

**Song of Solomon 3:2-5; 8:6-7**

<sup>3:2</sup> “I will rise now,” I said, “And go about the city; In the streets and in the squares I will seek the one I love.” I sought him, but I did not find him. <sup>3</sup> The watchmen who go about the city found me; I said, “Have you seen the one I love?” <sup>4</sup> Scarcely had I passed by them, When I found the one I love. I held him and would not let him go, until I had brought him to the house of my mother, and into the cham-ber of her who conceived me. <sup>5</sup> I charge you, O daughters of Jerusalem, by the gazelles or by the does of the field, do not stir up nor awaken love until it pleases. <sup>8:6</sup> Set me as a seal upon your heart, as a seal upon your arm; For love is as strong as death, jealousy as cruel as the grave; Its flames are flames of fire, a most vehement flame. <sup>7</sup> Many waters cannot quench love, nor can the floods drown it. If a man would give for love all the wealth of his house, it would be utterly despised.

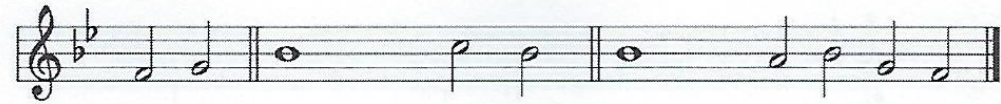
**Proverbs 31:10-31**

<sup>10</sup> Who can find a virtuous wife? For her worth is far above rubies. <sup>11</sup> The heart of her husband safely trusts her; so he will have no lack of gain. <sup>12</sup> She does him good and not evil all the days of her life. <sup>13</sup> She seeks wool and flax, and willingly works with her hands. <sup>14</sup> She is like the merchant ships, she brings her food from afar. <sup>15</sup> She also rises while it is yet night, and provides food for her household, and a portion for her maidservants. <sup>16</sup> She considers a field and buys it; From her profits she plants a vineyard. <sup>17</sup> She girds herself with strength, and strengthens her arms. <sup>18</sup> She perceives that her merchandise is good, and her lamp does not go out by night. <sup>19</sup> She stretches out her hands to the distaff, and her hand holds the spindle. <sup>20</sup> She extends her hand to the poor, yes, she reaches out her hands to the needy. <sup>21</sup> She is not afraid of snow for her household, for all her household is clothed with scarlet. <sup>22</sup> She makes tapestry for herself; her clothing is fine linen and purple. <sup>23</sup> Her husband is known in the gates, when he sits among the elders of the land. <sup>24</sup> She makes linen garments and sells them, and supplies sashes for the merchants. <sup>25</sup> Strength and honor are her clothing; She shall rejoice in time to come. <sup>26</sup> She opens her mouth with wisdom, and on her tongue is the law of kindness. <sup>27</sup> She watches over the ways of her household, and does not eat the bread of idleness. <sup>28</sup> Her children rise up and

call her blessed; Her husband also, and he praises her: <sup>29</sup> “Many daughters have done well, but you excel them all.” <sup>30</sup> Charm is deceitful and beauty is passing, but a woman who fears the LORD, she shall be praised. <sup>31</sup> Give her of the fruit of her hands, and let her own works praise her in the gates.

**St. Luke 7:36-50**

<sup>36</sup> Then one of the Pharisees asked Him to eat with him. And He went to the Pharisee’s house, and sat down to eat. <sup>37</sup> And behold, a woman in the city who was a sinner, when she knew that Jesus sat at the table in the Pharisee’s house, brought an alabaster flask of fragrant oil, <sup>38</sup> and stood at His feet behind Him weeping; and she began to wash His feet with her tears, and wiped them with the hair of her head; and she kissed His feet and anointed them with the fragrant oil. <sup>39</sup> Now when the Pharisee who had invited Him saw this, he spoke to himself, saying, “This man, if He were a prophet, would know who and what manner of woman this is who is touching Him, for she is a sinner.” <sup>40</sup> And Jesus answered and said to him, “Simon, I have something to say to you.” So he said, “Teacher, say it.” <sup>41</sup> “There was a certain creditor who had two debtors. One owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. <sup>42</sup> And when they had nothing with which to repay, he freely forgave them both. Tell Me, therefore, which of them will love him more?” <sup>43</sup> Simon answered and said, “I suppose the one whom he forgave more.” And He said to him, “You have rightly judged.” <sup>44</sup> Then He turned to the woman and said to Simon, “Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave Me no water for My feet, but she has washed My feet with her tears and wiped them with the hair of her head. <sup>45</sup> You gave Me no kiss, but this woman has not ceased to kiss My feet since the time I came in. <sup>46</sup> You did not anoint My head with oil, but this woman has anointed My feet with fragrant oil. <sup>47</sup> Therefore I say to you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven, for she loved much. But to whom little is forgiven, the same loves little.” <sup>48</sup> Then He said to her, “Your sins are forgiven.” <sup>49</sup> And those who sat at the table with Him began to say to themselves, “Who is this who even forgives sins?” <sup>50</sup> Then He said to the woman, “Your faith has saved you. Go in peace.”

**JULY 22—ST. MARY MAGDALENE (WHITE)****Introit.**

*Ant.* THE WICK- || ed have waited for me to de- | stroy | me:  
but I will consider Thy | test- | i- | mon- | ies.

|| I have seen an end of all per- | fec- | tion:  
but Thy commandment is | ex- | ceed- | ing | broad.

*Psalm.* || Blessed are the undefiled in the | way | - :  
who walk in the | Law | of | the | LORD.

GLO-RY || be to the Father and to the | Son | - :  
and to | the | Ho- | ly | Ghost.

AS IT || was in the beginning, is now, and ever | shall | be:  
world with- | out | end. | A- | men. (*Ant. Repeated.*)

**Collect.**

O gracious God, who didst work repentance and faith in the heart of St. Mary, so lead us by the working of Thy Holy Spirit that we may walk before Thee in repentance all our days and have consolation through the absolution which Thou dost grant to be proclaimed unto Thy Church, through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever One God, world without end. *Amen.*

**Epistle. Song of Solomon 3:2-5; 8:6-7****Gospel. Luke 7:36-50****Gradual.**

|| Thou lovest righteousness, and hatest | wicked- | ness:  
therefore God, thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness a- |  
bove | thy | fel- | lows.

|| Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Grace is poured into | thy | lips:  
therefore God hath blessed | thee | for | ev- | er.



Festival of St. Mary Magdalene

95. Alas, My God, My Sins Are Great

Ach Gott und Herr, wie gross und schwer

Johann Major, 1613

Tr., Catherine Winkworth, 1863, alt.

Ach Gott und Herr

"Andachts-Zymbeln"

Freyburg, 1655

1. A - las, my God, my sins are great,  
2. And fled I hence in my de - spair  
3. Lord, Thee I seek. I mer - it naught;  
4. If pain and woe must fol - low sin,

My con - science doth up - braid me;  
In some lone spot to hide me,  
Yet pit - y and re - store me.  
Then be my path still rough - er.

And now I find that in my strait  
My griefs would still be with me there  
Just God, be not Thy wrath my lot;  
Here spare me not; if heav'n I win,

No man hath pow'r to aid me.  
And peace still be de - nied me.  
Thy Son hath suf - fered for me.  
On earth I glad - ly suf - fer. A - men.

5. But curb' my heart, forgive my guilt,  
Make Thou my patience firmer;  
For they must miss the good Thou wilt  
Who at Thy chastenings murmur.

6. Then deal with me as seems Thee best,—  
Thy grace will help me bear it,  
If but at last I see Thy rest  
And with my Savior share it.