

Where's Your Chair?

Easter Tuesday



Your loving kindness is better than life itself and so my lips shall praise you.
I will bless you as long as I live and lift up my hands in your name.
Psalm 63:4-5

Praising:

Easter triumph, Easter joy,
sin alone can this destroy;
from sin's power do thou set free
souls new-born, O Lord, in thee.
Hymns of glory and of praise,
risen Lord, to thee we raise;
holy Father, praise to thee,
with the Spirit, ever be.

Reading:

John 20:11-18
Jesus appears to Mary
Magdalene

If killing Jesus wasn't enough,
now they have taken his body
away. Just when Mary thought it
couldn't get any worse. Violating
his grave, after all they've already
done – these are the lowest of
the low. But what is it that brings
Mary to the grave so early on this
first day of the week? Whatever

connection Jesus had made with
that rag-tag collection of
fishermen, revolutionaries, tax-
collectors and other 'ne'r-do-
wells', until things turned nasty in
Jerusalem all they wanted was
Christ's company. It looks like
Mary in particular had found the
Lord's mix of acceptance and
love to be everything that she'd
always been searching for.
Nothing else explains her
anguish; and nothing else
explains why, once she
recognises Jesus, he ends up
having to tell her to let go of him!

Listening:

Praying:

We hold before God all who
mourn

- those broken and bereft after
a lifetime of love, trust and
friendship
- those alone and anxious for
whom the solitude and silence
are unbearable
- those facing loss without the
comfort and consolation of
hope, faith and heaven

Father: send me to those
devastated by death. May I
speak Christ's words of
recognition and reassurance.
May they know his power to
succour, heal and strengthen.
Amen

Doing:

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