## Repentance:

From despair to hope

From a place, of hopelessness, grief, loss, instability and anxiety to recognising and receiving God's tender fathering

"I lie awake each night thinking of you and reflecting on how you help me like a father"

(Psalm 63:6 The Passion Translation)

Now Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb <sup>12</sup> and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot.

- <sup>13</sup> They asked her, "Woman, why are you crying?"
- "They have taken my Lord away," she said, "and I don't know where they have put him." <sup>14</sup> At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus.
- <sup>15</sup> He asked her, "Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?"
- Thinking he was the gardener, she said, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him."
- <sup>16</sup> Jesus said to her, "Mary."
- She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means "Teacher").
- <sup>17</sup> Jesus said, "Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'"
- <sup>18</sup> Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: "I have seen the Lord!"

## My prayer:

"Father, would you re-wild me. In the areas of my life which I want to control, the areas of pain, loss, uncertainty, fear and vulnerability, I invite you to comfort me, provide for me, guide me and love me so I might know your tenderness and kindness. May Your kingdom come, Your will be done in the landscape of my life and the in the landscape of our world."

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