

There are depths in my soul, dear Jesus, into which none but Thee can penetrate. Heart cannot melt into heart even when love is greatest. Come, then into these depths, dear Lover of souls, give me grace to go straight to Thee, to forget self, to struggle with my poor, sinful nature, to be sorry for all that hurts Thee, to love prayer and, above all, to cling to Thee in trustful love from one well prepared Communion to another.

Master.

(See frontispiece)

Magdalen's tears fell fast as she gazed into the empty sepulchre. Looking up she saw Jesus standing before her, but she did not recognize Him.

"Woman, why do you weep? Who do you seek?" he asked.

Thinking him the gardener she answered brokenly: Oh! if you have taken Jesus away, tell me where you have laid Him?" Mary!

Only a word, yet, like a flash it penetrates her heart and floods it with love and joy. When Jesus had addressed her first and called her woman, that general term had unlocked no secrets; but the moment, He utters her name, the veil is lifted and she falls at His feet in an ecstasy of gladness whispering: Rabboni! Master!

"Do not touch Me", He gently admonishes.

"I have not yet ascended to my Father. Go and carry to your brothers this tidings: I go to my Father and your Father; to my God and your God.

Jesus does not repulse her adoring love, yet He asks her to leave Him and be the messenger, not only of his resurrection, but of His future Ascension, to her brothers. Jesus calls the Apostles His brothers. Before His death, He called them His little children, His friends; now that Redemption is accomplished He treats them as brothers. Henceforth are not all men called to become the adoptive children of God, and consequently the brothers of Jesus Christ? Yes, because coming in them by Communion, Jesus makes them not only participate in His divine life, but, as it were, other Christs.