

From our Churches

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An Easter Call to Worship

John 20-21, Matthew 28

Leader: We are here today because the weeping Mary of Magdala once said:

Congregation: "I have seen the Lord!"

Leader: We are here on this Easter morning because Jesus still comes into our

locked spaces and says:

Congregation: "Peace be with you. Receive the Holy Spirit."

Leader: We are here today like doubting Thomas who finally cried:

Congregation: "My Lord and my God"

Leader: We are here like Peter, tempted to forget the call of Jesus:

Congregation: "I'm going fishing."

Leader: We're here this morning because of Jesus, who asks us face-to-face:

Congregation: "Do you truly love me?"

Leader: We gather here to whisper timidly.

Congregation: "Yes, Lord, you know that we love you."

Leader: We are here as a congregation only because many faithful disciples

have listened to Jesus' words:

All: "Do *not* be afraid. Do not be *afraid!* Go and tell, 'Jesus has been raised!"