



Daily Reflections

April 3, 2018

Scripture

John 20: 11-18

Mary Magdalene stayed outside the tomb weeping.

And as she wept, she bent over into the tomb

and saw two angels in white sitting there,

one at the head and one at the feet

where the Body of Jesus had been.

And they said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?"

She said to them, "They have taken my Lord,

and I don't know where they laid him."

When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus there,
but did not know it was Jesus.

Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?

Whom are you looking for?"

She thought it was the gardener and said to him,

"Sir, if you carried him away,

tell me where you laid him,

and I will take him."

Jesus said to her, "Mary!"

She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni,"
which means Teacher.

Jesus said to her, "Stop holding on to me,
for I have not yet ascended to the Father.

But go to my brothers and tell them,

'I am going to my Father and your Father,

to my God and your God."
Mary went and announced to the disciples,
"I have seen the Lord,"
and then reported what he had told her.

Our Scripture Reflection

In each of the appearance accounts of Our Lord after the resurrection the disciples fail at first to recognize Him even though He is standing in their midst. Why?

1. They do not possess Easter faith at first.
2. As He had been at the Transfiguration scene, the Lord is radically changed in appearance. He is now glorified.

They come to recognize Him only after He speaks a word or performs a gesture or both.

In today's Gospel passage the Lord speaks Mary's name, and immediately, her eyes are opened in faith.

Food for your Journey

As a child we were taught to say:

Now I lay me down to sleep

I pray the Lord my soul to keep

If I should die before I wake

I pray the Lord my soul to take.

But what "If we should die before we live?"

A Prayer from the Heart

Love overcame

Emerging from a cold tomb

All the truth, majesty and creativity of a living God

Transforming a broken heart

Making a quiet return, in a still and sorrowful garden

The grave stone rolled away, to release redemptive love

Jesus resurrected and restored

Comforts a weeping woman

Speaks with travellers on a journey

Meets with His faithful friends

And they bow down before Christ alive

And acknowledged that the Savior has arrived

That the word of God has come alive

And that the extraordinary transformation of heaven and earth

Is complete.Amen.