus

³³ When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. ³⁴ At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, 'Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?' which means, 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?' ³⁵ When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, 'Listen, he is calling for Elijah.' ³⁶ And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying, 'Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down.' ³⁷ Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. ³⁸ And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. ³⁹ Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, 'Truly this man was God's Son!' ⁴⁰ There were also women looking on from a distance; among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome. ⁴¹ These used to follow him and provided for him when he was in Galilee; and there were many other women who had come up with him to Jerusalem.

Mark 15:42-47 The Burial of Jesus

⁴² When evening had come, and since it was the day of Preparation, that is, the day before the sabbath, ⁴³ Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God, went boldly to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. ⁴⁴ Then Pilate wondered if he were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he had been dead for some time. ⁴⁵ When he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. ⁴⁶ Then Joseph bought a linen cloth, and taking down the body, wrapped it in the linen cloth, and laid it in a tomb that had been hewn out of the rock. He then rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. ⁴⁷ Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses saw where the body was laid.

A Few Thoughts

A controversial question! Did Jesus choose to appear first to Mary simply because she was a woman or because she was so undeniably faithful? What, if anything, was Jesus trying to say here – subliminal or otherwise?

Monologue

Questions for Discussion & Reflection

- 1) How does the person of Mary Magdalene resonate with your experience of faith?

- 2) Do women have a different experience of discipleship from men? If so, how?

- 3) What is your own experience of God's unconditional love?

- 4) Are we good because God loves us?

Song 402 Led Like A Lamb (You're Alive)

Closing Prayer

Loving God

We are good because you love us

Thank you for your gift of unconditional loving

We have been touched by your Spirit

That grounds us in your cross and passion

Renew us with your power, enfold us in your presence

And bring us finally to see your face. **AMEN.**