

# **Liturgy Alive of Memorial of Mary Magdalene**

## **Introduction**

Contrary to popular belief, which is based on a rather late “tradition” in the West only, Mary Magdalene is not the sinful woman described in Luke 7. We know that she was from Magdala and had been cured by the Lord. She became an eager and loving witness to the Lord’s resurrection.

## **Opening Prayer**

Lord our God,  
Mary Magdalene sought your Son  
with the impetuosity of a person  
who loved him deeply  
and who was afraid to have lost him.  
When she had recognized him,  
he made her a witness to his resurrection.  
Lord God, help us discover  
the presence of your Son  
in the people around us  
and may they recognize  
that Jesus Christ lives in us  
now and for ever.

## **Liturgy of the Word**

### **Prayer over the Gifts**

Lord our God,  
in these signs of bread and wine  
your Son becomes present among us.  
Give us the firm conviction  
that he is alive among us and in us,  
that people may recognize  
that it is he who makes our lives meaningful  
and worth living.  
We ask you this through Christ, our Lord.

### **Prayer after Communion**

Our God and Father,  
we thank you for this eucharistic celebration.  
We have shared the table of your Son;  
we share his life and love.

God, may we also bear witness  
that your Son is risen and alive today.  
May our lives reflect the love and joy  
that he brought us,  
until we enter the joy of your kingdom.  
This is what we ask of you today  
through Christ Jesus our Lord.