



Worship Office

Archdiocese of Newark

Saint Mary Magdalene

June 28, 2016

Updated July 19, 2021

Please note the following regarding the change in the calendar of the ranking of Saint Mary Magdalene from a Memorial to a Feast.

From the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments:

Pope Francis has established that from now on the celebration of Saint Mary Magdalene should be inscribed in the General Roman Calendar with the rank of Feast rather than Memorial as is presently the case. The day dedicated to the celebration of Saint Mary Magdalene remains the same as it appears in the Roman Calendar, that is 22 July.

From the USCCB Committee on Divine Worship:

The Feast of Saint Mary Magdalene may be celebrated immediately, beginning with this year's celebration on July 22. Because her liturgical celebration was already enriched with many proper texts in both the Roman Missal and the Liturgy of the Hours, there are only minor additions that are to be made at this time:

- The *Gloria in excelsis Deo* (Glory to God in the highest) is sung or said at Mass
- The proper readings for St. Mary Magdalene in the *Lectionary for Mass* (no. 603) are proclaimed instead of the readings of the Ordinary Time weekday; previously only the Gospel was proper that day, whereas now all the readings are proper.
- A proper preface for St. Mary Magdalene (Apostle to the Apostles) was promulgated in Latin. An English translation was confirmed by the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments on September 21, 2019. The text appears below.
- In the Office of Readings of the *Liturgy of the Hours*, the psalmody, verse, and First Reading with its responsory are taken from the Common of Holy Women instead of the usual day; the *Te Deum* is also sung or said after the Second Reading with its Responsory.



SAINT MARY MAGDALENE
Preface: Apostle to the Apostles

℣. The Lord be with you.

℟. And with your spirit.

℣. Lift up your hearts.

℟. We lift them up to the Lord.

℣. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

℟. It is right and just.

**It is truly right and just,
our duty and our salvation,
to glorify you in all things, almighty Father,
whose mercy is not less than your power,
through Christ our Lord.**

**He appeared in the garden
and revealed himself to Mary Magdalene,
who had loved him in life,
witnessed him dying on the Cross,
sought him as he lay in the tomb,
and was the first to adore him, newly risen from the dead.
He honored her with the office of being an apostle to the Apostles,
so that the good news of new life
might reach the ends of the earth.**

**And so, Lord, with all the Angels and Saints,
we, too, give you thanks, as in exultation we acclaim:**

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts . . .

July 22

SAINT MARY MAGDALENE

Apostle to the Apostles



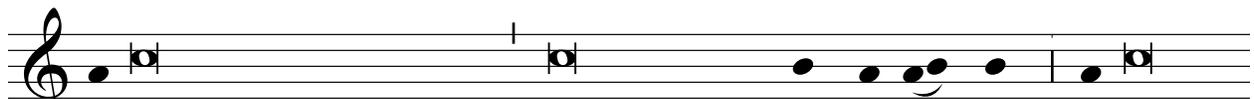
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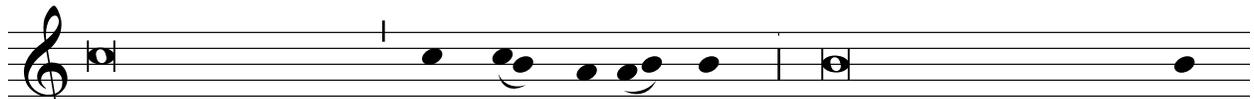
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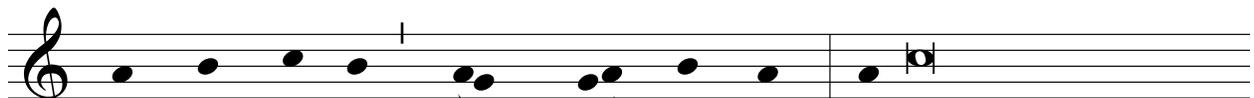
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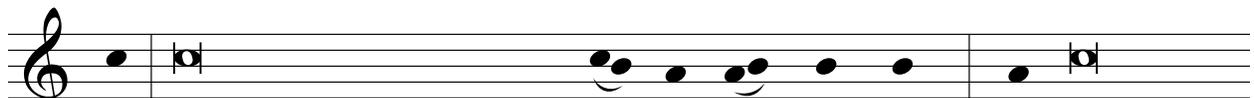
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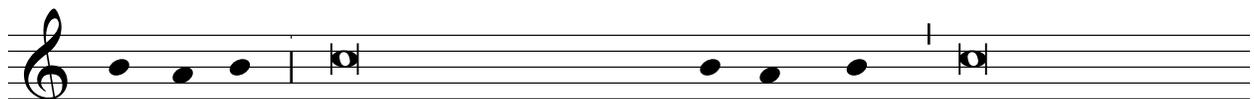
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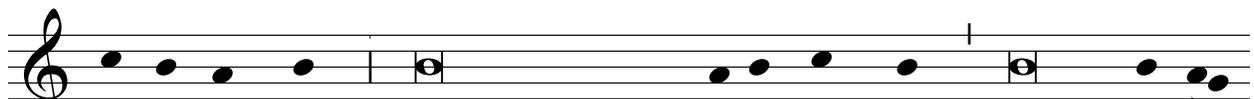
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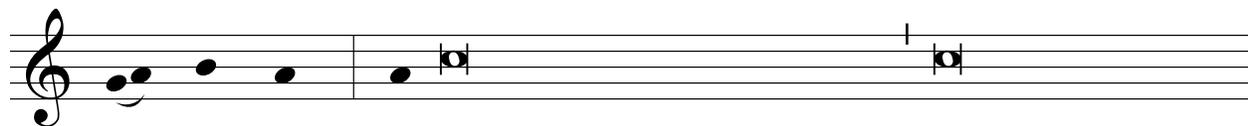
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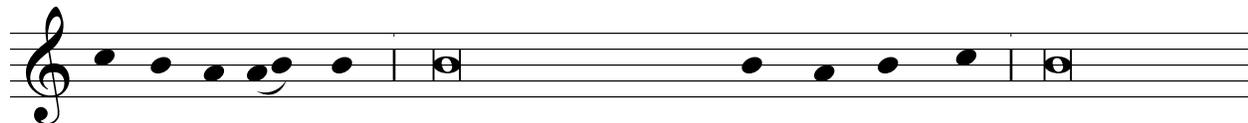
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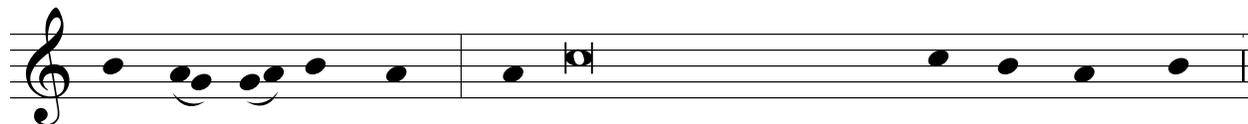
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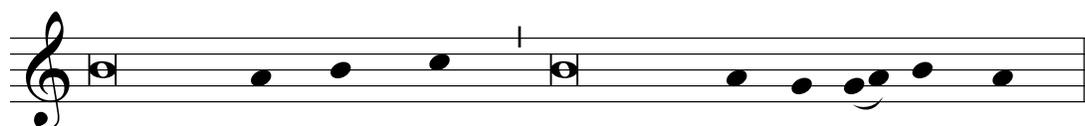
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