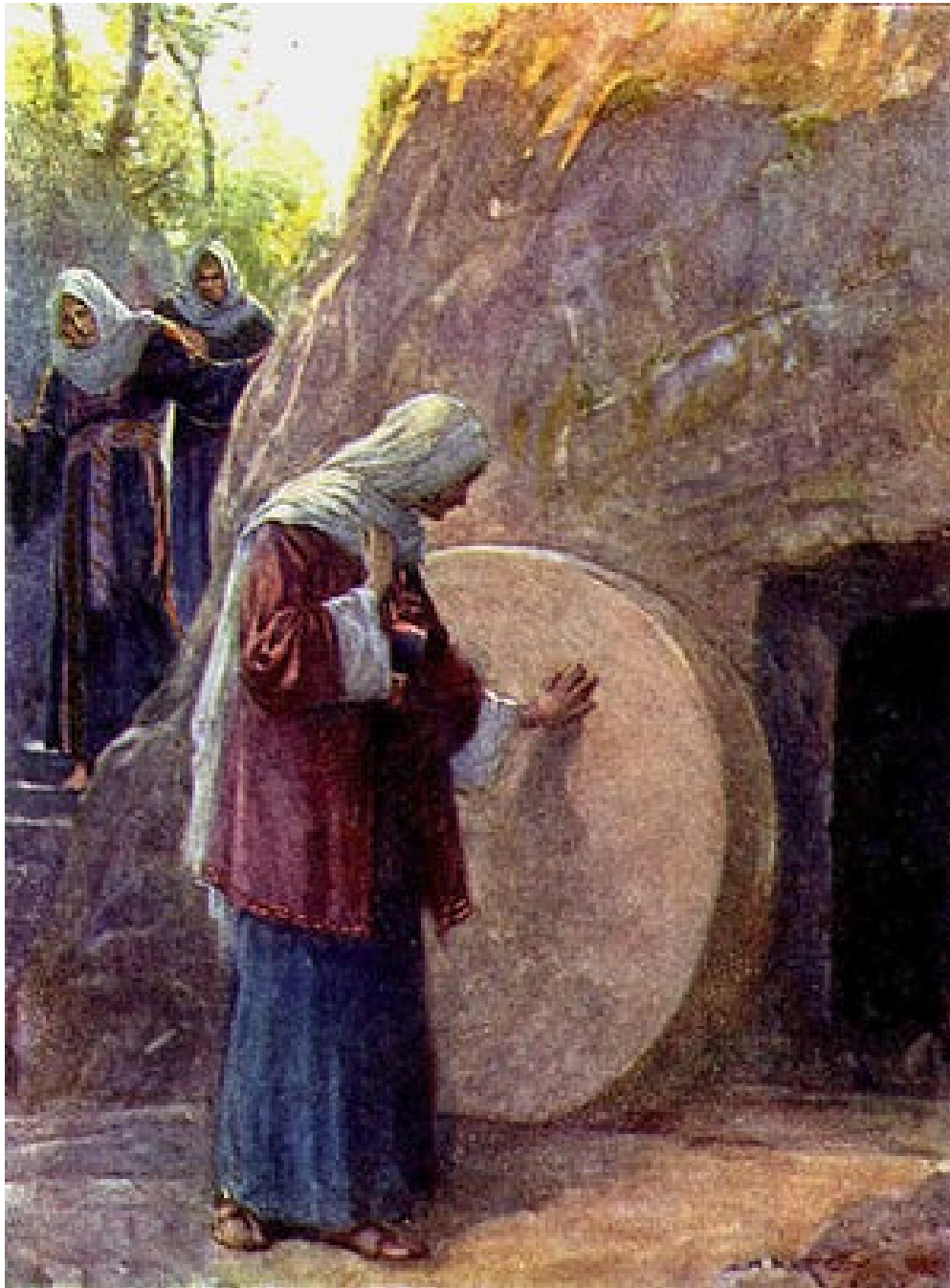


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St Francis



July 22, 2015

Knowing Jesus

*... he is going before you to Galilee.
There you will see him, just as he told you.
Mark 16:7*

Mary Magdalene

In our churches in the western world (Episcopal, Roman Catholic, Lutheran, etc.) Mary Magdalene, whose feast day we celebrate today, is given too little attention and too small of a reputation. In the eastern orthodox churches she is given a far greater place in history and seen as a strong example of what it is to follow Jesus. One of the most well known

stories of her life is the account of how she came to the empty tomb of Jesus on that first Easter morning. She is, in fact, the first witness to the resurrection. She is an example to us of someone who knew Jesus very well during her lifetime, both before and after the crucifixion and resurrection.

Knowing Jesus Well

One of the most important aspects of coming to know Jesus as well as Mary Magdalene did is to listen to what he says and then do it. In Mary Magdalene's case she was reminded by a young man (an angel?) at the empty tomb of what Jesus had told her. ". . . go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you." So she went and told the remaining eleven apostles.

Overcoming the fear, confusion, and was in order to do what He said was a huge step forward in her relationship with Jesus. It was a turning point.

She was no longer solely expecting him to come to her. She was now going to where he would be. She was now more than a follower. She was in his family, learning his ways, knowing how to extend his kingdom the way he did.

Going to Him

It is a challenging step of growth to begin moving to where Jesus is. We are more accustomed to asking Jesus to come towards us. Would you consider an experiment? Would you ask Jesus how you might personally take a step closer to him? See what comes to mind as a result of that prayer. Take the step that comes to mind. You may come to see and know things you have never imagined before.

Coming Attractions

Sunday, July 26, 2015 worship at 10:00am

Tuesday, July 28, 2015 worship and healing ministry at 6:15pm

Sunday, August 2, 2015 worship at 10:00am

Tuesday, August 10, 2015 worship healing ministry at 6:15pm

Wednesday August 11, 2015 vestry meeting 4:00pm

Please bring non-perishable food items to worship with you for donation to the Goochland Free Clinic and Family Services Food Pantry. Please use the box in the vestibule.

Our Missional Communities

The Parke will meet for worship and fellowship at 5:00pm on August 16th. Contact Richard Walker at richardand hedy@yahoo.com.

Symphony will lead worship at Symphony Assisted Living on August 23, 2015. Please contact Bobbie Leviness bobbiedrew@yahoo.com

Centerville Circle of Prayer

Lisa A. Parrish and Associates, Lisa A Parrish, CPA, that business would

increase, and many in our community would develop a strong financial situation through this business

Diocese of Virginia

For St. Mark's, Alexandria, that the clergy and people will continually walk in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Metropolitan Richmond

For all volunteer opportunites in Goochland County including Goochland Free clinc and Family Services, Goochland Volunteer Fire and Rescue, Habitat for Humanity, Court Appointed Special Advocates, Feedmore/Meals on Wheels, Christmas Mother, Goochland County Historical Society that each may be well led and meet the needs of many in our county.

Grace and Peace,

John Maher

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