

Communion Service:  
16 July 2023  
6<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Trinity  
Notices

- Swap Shop, Saturday 22 July, 2:30-4:30, HH
  - Holiday Club: 8-10 August
- Benefice Future Planning Meeting
  - 7:30pm, Wed 16 Aug, Harvest House
    - Next Sunday:
      - 2-5pm Cream Teas at Hethel
      - 6pm Together Meal in HH garden
- 7pm Together Service at Mulbarton Church

Collect for Feast of St Mary Magdalen

Almighty God, whose Son restored Mary Magdalene to health of mind and body and called her to be a witness to his resurrection:  
forgive our sins and heal us by your grace, that we may serve you in the power of his risen life; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

Song: I Will Worship

I will worship

With all of my heart

I will praise You

With all of my strength

I will seek You

All of my days

I will follow

All of Your ways

I will give You all my worship

I will give You all my praise

You alone I long to worship

You alone are worthy of my praise

I will bow down

Hail You as King

I will serve You  
Give You everything  
I will lift up  
My eyes to Your throne  
I will trust You  
Trust You alone

I will give You all my worship  
I will give You all my praise  
You alone I long to worship  
You alone are worthy of my praise

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**Sharing Journeys:**

Receiving God's Forgiveness

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:  
everything old has passed away; everything becomes new.

That we may put behind us all that is past,  
let us call to mind our sins.

Receiving God's Forgiveness

Lord, in your love you invite us to be your friends:

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Lord, in your joy you choose us to go out and bear fruit:

Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, in your power you send us to be your faithful witnesses:

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Receiving God's Forgiveness

Almighty God,

who forgives all who truly repent,

have mercy upon *us*,

pardon and deliver *us* from all *our* sins,

confirm and strengthen *us* in all goodness,

and keep *us* in life eternal;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

Song: Give Thanks To The Lord

Give thanks to the Lord,

Our God and King:

His love endures forever.

For He is good, He is above all things.

His love endures forever.

Sing praise, sing praise.

With a mighty hand

And an outstretched arm

His love endures forever.

For the life that's been reborn.

His love endures forever.

Sing praise, sing praise.

Sing praise, sing praise.

Forever God is faithful,

Forever God is strong.

Forever God is with us,

Forever.

**(Echo)** Forever, Forever

From the rising to the setting sun,

His love endures forever.

By the grace of God, we will carry on.

His love endures forever.

Sing praise, sing praise.

Sing praise, sing praise

Forever God is faithful,

Forever God is strong.

Forever God is with us,

Forever.

**(Echo)** Forever, Forever

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Forever God is with us,

Forever.

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Luke 10:38-42 (NIV)

<sup>38</sup> As Jesus and his disciples were on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to him. <sup>39</sup> She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet listening to what he said. <sup>40</sup> But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to him and asked, 'Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!'

Luke 10:38-42 (NIV)

<sup>41</sup> 'Martha, Martha,' the Lord answered, 'you are worried and upset about many things, <sup>42</sup> but few things are needed – or indeed only one.<sup>[a]</sup> Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her.'

John 11:17-37 (NIV)

<sup>17</sup> On his arrival, Jesus found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. <sup>18</sup> Now Bethany was less than two miles from Jerusalem, <sup>19</sup> and many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them in the loss of their brother. <sup>20</sup> When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went out to meet him, but Mary stayed at home.

<sup>21</sup> 'Lord,' Martha said to Jesus, 'if you had been here, my brother would not have died. <sup>22</sup> But I know that even now God will give you whatever you ask.'

John 11:17-37 (NIV)

<sup>23</sup> Jesus said to her, 'Your brother will rise again.'

<sup>24</sup> Martha answered, 'I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day.'

<sup>25</sup> Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; <sup>26</sup> and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?'

<sup>27</sup> 'Yes, Lord,' she replied, 'I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, who is to come into the world.'

John 11:17-37 (NIV)

<sup>28</sup> After she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary aside. 'The Teacher is here,' she said, 'and is asking for you.' <sup>29</sup> When Mary heard this, she got up quickly and went to him.

<sup>30</sup> Now Jesus had not yet entered the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. <sup>31</sup> When the Jews who had been with Mary in the house, comforting her, noticed how quickly she got up and went out, they followed her, supposing she was going to the tomb to mourn there.

John 11:17-37 (NIV)

<sup>32</sup> When Mary reached the place where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.'

<sup>33</sup> When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come along with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in spirit and troubled. <sup>34</sup> 'Where have you laid him?' he asked.

'Come and see, Lord,' they replied.

John 11:17-37 (NIV)

<sup>35</sup> Jesus wept.

<sup>36</sup> Then the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!'

<sup>37</sup> But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?'

Talk

by Adrian

Truth = NOT the River Lethe

"Unforgetting"

The Forgotten Women of the NT

Anna

Lydia of Thyatira

Apphia

Prisca

Mary "The Magdalene"

Mary mother of Jesus

Mary Salome "of Clopas"

Salome

Julia

Phoebe

Junia the apostle

Chloe

Claudia

Euodia

Syntche

Tryphena

Tryphosa

Persis

Nympha

Damaris of Athens

Dorcas of Joppa

The "elder...a woman appointed by God" in 2 John

Paul on Women

- Appointed Lydia to lead church
- Wrote Corinthian letters to Chloe
- Mentioned women prophesying and praying aloud – 1 Cor. 11:5
  - "All one in Christ" – Gal. 3:28
  - "Let women learn..." – 1 Timothy 2:11
  - "Submit to one another..." – Eph. 5:21

- Prisca – respected co-teacher
- Junia – prominent among the apostles
- Phoebe – entrusted with Romans letter

What happened?

- Rome felt threatened
- Diocletian persecution – 303AD
- Impact of Gospel on women in Roman empire threatened stability of the “domus”
- Many Christian women sentenced to public rape and worse in attempt to restore order
  - Women gradually written out of church history
    - Maria or Martha? Sister or sisters?
    - Libbie Schrader Research
    - Anglican singer in prayer – “Magdalene”
    - Bible student, discovered Papyrus 66
    - Nestle Aland paying attention
    - Magdala named after Mary!
    - Debate about Martha

Certain that unusual handling in ancient texts & early church leaders got their Marys confused!

Mary “The Tower”

Song: Over All The Earth

Over all the earth

You reign on high,

Every mountain stream,

Every sunset sky.

But my one request,

Lord, my only aim

Is that You’d reign in me again.

Lord, reign in me,

Reign in Your power;

Over all my dreams,

In my darkest hour.

You are the Lord of all I am,

So won’t You reign in me again?

Over every thought,

Over every word,

May my life reflect the beauty of my Lord;

'Cause You mean more to me  
Than any earthly thing,  
So won't You reign in me again?

Lord, reign in me,  
Reign in Your power;  
Over all my dreams,  
In my darkest hour.  
You are the Lord of all I am,  
So won't You reign in me again?

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Over all my dreams,  
In my darkest hour.  
You are the Lord of all I am,  
So won't You reign in me again?

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Song: Over The Mountains  
Over the mountains and the sea  
Your river runs with love for me,  
And I will open up my heart,  
And let the Healer set me free.  
I'm happy to be in the truth,  
And I will daily lift my hands,  
For I will always sing of  
When Your love came down,

I could sing of Your love forever,  
I could sing of Your love forever.  
I could sing of Your love forever,  
I could sing of Your love forever.

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Your river runs with love for me,  
And I will open up my heart,  
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I could sing of Your love forever,  
I could sing of Your love forever.  
I could sing of Your love forever,  
I could sing of Your love forever.

Oh, I feel like dancing,  
It's foolishness I know;  
But when the world has seen the light,  
They will dance with joy  
Like we're dancing now.

I could sing of Your love forever,  
I could sing of Your love forever.  
I could sing of Your love forever,  
I could sing of Your love forever.

I could sing of Your love forever,  
I could sing of Your love forever.  
I could sing of Your love forever,  
I could sing of Your love forever.

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Profession of Faith

***The president addresses the congregation:***

Brothers and sisters, I ask you to profess  
the faith of the Church.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

Profession of Faith

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,**



**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,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Profession of Faith

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

Our Prayers

led by Derrick

Song: Faithful One

Faithful One, so unchanging,  
Ageless One, You're my Rock of peace.

Lord of all, I depend on You,  
I call out to You again and again.  
I call out to You again and again.

You are my rock in times of trouble.

You lift me up when I fall down.

All through the storm  
Your love is the anchor,  
My hope is in You alone.

Faithful One, so unchanging,  
Ageless One, You're my Rock of peace.

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Brian Doerksen  
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Holy Communion  
The Lord is here.  
**His Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

It is right to praise you,  
Father, Lord of all creation;  
in your love you made us for yourself.

When we turned away  
you did not reject us,  
but came to meet us in your Son.

**You embraced us  
as your children  
and welcomed us  
to sit and eat with you.**

In Christ you shared our life  
that we might live in him  
and he in us.

**He opened his arms of love  
upon the cross  
and made for all  
the perfect sacrifice for sin.**

On the night he was betrayed,  
at supper with his friends

he took bread,  
and gave you thanks;  
he broke it  
and gave it to them, saying:  
Take, eat; this is my body  
which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

**Father, we do this  
in remembrance of him:  
his body is the bread of life.**

At the end of supper,  
taking the cup of wine,  
he gave you thanks, and said:  
Drink this, all of you;  
this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you  
for the forgiveness of sins;  
do this in remembrance of me.

**Father, we do this  
in remembrance of him:  
his blood is shed for all.**

As we proclaim his death  
and celebrate his rising in glory,  
send your Holy Spirit  
that this bread and this wine  
may be to us the body and blood  
of your dear Son.

**As we eat and drink  
these holy gifts  
make us one in Christ,  
our risen Lord.**

With your whole Church

throughout the world  
we offer you  
this sacrifice of praise  
and lift our voice  
to join the eternal song of heaven:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full  
of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

The Lord's Prayer  
As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:  
**Our Father in heaven  
hallowed be your name.  
Your Kingdom come,  
your will be done  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and for ever.  
Amen.**

Every time we eat this bread  
and drink this cup.

**We proclaim the Lord's death  
until he comes.**

Giving of Communion  
Draw near with faith.  
Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ  
which he gave for you,  
and his blood which he shed for you.

Eat and drink  
in remembrance that Christ died for you,  
and feed on him in your hearts  
by faith with thanksgiving.  
Receiving Bread and Wine  
Post Communion Prayer  
God of life and love,  
whose risen Son called Mary Magdalene by name  
and sent her to tell of his resurrection to his apostles:  
in your mercy, help us,  
who have been united with him in this eucharist,  
to proclaim the good news that he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

Prayer After Communion

**Almighty God,**

**we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.  
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice.  
Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory.**

**Amen.**

Song: I Will Offer Up My Life

I will offer up my life  
In spirit and truth,  
Pouring out the oil of love  
As my worship to You.  
In surrender I must give my every part;  
Lord, receive the sacrifice  
Of a broken heart.

Jesus, what can I give, what can I bring  
To so faithful a friend, to so loving a King?  
Saviour, what can be said, what can be sung  
As a praise of Your name  
For the things You have done?  
Oh, my words could not tell, not even in part,  
Of the debt of love that is owed  
By this thankful heart.

You deserve my every breath  
For You've paid the great cost;  
Giving up Your life to death,  
Even death on a cross.  
You took all my shame away,  
There defeated my sin,  
Opened up the gates of heaven,

And have beckoned me in.

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To so faithful a friend, to so loving a King?  
Saviour, what can be said, what can be sung  
As a praise of Your name  
For the things You have done?  
Oh, my words could not tell, not even in part,  
Of the debt of love that is owed  
By this thankful heart.

What can I give? What can I bring?  
What can I sing as an offering  
O my Lord  
**(x3)**

I will offer up my life  
In spirit and truth,  
Pouring out the oil of love  
As my worship to You.  
In surrender I must give my every part;  
Lord, receive the sacrifice  
Of a broken heart.

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Closing Blessing

May Christ, who makes saints of sinners,  
who has transformed those we remember today, raise and strengthen you that you may  
transform the world;  
And the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you,  
now and always.

**Amen.**