

THE PARISHES OF ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST AND ST MARY MAGDALENE

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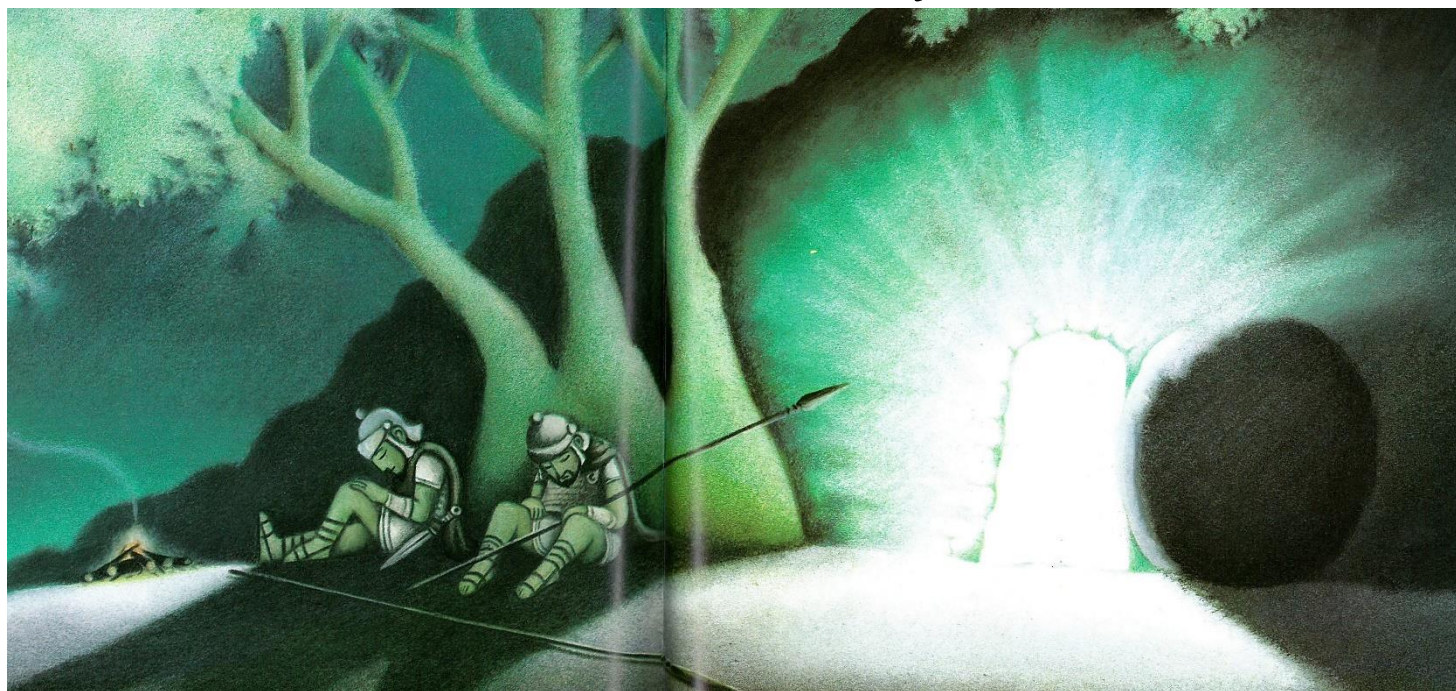
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Easter Sunday - 17 April 2022



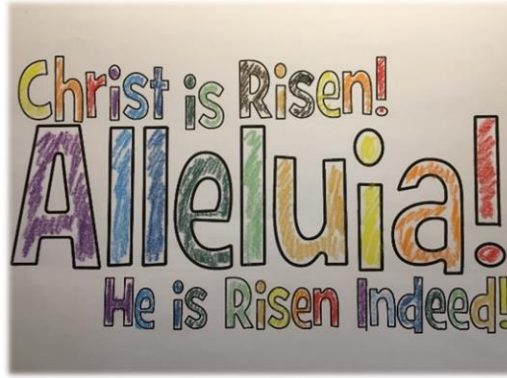
Giuliano Ferri – LA TOMBA VUOTA (The Empty Tomb), La Bibbia Illustrata

*We wish all our Parishioners
and Visitors
A Very Happy
And Joyous Easter.
Alleluia!*

Fr Jock writes: ‘A Happy and joy-filled Easter to Everyone from Deacon Eddie, the Pastoral Team and myself..... and a warm welcome to any visitors to our Churches this week..

And congratulations to all who were baptised or received at the Easter Vigil, and who were confirmed and made their first communion: to **Shannon McCaughey, Simon Brown, James Sutherland and Scott Craig**, baptised; to **Agnes Aitken, Jenna Ciancea and Louise Holden**, received into the Catholic Church; to **Michelle Dunleavy, Giulio Filosa, and Isaac and Elin Sivell**, confirmed (with the seven above); and again to Shannon, Simon, James, Scott, Agnes, Jenna, Louise, Giulio and Michelle on their First Communion.

Congratulations also to **Anna** and **Harry Aitchison**, baptised on Easter Sunday.
Remember, each day this week is part of the Easter Octave, a full feast day, requiring celebration...'



...AND THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU to all who have worked so hard to make our celebrations happen, especially the Parish House Team and those who've helped prepare and celebrate and livestream the many different services.

We Continue to pray for Peace – 'Dear Lord, please grant the people of Ukraine, Russia and Belarus, Your Peace, Your Justice, Your Reconciliation, Your Forgiveness, Your Love. Amen.'

THIS WEEK

Saturday 16 April – HOLY SATURDAY AT THE TOMB OF CHRIST

10.00am – St John's - **Morning Prayer and Office of Readings**

8.30pm – St John's - **Easter Vigil Mass with Baptisms and Confirmations** - livestreamed

9.15pm – Zoom – **Prayer at Night**

Sunday 17 April – EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

7.00am – Beach at Joppa – **Ecumenical Service**

9.30am – St John's – **Easter Morning Children's Mass with Baptisms of Anna and Harry Aitchison** –
livestreamed

11.15am – St Mary Magdalene's – **Easter Morning Children's Mass**

9.15pm – Zoom – **Prayer at Night**

Monday 18 April - 10.00am – St John's – **Mass** – livestreamed

Tuesday 19 April – 10am – St John's – **Mass** - livestreamed

Wednesday 20 April - 10.00am – St John's – **Mass** – livestreamed

Thursday 21 April –

10.00am – St Mary Magdalene's – **Mass** – livestreamed

6.30pm -St John's – **Wedding Rehearsal for Stuart McClelland and Sarah Cauldwell**

7.15pm – Zoom – **Synod co-ordinating Meeting**

Friday 22 April - 10.00am – St John's – **Requiem Mass for Celesta Crolla** – livestreamed

Saturday 23 April

2pm – St John's – **Wedding of Stuart McClelland and Sarah Cauldwell**

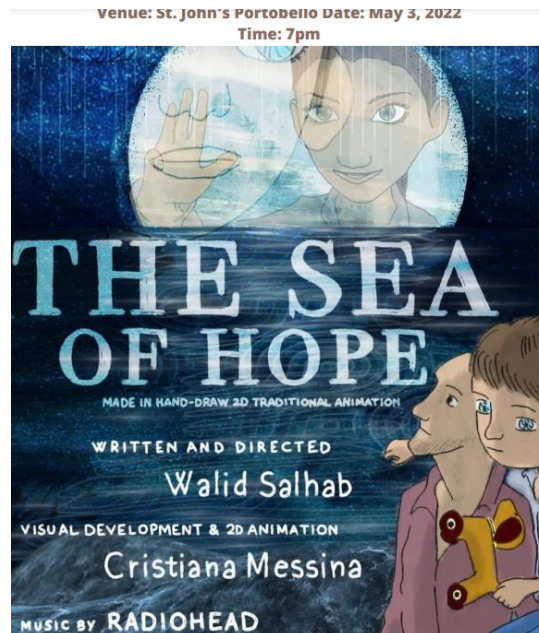
6.30pm – St John's – **Vigil Mass** - livestreamed

Sunday 24 April – SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY)

9.30am – St John's – **Mass** – livestreamed

10.40 – St John's – **Tower Tombola April Draw (£287.50)**

11.15am – St Mary Magdalene's – **Mass**



Emma Wood writes: ‘We are delighted to be hosting the first public screening of award-winning filmmaker, Walid Salhab’s latest short film, **The Sea of Hope** as a fundraiser for the charity STEKASkills. It will be shown along with two of his other multi award-winning films (each around 7 minutes long) in a film festival style event with a panel of speakers who will question Walid about his film/s and comment on the key themes (in particular the representation of displaced people and refugees). STEKASkills will also update us on the progress made by the charity over recent years.

The Sea of Hope focuses on a Middle Eastern refugee father and son’s dangerous sea journey trying to escape their war-torn country. The film highlights the fears and the peril and the risks the refugees take just to have a chance of a semi normal life. <https://vimeo.com/manage/videos/661266501>

It is a 2D animation and we will also showcase the work of the artist who has contributed to the film Cristiana Messina <https://cristianamessina.com/> who will demonstrate how to make animations during the 30-minute interval.

Trailers for other films to be shown are here:

Avartia <https://vimeo.com/120204468>

The Innocence of the

spirit https://www.imdb.com/video/vi2154863129?playlistId=tt1806824&ref=tt_ov_vi

Tickets - £10 - are limited but can be purchased both in St John’s and St Mary Magdalene’s after Mass next Sunday or via Eventbrite <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/award-winning-filmmaker-screens-new-short-refugee-film-with-expert-panel-tickets-317627942727>

From Archbishop Leo’s Weekly ‘Ad Clerum’

SCIAF Ukraine Appeal- As well as your prayers, please consider supporting SCIAF’s emergency appeal for Ukraine, if you are able. Donations can be made at <https://www.sciaf.org.uk/> To find out how the Catholic Church is helping those in Ukraine see <https://www.caritas.org/>

Pro-Life Rosary with Archbishop Cushley - Join Archbishop Cushley to pray the Rosary for unborn children, their mothers and all pro-life intentions at 10am on Saturday 23 April at Sacred Heart Church, 26 Lauriston Street, Edinburgh. This event precedes Scotland’s national Pro-Life Chain which takes place on nearby Lothian Road at 11am. Register at bit.ly/prolifeevents

Event for Married Couples - The Archdiocese is hosting an afternoon retreat for married couples at **3pm Sunday 8 May** at the Gillis Centre, 100 Strathearn Road, Edinburgh. It will be led by Brian & Maureen Devine,

a Catholic couple from England renowned throughout the UK for hosting inspiring retreats. Register for this free event at bit.ly/ArchEvenbrite or register by phone at 07833 208 211.

Wedding Anniversaries - Archbishop Leo will celebrate a Mass for Married & Engaged Couples on Wednesday 18 May at 7pm at St Mary's Cathedral in Edinburgh. All married and engaged couples are welcome on the night but if you are celebrating a significant anniversary this year, or know couples who are, the Archbishop would like to send a personal invitation. Please submit the names, address and number of years being celebrated to Fr Jeremy Milne: vemarriage@staned.org.uk, 0131 334 1693.

Xavier Society for the Blind - Do you know someone who would benefit from having readings, prayers and responses to Mass in Braille or large print? Visit Xavier Society for the Blind online at xaviersocietyfortheblind.org. It has provided free braille and audio materials to blind and visually impaired people worldwide since 1900. Email info@xaviersocietyfortheblind.org

VERONICA - A POEM FOR HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

by John Harwood Stevenson

(Veronica – literally ‘veron ikon’ (Gk) – ‘true picture’ – is the character in the Stations of the Cross (6th Station) who out of kindness wipes Jesus’ face with a towel during the Way of The Cross and finds his image imprinted on it)

Friday the 8th April of the year 30
There you are, girl, in the upper room,
Given to you by your parents on your 14th birthday,
Now a young woman, a daughter of Israel,
Soon to be married.

The window looks out onto the street.
Light comes through it.
On your knees a fine cloth of white silk.
Embroider it for your wedding.
You look at it and wonder what pattern.
Noise in the street outside, a gathering crowd.
Shouts fiercely fall of hatred.

The noise grows. Then the tread of Roman soldiers.
Your heart grows cold. What cruelty is coming?
The shouting now a storm. Words take shape.
"Crucify him!"
Again and again, the voice of the crowd.
What poor man are they hating? What has he done?
Dare she look out of the window?
She will dare. She rises, trembling.

She goes to the window,
looks out looks down
There below is a space in the crowd. Soldiers
surround it
In it a man lying. A beam of wood across his back.
Blood on the robe he is wearing.
She knows what that beam is for. The man will be
nailed to it

Then it will be fixed on a post. His feet will be nailed
to that

Sight often seen in a land ruled by Romans.
The man staggers to his feet. He raises his head.
He looks up at Veronica,
She knows him.

She has heard him preaching in the Temple.
"No man ever spoke as this man speaks",
people said.
His look pierces her more than his words.
She is carried as if by a great wind,
Out of her room, down the stairs.
She opens the door onto the street
How will she dare? What will the neighbours say?
Will she be safe in that crowd?

She forces her way past men and women.
She sidesteps a soldier. He looks at her amazed.
She stands in front of the man.
His face is bruised. Bloody from a crown of Thomas.
That face-what can she do?

She can show love.
With the fine silk cloth she wipes that face,
For a moment the crowd falls silent.
In that silence he says her name.
Then the soldiers hurry him on, push her out of the
way.

She gets back to the house, shuts the door behind her.
In her room she looks at the cloth.
His face is on it
She weeps but not with fear.
She weeps for love. She weeps with courage.
He called me by my name.

A REFLECTION ON THE READINGS FOR EASTER SUNDAY

- including Paul's letter to the Colossians 3:1-4 -

People in London are going hungry. People in Hexhamshire, Northumberland are going hungry. Welcome to the UK in 2022. The (dis) United Kingdom now boasts (if you can boast of such a thing) more food banks than branches of McDonalds. The problems of food poverty and child poverty could be tackled – there doesn't seem to be much evidence of a political determination to do so. There is, however, another and a more dangerous poverty confronting us. In 1971, Malcolm Muggeridge published a book 'Something Beautiful for God'. His life had been changed following time spent with Mother Teresa of Calcutta – correctly called Kolkata. This book brought Mother Teresa to the forefront of the public mind. It had a huge influence on me. Once I had read it, I wanted to know more about her. She said a great deal – but performed even more acts of unadulterated love. On one of her visits to London she said to the assembled media: *Here in Britain, you have a different kind of poverty – you have a poverty of spirit, and that is the worst kind of poverty there is.* If you can bear to watch any of the news coverage of the crimes being visited upon the people of Ukraine, several things are very noticeable. You see the pointless destruction. You see the evidence of genocide. And then in the eyes of some of the people interviewed, you see an absence of hope. In others you see raging anger and determination. We call it the fighting spirit – and these eyes are so, so different to the eyes of those who have lost hope. When Mother Teresa looked into the eyes of those she met in the UK, she saw 'poverty of spirit' and realised the enormity of the task before us. The inference of her answer was that she was busy in Kolkata, and it would be down to us to confront the spiritual poverty that lay before us. The people of Ukraine are being pulverised – but it's not the buildings that are the main target of their enemy – he wants the spirit of the Ukrainian people. Once he has broken that, then he has victory within his grasp.

In our Easter Triduum we celebrate the Easter Victory and the victory of Christ's cross. I am writing this on Good Friday morning. I loved the drama last night of the Last Supper and the journey to the Garden of Gethsemane: the drowsiness that so often follows a meal with wine, conversation and friends, the failure to grasp the solemnity of the occasion as Jesus went off alone, clearly distressed. Did he feel frustration that, even after three years spent in their company, they were unable to 'read the room' as modern parlance goes. Today is more heavy and emptier. The trial is underway, he is being pulled from court to court: to Herod and to Pilate, and all the while being jeered and spat at by the very people who had flocked to witness his miracles and sermons. Today will unfold and then tomorrow, Saturday, the empty, gaping, yawning, tabernacle will remind us of the poverty we face in a world without God, a world without hope. When God disappears from our lives, then so does hope, and when hope goes, poverty of spirit rushes in – and Mother Teresa's words of prophecy come to haunt us.

The Cross is our symbol of hope, and we are proud to hold it aloft. Do you remember that awful fire that almost destroyed Notre Dame Cathedral in France a few years back? When the flames had subsided, the blackened embers made safe, the full extent of the devastation was revealed. It had been destroyed – all that is except the huge Cross that hung in the nave, seemingly untouched by the flames and undamaged by the heat. Some said it was a miracle,

The devastation of Good Friday will not have the final word. He is Risen - Alleluia! Alleluia! This is why Paul in his letter to the Colossians urges us to *look for the things that are in Heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand.* We lift up our eyes away from the gloom and despair that makes up much of the fabric of our lives and we allow *our thoughts to be on heavenly things.* We cannot avoid trial or tribulation, disappointment, or dismay. We can avoid falling victim to poverty of spirit. Trials, sadness and tribulations are as much a part of life as are the birds of the air, the sky above us and the grass beneath our feet. Sadness and sorrow may be an inescapable part of life - but they do not have the final word - for He is the final Word, He is the Word made Flesh, He is God incarnate. And He is Risen. So today we rejoice and are glad, for this day was made by the Lord. He has conquered death and he invites us to share in his victory - and we are not afraid to share that conviction with those around us, for we find ourselves in a world that is hungry for hope. Who will offer that hope - if not us?

(The author of this reflection lives in Northumberland)

Parish Register

Please pray for those who have died recently:

*Christine Burns - Alec Carruthers
Tommy O'Rourke - Derek Madden
Peter Aitken - Leah Farrelly*

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur around this time:

*Pat McNally - Bill Cheyne - James Igoe
John Rae snr - Isa McCafferty -
Ina McNama - Mary Quigley
Kathleen Dykes Main
Charles McLauchlan
Bill Canning - baby Molly Muldoon
Michael O'Neill*

Anniversaries:

St John's: Apr.15: Josephine Day (2018); James P Igoe (2007); Richard Thompson (2001); Alexandrina R Mackay (2000); Mary Rae (1985); James Ward Sen. (1956); Andrew Mannering; **Apr.16:** Elizabeth Delaney (2000); Veronica Rowley (1995); Elizabeth F Demarco (1985); Catherine O'Brien (1958); Mrs Duffy (1956); **Apr.17:** Agnes Adamson (1990); John Rae Sen. (1976); Julia Lacey (1941); **Apr.18:** Robert Hazlett (1998); **Apr.19:** Isa McCafferty (2021); Johnny McCahill (2014); May Docherty (1988); Derrick Thomson; **Apr.20:** Elizabeth Holligan (2000); Betty Ferguson (1998); Elizabeth Gaynor; **Apr.21:** Alice Mitchell (1995); Ina McNama (2017); Mary Quigley (2014); Helen Dignan (1998); Kathleen Dykes Main (1991); **Apr.23:** James McMillan (2010); Margaret Gilhooley (2005); Charles McLauchlan (1972); Frank Irvine;

St Mary Magdalene's: April 16: Pat McNally; **Apr.20:** James Marlow (1994); **Apr.21:** Bill Cheyne (2020);

Please pray for those Parishioners who are sick:

St. John's: Baby Archie Williams, John Whyte, Maureen Lawrie, Susan Cammack, Maria Pacitti, Kim O'Neill, Sheila Service, Frances Connelly, Nessie Cairns, Fiona Connel, Inge Downey, John Freeman, May Thomson, Ann Dobie, Frank Logan, Sheelagh Dobson, Ernie Moran, Bob Kelly, Jean Bonar, Chloe Sutherland, Norah Bruce, Mike and Patricia Lawler, Ruth Viso, Mary Grady, Pauli Walker, Anna Butler, May Flynn, Vincent Knowles, John Cregan, young Saoirse Golden, Frances Cunningham, David Reid, Charlotte McGregor, Betty Dougal, Anne Thomson, Mike Noonan, Sarah McManus, Mike Burns, Sr Jennifer Lindsay, Maureen Low, Mary Slight, Rose Thornton, Kitty Dykes, Norman Telfer, Kathie Gallagher, Erin Corbett, Roz Byers, Marie Angela Crolla and Lorraine Syme.

St Mary Magdalene's:

Ray Donnelly, Carolynne McCann, Maureen Forsyth, Tom Bauld, Sam Burns, Jacqueline Marinello, Sandra Watt, Mary Cole, Chris English, Andrew Farmer, Clive Davis, Isobel Phillips, Margaret Duffy, Maria Scott Jnr, Louise Gorman, Ann Dockrell, Michael McPhillips, Bridget Malone, Charles Malcolm, Margaret Ryan, Jacqueline Hannan, Julie Keegan, Rose McKay, Laurie Wallace, Annie Watson, David O'Donnell, Andrew Banks, Jude Ferguson, and Mary and James Muir.

Please pray for sick friends and relatives of our Parishioners:

Young Martha Moyes (aged 5), Bill Henderson, Kit McCormick, Anne Rose, Jennifer Kay, Margaret Troupe, Anne Lauder, Seval Kazimoglu, Veronica Telfer, Ann Watt (Mgr Rae's sister) Jan Meise, Margaret Thompson, Melanie Ford, Jaroslav Icina, Mary Taygarth,, young Niamh McDougall, Bridget Bonner, Roger Bromley, Bernard Traynor, Evelyn Tibbs, Helen Briton, Mary Thomson, Fr Raymond OCSO, Tony Rigg, Jozefine O'Connell, Robin Butler, Caroline Minto, Henrietta Fraser, Stuart Falconer, Nan Doig, Claire Johnston, Emma Bromet, Elizabeth, Baby Percy Keiran McShane, Colin Sandham, Lewis White, Baby Alfie McDevitt, Elizabeth and Gordon Marron, Dawn Clarke, William Kinsley, Katie McAnenny, John Kellagher, Joy Allan, Colin Raasch, Annie Ross, Christopher MacKinnon, Annabelle Cervantes, Emily Buchanan, Ann Thorp, baby Josh Simpson, Helen McCann, Dani Miniette, Peter Millar, Sr May Lewis, Joan Murray Hamilton, Sr Margaret Mary, Jean Nelson, Betty Blyth, Lauren Fitzpatrick, Michael Igoe, Robert Shaw, baby Kinsley McMillan, Margaret and Victoria Roddam, Clare Richardson, Karen MacKay, Laura Anderson, Richard Reid, James O'Rourke, Tommy Muir, James Shepherd, Peter Hanley, Andrew Franklin, Ellen Green, Jamie Mitchell, Eunice Macdonald, Peter Bromley, Edward Caulfield, Igor Rekowski, Diana Hibbert, Joan Brooks, Mary Turnbull and young Ray Donovan Syme.

Offertory 10 April 2022

St Mary Magdalene

£311.50 total including Offertory of £168.50 and Gift Aid of £143.00

St John the Evangelist

£1302.75 total including Offertory of £375.35, Gift Aid of £187.40 and online donations of £740.00

Sciaf Ukraine Appeal

St John's: **£95.00**
St Mary Magdalene's: **£104.10**

THE FINAL CHAPTER OF FINDING THE HIDDEN TREASURE by Benignus O'Rourke

(The Way of Silent Prayer, Darton, Longman & Todd)

Chapter 64 – Sing, But Keep On Walking

How do we praise God with our lives? Augustine tells us how. If your heart is longing for God:

*You are praising God when you do your day's work.
You are praising him when you eat and drink.
You are praising him when you rest on your bed.
You are praising him when you are asleep.
So, when are you not praising him?*

And in his Commentary on Psalm 144:7 he reminds us: *'If you praise the works of God, then you will also have to praise yourself, for you are a work of God. Here is how you can praise yourself yet not be proud. Praise not yourself but God in you. Offer praise, not because you are this or that kind of person, but because God made you; not because you are capable of doing this or that, but because He works in you and through you.'*

Augustine would have us sing our way through life. In one of his sermons, he encourages us:



(Photo by Enrico Fertini, 2014)

*Let us sing God's praises here below.
Let us sing Alleluia to sweeten our toil.
Sing as travellers sing along the road; but keep on walking.
Relieve your toil by singing.
Do not yield to idleness.
Sing, but keep on walking.
What do I mean by 'walking'?
I mean, press on from good to better.
Go forward then in virtue, in true faith and right conduct.
Sing up - and keep on walking.*

Don't stray off the road, he tells us. Don't go back. Don't stay where you are.

So, make progress in awareness, in searching, in laughter, in loving, in hoping, in the poetry of life.

Sing, and keep on walking. Do not hesitate or turn back. Keep on walking.

Love in order to find God.

Endpiece

Let my soul praise you, that it may love you, that it may proclaim your compassion. And that it may praise you for your compassion.

The entire universe never ceases to praise you. It is never silent.

The human spirit turns to you in praise. Animals, and even lifeless things, praise you through the lips of those who contemplate them.

So, our soul rises from its weariness, leans on the things you have made, and through them soars up to you, who made all these amazing things. And in you the soul finds strength and is restored.

(Confessions 5.2)



Mary Magdalene at the Tomb (by Tommaso D'Incalci, PICCOLO VANGELO ILLUSTRATO - Little Illustrated Gospel)