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Prayer: *God of Heaven and Earth, we gather this November giving thanks and remembering our loved ones (pause for personal reflection) who have died and also for those around the world who we have never met (pause for personal reflection) as we remember and are consoled by your promise that one day we will all be together in heaven. Amen*

November is a month where we travel from remembrance, to giving thanks, and concludes with entering into the joyful wait of Advent. It really is a perfect flow of our faith if we stop long enough to think about it. But, how we get there may be quite different depending on our first *realized* experience of Jesus entering our lives. Tonight let us focus on two women who had very, very different experiences, but two who were there to the end of Jesus' earthly life.

Blessed Mother Mary your humble heart welcomed Jesus into your womb and through your humility your grateful heart gave praise to God.

Mary Magdalene your grateful heart from being released of the demons stronghold by Jesus turned your haunted heart into a humble heart in following Jesus closely.

Which of these two examples is closer to your first realized experience of Jesus? If comfortable, can you share with us your story? In choosing to become an asav or sav which better reflects your commitment?

Mary's humbleness soon found her accepting the truth that her baby boy was for all mankind. In Mary's humility we can be sure she continued to praise God for all her baby boy was teaching in the way of love and life everlasting.

Mary Magdalene your gratitude drew you very close to Jesus, wanting to learn all the ways of love and freedom. In your gratitude you humbled yourself to support and provide for Jesus and his followers earthly needs.

Is it in your humility where you have learned to be grateful in serving the needs of others or in your gratitude where you have learned to humble yourself to the needs of others? Can you share how this way of being has developed?

Closing Prayer: God of Heaven and Earth as we pray the words your beloved Son has taught us may we reflect on its power to teach us in the way of humility and gratitude: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen

Closing song: How Great Thou Art (Prayerful listening due to COVID)