

# THE PARISH OF THE ASCENSION, LAVENDER HILL

Sunday 21 July 2024  
Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

11.00am Solemn Mass

*A very warm welcome to everyone especially if this is your first visit.  
Please join us for refreshments following the service.  
Please take this order of service away with you*

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## THIS WEEK

<b>Observances</b>	Monday:	ST MARY MAGDALEN <b>Low Mass: <u>9.30am</u></b>
	Tuesday:	ST BRIDGET OF SWEDEN <b>Low Mass: 10.00am</b>
	Wednesday:	<i>Feria</i> <b>Low Mass: <u>12 noon</u></b>
	Thursday:	ST JAMES, APOSTLE <b>Low Mass: 10.00am</b>
	Friday:	<i>Feria</i> No Mass today
	Saturday:	<i>Our Lady on Saturday</i> <b>Holy Rosary: 11.00am</b>
	Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> :	<b>17<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> <b>Solemn Mass: 11.00am</b>

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*A warm welcome to the Ascension, Lavender Hill. We are a Parish of the Diocese of Southwark and under the Episcopal care of the Bishop of Fulham. If you would like to know more about the Ascension, have queries about baptisms, weddings and funerals, or any questions about the Christian Faith, please speak to the Parish Priest, Fr Philip, who will be pleased to assist you:*

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*Thank you for your support.*



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# THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

## ENTRANCE HYMN

**Hail Redeemer, King divine!  
Priest and Lamb, the throne is thine;  
King, whose reign shall never cease,  
Prince of everlasting peace.**

Refrain:

*Angels, saints and nations sing:  
Praised be Jesus Christ our King;  
Lord of life, earth, sky and sea,  
King of love on Calvary!*

**King most holy, King of truth,  
Guard the lowly, guide the youth;  
Christ the King of glory bright,  
Be to us eternal light.   *Refrain***

**King, whose name creation thrills,  
Rule our hearts, our minds, our wills;  
Till in peace, each nation rings  
With thy praises, King of kings.   *Refrain***

**Shepherd-king, o'er mountains steep  
Homeward bring the wandering sheep;  
Shelter in one royal fold  
States and kingdoms, new and old.**

Final refrain:

*Sing with joy in ev'ry home:  
Sacred Heart, thy kingdom come!  
To the King of ages, then,  
Honour, glory, love: Amen!*

## WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

In the name of the Father, and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

The Lord be with you.  
**And with your spirit.**

## **PENITENTIAL ACT**

*The priest introduces the confession. Silence is kept for recollection of our sins.*

**I confess to almighty God  
and to you, my brothers and sisters,  
that I have greatly sinned,  
in my thoughts and in my words,  
in what I have done  
and in what I have failed to do,  
through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault;  
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,  
all the Angels and Saints,  
and you, my brothers and sisters,  
to pray for me to the Lord our God.**

## **ABSOLUTION**

**May almighty God have mercy on us,  
forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.  
Amen.**

## **KYRIE ELEISON**

**Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.  
Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

## **GLORIA IN EXCELSIS**

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

## COLLECT

Let us pray.

Show favour, O Lord, to your servants  
and mercifully increase the gifts of your grace,  
that, made fervent in hope, faith and charity,  
they may be ever watchful in keeping your commands.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever.  
**Amen.**

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### FIRST READING: JEREMIAH 23: 1-6

‘Doom for the shepherds who allow the flock of my pasture to be destroyed and scattered – it is the Lord who speaks! This, therefore, is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says about the shepherds in charge of my people: You have let my flock be scattered and go wandering and have not taken care of them.

Right, I will take care of you for your misdeeds – it is the Lord who speaks! But the remnant of my flock I myself will gather from all the countries where I have dispersed them, and will bring them back to their pastures: they shall be fruitful and increase in numbers. I will raise up shepherds to look after them and pasture them; no fear, no terror for them any more; not one shall be lost – it is the Lord who speaks!

‘See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I will raise a virtuous Branch for David, who will reign as true king and be wise, practising honesty and integrity in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel dwell in confidence. And this is the name he will be called: The-Lord-our-integrity.’

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 23

*Verses sung by the cantor. Response:*



The Lord is my shep-herd; there is noth-ing I shall want.

## SECOND READING: EPHESIANS 2: 13-18

In Christ Jesus, you that used to be so far apart from us have been brought very close, by the blood of Christ. For he is the peace between us, and has made the two into one and broken down the barrier which used to keep them apart, actually destroying in his own person the hostility caused by the rules and decrees of the Law. This was to create one single New Man in himself out of the two of them and by restoring peace through the cross, to unite them both in a single Body and reconcile them with God: in his own person he killed the hostility. Later he came to bring the good news of peace, *peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near at hand*. Through him, both of us have in the one Spirit our way to come to the Father.

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*All stand to welcome the Gospel.*

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!  
**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**  
*The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice,  
says the Lord. I know them and they follow me.*  
**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## GOSPEL READING: MARK 6: 30-34

The Lord be with you.  
**And with your spirit.**  
A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

The apostles rejoined Jesus and told him all they had done and taught. Then he said to them, 'You must come away to some lonely place all by yourselves and rest for a while'; for there were so many coming and going that the apostles had no time even to eat. So they went off in a boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But people saw them going, and many could guess where; and from every town they all hurried to the place on foot and reached it before them. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he set himself to teach them at some length.

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

*All sit.*

**HOMILY:** Fr Philip Kennedy

*All stand*

**THE NICENE CREED**

**I believe in one God,  
the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible.**

**I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the Only Begotten Son of God,  
born of the Father before all ages.  
God from God,  
Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

**For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,**

*All bow at the memorial of the Incarnation:*

**and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became  
man. *All rise***

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,  
he suffered death and was buried,  
and rose again on the third day  
in accordance with the Scriptures.**

**He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory  
to judge the living and the dead  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds  
from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is  
adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.**

**I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one  
Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the  
resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## THE PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

*The reader leads the people in intercession.*

*The response to each prayer:*

Lord in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

*At the end of the intercessions we pray together:*

**Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death.**

## THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

### THE OFFERTORY

*All stand to sing the offertory hymn as the altar is prepared. A collection is taken to help with the ministry and mission of the Church.*

**1 At the name of Jesus  
Every knee shall bow,  
Every tongue confess him  
King of glory now;  
'Tis the Father's pleasure  
We should call him Lord,  
Who from the beginning  
Was the mighty Word.**

**2 At his voice creation  
Sprang at once to sight,  
All the angel faces,  
All the hosts of light,  
Thrones and dominations,  
Stars upon their way,  
All the heavenly orders,  
In their great array.**

**3 In your hearts enthrone him;  
There let him subdue  
All that is not holy,  
All that is not true:  
He is God the Saviour,  
He is Christ the Lord,  
Ever to be worshipped,  
Trusted, and adored.**

**4 Humbled for a season,  
To receive a name  
From the lips of sinners  
Unto whom he came,  
Faithfully he bore it  
Spotless to the last,  
Brought it back victorious  
When from death he passed:**

**5 Bore it up triumphant  
With its human light,  
Through all ranks of creatures,  
To the central height,  
To the throne of Godhead,  
To the Father's breast;  
Filled it with the glory  
Of that perfect rest.**

**6 Brothers, this Lord Jesus  
Shall return again,  
In the Father's glory,  
With his angel train;  
For all wreaths of empire  
Meet upon his brow,  
And our hearts confess him  
King of glory now.**



*When the altar is prepared the Priest says:*

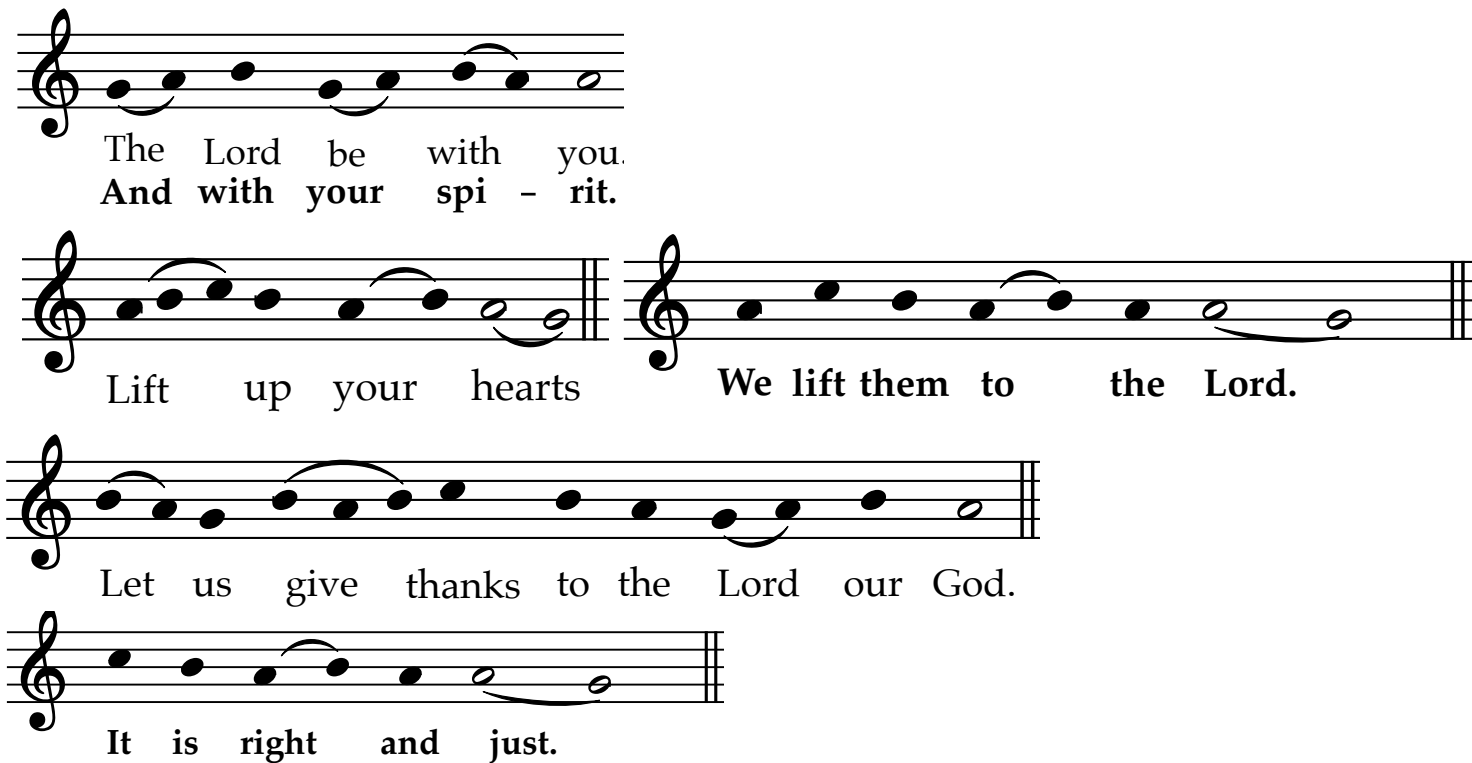
Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

**May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.**

### PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

O God, who in the one perfect sacrifice brought to completion varied offerings of the law, accept, we pray, this sacrifice from your faithful servants and make it holy, as you blessed the gifts of Abel, so that what each has offered to the honour of your majesty may benefit the salvation of all.  
Through Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

### PREFACE



The Lord be with you.  
And with your spi - rit.

Lift up your hearts      We lift them to      the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right and just.

*The priest sings the Preface, after which we sing:*

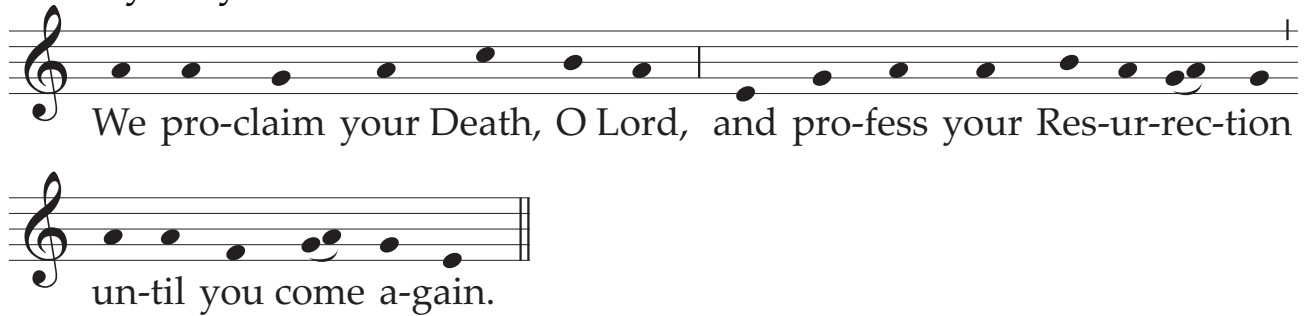
### SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

**Holy, holy, holy,  
Lord God of hosts,  
heaven and earth, are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

*All kneel or sit as the Eucharistic Prayer continues.*

The mystery of faith:



We pro-claim your Death, O Lord, and pro-fess your Res-ur-rec-tion  
un-til you come a-gain.

*The prayer concludes "...for ever and ever" to which all reply:*  
**Amen.**

## COMMUNION RITE

*All stand as the priest invites the people to pray:*

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done  
on earth as it is in heaven;  
give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

Deliver us Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may always be free from sin and safe from all distress as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

**For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever.**

## THE PEACE

Lord Jesus Christ who said to your Apostles: Peace I leave you, my peace, I give you: look not on our sins but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will. Who live and reign for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**And with your spirit.**

## AGNUS DEI

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

**Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

*The priest and ministers receive Holy Communion.*

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The Lord, the gracious, the merciful, has made a memorial of his wonders; he gives food to those who fear him.

## HOLY COMMUNION

*If you are baptised in the name of the Trinity and normally receive Holy Communion in your own Church, you are welcome to receive the Sacrament here today. If you would prefer to receive a blessing, please come to the altar rail and cross your arms or bring this order of service with you as a sign to the priest.*

## COMMUNION HYMN

**O Bread of Heaven! beneath this veil  
Thou dost my very God conceal;  
My Jesus, dearest Treasure, hail!  
I love Thee, and adoring kneel:  
The loving soul by Thee is fed  
With Thy own self in form of bread!**

**O Food of Life! Thou who dost give  
The pledge of immortality!  
I live;—no, 'tis not I that live,  
God gives me life, God lives in me:  
He feeds my soul, He guides my ways,  
And every grief with joy repays.**

O Bond of Love! that dost unite  
The servant to his loving Lord!  
Could I dare live, and not requite  
Such love,—then death were meet reward:  
I cannot live, unless to prove  
Some love for such unmeasured love.

Beloved Lord! in Heaven above,—  
There, Jesus, Thou awaitest me  
To gaze on Thee with changeless love.  
Yes, thus I hope,—thus shall it be:  
For how can He deny me heaven,  
Who here on earth Himself hath given?

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*All stand.*

Graciously be present to your people, we pray, O Lord,  
and lead those you have imbued with heavenly mysteries  
to pass from former ways to newness of life.  
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

#### BANNS OF MARRIAGE & NOTICES

*All sit.*

#### BLESSING & DISMISSAL

*All stand.*

The Lord be with you.  
**And with your spirit.**

May almighty God bless you,  
the Father, and + the Son, and the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**



**V.** Go forth, the Mass is end-ed.

**R.** Thanks be to God.

## THE ANGELUS

The Angel of the Lord brought tidings to Mary.  
**And she conceived by the Holy Spirit.**

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee.  
Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb,  
Jesus.

**Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour  
of our death. Amen.**

Behold the handmaid of the Lord.  
**Be it unto me according to thy word.**  
*Hail Mary...*

And the Word was made Flesh.  
**And dwelt among us.**  
*Hail Mary...*

Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.  
**That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.**

Let us pray.

We beseech thee, O Lord, pour thy grace into our hearts; that as we  
have known the Incarnation of thy Son, Jesus Christ, by the message of  
an angel, so by his Cross and Passion may we be brought to the glory of  
his Resurrection. Through the same Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### FINAL HYMN

**Jesus shall reign where'er the sun  
Does his successive journeys run;  
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore,  
Till moons shall wax and wane no more.**

**People and realms of every tongue  
Dwell on his love with sweetest song,  
And infant voices shall proclaim  
Their early blessings on his name.**

**Blessings abound where'er he reigns;  
The prisoner leaps to lose his chains;  
The weary find eternal rest,  
And all the sons of want are blest.**

Let every creature rise and bring  
Peculiar honours to our King;  
Angels descend with songs again,  
And earth repeat the long Amen.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY     *Westminster Toccata*  
Paul Fey (b.1998)

*Please remain standing until the procession has left the church.*

## FOR OUR PRAYERS

### *Those in need*

Elly Kostur, Jean Tester, Cath Papangelou, Maureen Papangelou,  
Shabnam Mehdi-Poor, Alvin Rhodon, Andrew Woods,  
Carol Farley, Luke Guthrie, Alan, Roy Norton, Robin Farquhar-  
Thomson, Victoria, Ann Guthrie, Vicki Guthrie, Becky Saint, Joanne  
Donaghy.

*We pray for peace in the Holy Land.*

### *Recently departed*

Daphne Wright, Albert Douglas, Barbara Parsons, Jean North

### *Anniversaries of death*

21: John Hughes, George Sessford (bp)

24: Sidney Haskell, William Lamb

25: Frederick Young (pr)

27: Eva Fregin

# NOTICES

## **MANY THANKS**

to all who supported last week's summer fair, which made a total of £533 for parish funds.

## **PLEASE NOTE**

the Mass times for this week, particularly on Monday and Wednesday.

## **FR LUKE DEMETRI**

will be licensed as Priest-in-Charge of St Alphage, Burnt Oak by Bishop Jonathan on Monday 5 August at 7.00pm. Please remember him in your prayers. We are invited to join him on the day.

## **CARROTY WOOD: 30 OCTOBER 2024**

Forms available today for our young people's trip with friends from St Alban's, South Norwood during the October half term. Please take away and return by next week.

## **PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM**

Our next parish pilgrimage to Walsingham will take place between 26 and 28 October. For those making the pilgrimage, final payments are now due. Please also let us know of any dietary / access requirements, as these need to be communicated to the accommodation office soon.

From a homily on St Mary Magdalene (whose feast day is tomorrow)  
by Pope St Gregory the Great

When Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and did not find the Lord's body, she thought it had been taken away and so informed the disciples. After they came and saw the tomb, they too believed what Mary had told them. The text then says: *The disciples went back home*, and it adds: *but Mary wept and remained standing outside the tomb*.

We should reflect on Mary's attitude and the great love she felt for Christ; for though the disciples had left the tomb, she remained. She was still seeking the one she had not found, and while she sought she wept; burning with the fire of love, she longed for him who she thought had been taken away. And so it happened that the woman who stayed behind to seek Christ was the only one to see him. For perseverance is essential to any good deed, as the voice of truth tells us: *Whoever perseveres to the end will be saved*.

At first she sought but did not find, but when she persevered it happened that she found what she was looking for. When our desires are not satisfied, they grow stronger, and becoming stronger they take hold of their object. Holy desires likewise grow with anticipation, and if they do not grow they are not really desires. Anyone who succeeds in attaining the truth has burned with such a great love. As David says: *My soul has thirsted for the living God; when shall I come and appear before the face of God?* And so also in the Song of Songs the Church says: *I was wounded by love*; and again: *My soul is melted with love*.

*Woman, why are you weeping? Whom do you seek?* She is asked why she is sorrowing so that her desire might be strengthened; for when she mentions whom she is seeking, her love is kindled all the more ardently.

*Jesus says to her: Mary.* Jesus is not recognised when he calls her "woman"; so he calls her by name, as though he were saying: Recognise me as I recognise you; for I do not know you as I know others; I know you as yourself. And so Mary, once addressed by name, recognises who is speaking. She immediately calls him *rabboni*, that is to say, *teacher*, because the one whom she sought outwardly was the one who inwardly taught her to keep on searching.