

THE COMMEMORATION OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE

July 22, 2018

*The Lord is glorious in his saints;
O come, let us worship!*

8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer:

✠ Psalms 5 & 6 | Isaiah 25:1-9 | St. John 20:1-10

9:00 a.m. – The Holy Eucharist

Introit: Psalm 139:1-11:	page 509
The Gloria:	page 86
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The Old Testament Reading:	Zephaniah 3:14-end
Psalm 63:1-5:	page 405
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The Homily	
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9:45 a.m. – Time with Fr. Stockall

10:30 a.m. – The Holy Eucharist

♪ PROCESSIONAL HYMN:	375 (Darwall)
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♪ GRADUAL HYMN:	611 (Dundee)
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♪ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:	Alleluia
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♪ OFFERTORY HYMN:	209 (Sine Nomine)
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♪ HYMN DURING COMMUNION:	221 (Unde et Memores)
Post-Communion Prayer:	page 85
♪ RECESSIONAL HYMN:	606 (St. Albinus)

*Please join us in the Parish Hall
following the 10:30 Celebration for
Coffee & Conversation.*



We are very pleased to welcome Kenzie Rose, daughter of Matthew and Candice (Colpitts) MacFarlane, sister of Tegan, and great-granddaughter of Freeda and Edmund Price, as a member of the Body of Christ and an inheritor of the Kingdom of God. We pray that the Grace which God has shared with her in the Sacrament of Holy Baptism might strengthen her each and every day of her life.

From the Rector

Mary Magdalene has long held a special place among Jesus' disciples. It was Mary's great love for Christ that kept her standing at the foot of the Cross. It was her heartbreaking pain of loss that drove her to his tomb at the first light of day in order to anoint his body. And, as a reward for her faithfulness and love, she was the first witness of the Resurrection; so it was Mary who went to tell the Apostles that Jesus had risen from the dead; and for this she is called "Apostle to the Apostles." And, according to tradition, after Jesus' Resurrection and Ascension, Mary Magdalene continued her mission as a faithful follower of the Risen Christ.

In one tradition Mary Magdalene boldly presents herself to the Emperor Tiberius Caesar in Rome to proclaim the resurrection of Jesus Christ, with an egg in hand to illustrate her message. Holding the egg out to him, she exclaims to him the Easter proclamation: "Christ is risen!" The emperor, mocking her, says that Jesus has no more risen than the egg in her hand was red. Immediately, the egg turns red as a sign from God to illustrate the truth of her message. The Emperor then heeds her complaints about Pilate condemning an innocent man to death, and has Pilate removed from Jerusalem under imperial displeasure. In another tradition, it is said that Mary Magdalene took a basket of white boiled eggs with her on Easter morning to the tomb of Jesus, perhaps as a meal for herself and the others as they waited for someone to roll the stone away. When she arrived at the site of the Resurrection, finding the stone already rolled away, she also found that the eggs in her basket had turned into bright shades of colour.

We doubt the reliability of these stories but we do know that the custom of handing out red eggs at Easter originated among Christians in early times; and we often find Mary Magdalene depicted in icons holding a red egg. For many cultures, even before the time of Christ, the egg was a symbol of creation, spring, and rebirth. After the resurrection of Christ, the egg became a symbol of new life breaking forth while leaving the empty tomb behind; and Easter eggs became a symbol of the resurrection on the Last Day, and were shared with one another as a joyful symbol of Christian hope.

Painting boiled Easter eggs is a much loved ancient tradition, especially for our sisters and brothers in the Orthodox churches. The eggs are often dyed red to represent the blood of Jesus Christ that was shed on the cross. The Easter eggs are then carried to the church in baskets to be blessed by the priest (often with other foods to be eaten for the Easter feast) at the end of the Easter vigil before being distributed to the faithful. The egg represents the sealed Tomb of Christ, and cracking the shell represents Jesus' resurrection from the dead. So the connection of eggs with the Resurrection is a historic one in the heart of the Church, and an excellent way to think about our faith with young and not-so-young alike.

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We are not told that Jesus 'survived death'; we are not told that the story of the empty tomb is a beautiful imaginative creation that offers inspiration to all sorts of people; we are not told that the message of Jesus lives on. We are told that God did something – that is, that this bit of the human record, the things that Peter and John and Mary Magdalene witnessed on Easter morning, is a moment when, to borrow an image from the 20th century Catholic writer Ronald Knox, the wall turns into a window.

Rowan Williams

Priest and Rector

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Parish Notices and Updates

THE ST. MICHAEL'S YOUTH CONFERENCE is scheduled for August 20th to 25th at Camp Wildwood near Bouctouche, and application forms are now available on the table in the narthex. This is an excellent programme for young people between ages of 13 and 19, combining solid and helpful Christian Education, worship, recreation and fellowship. If you know of someone who would benefit from this amazing programme, please to Janice Stockall or the Rector.

THE LATEST COPY OF THE SCHEDULE OF READERS is now available on the table in the Narthex. If you're not currently on the schedule and would like to be added, please speak to the Rector.

ARE YOU ON ENEWS? The diocese sends out an eNews reminder each Tuesday with a new story and all the news and events to keep you up to date. Join up by emailing the editor: gmcknight@diofton.ca or find eNews on the diocesan website: anglican.nb.ca/wp/eneews

E-OFFERING: Did you forget your envelope this weekend? Instead of digging in your wallet for collection why don't you set up E-Offering and forget about the hassle. E-Offering is an electronic offering that debits from your bank account. It is easy, no fuss and customizable. You can set up weekly, monthly and with any amount. Adjustments are easy to make. Please pick up a slip from the table in the narthex if you are interested or speak to Allan Agnew if you have any questions.

Toil together one with another, struggle together, run together, suffer together, lie down together, rise up together, as God's stewards and assessors and ministers. Please the Captain in whose army ye serve, from whom also ye will receive your pay. Let none of you be found a deserter. Let your baptism abide with you as your shield; your faith as your helmet; your love as your spear; your patience as your body armour. Let your works be your deposits, that ye may receive your assets due to you.

Ignatius of Antioch (ca. 35-98?), *Letter to Polycarp*, par. 6

Mary Magdalene

Men called you light so as to load you down,
And burden you with their own weight of sin,
A woman forced to cover and contain
Those seven devils sent by Everyman.
But one man set you free and took your part
One man knew and loved you to the core
The broken alabaster of your heart
Revealed to Him alone a hidden door,
Into a garden where the fountain sealed,
Could flow at last for him in healing tears,
Till, in another garden, he revealed
The perfect Love that cast out all your fears,
And quickened you with love's own sway and swing,
As light and lovely as the news you bring.

Malcolm Guite

EACH WEEK PRINTED COPIES OF THE HOMILY are available on the small table on the right hand side of the entrance to the church for anyone who would like to reflect further on the issues discussed. Please speak to the Rector if you're not able to locate a copy.



SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

JULY 25: ST. JAMES THE APOSTLE

6:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer
7:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist

JULY 26: ST. ANNE, Mother of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer
Followed by time for personal prayer in the Church

JULY 28: THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

4:30 p.m. – Evening Prayer
5:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist

JULY 29: THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

8:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer
9:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist
10:30 a.m. – Holy Eucharist

Followed by Coffee and Conversation in the Parish Hall