



Magdalene Gathering  
November 20, 2022

The image features a central text block surrounded by a decorative border of autumn-themed elements. The border includes various types of leaves in shades of yellow, orange, red, and purple, as well as clusters of red berries, several acorns, and a pinecone. The background is a smooth gradient from a warm orange at the top to a deeper red at the bottom.

*Let us take a few moments to go  
within and open our hearts.*

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## Opening Dialogue

Solo: Peace be with you

Unison: Acquire my Peace within you

Solo: Lord, I saw you today in a vision

Unison: Blessed are you that you did not waver

Solo: Tell me Lord, how does he who sees the vision see it, through the soul or through the spirit?

Unison: He does not see through the Soul nor through the Spirit, but the mind that is between the two, that is what sees the vision.

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## Gospel of Mary

*The disciples were in sorrow, shedding many tears, and saying:*

*“How are we to go among the unbelievers and announce the gospel of the Kingdom of the Son of Man? They did not spare his life, so why should they spare ours?”*

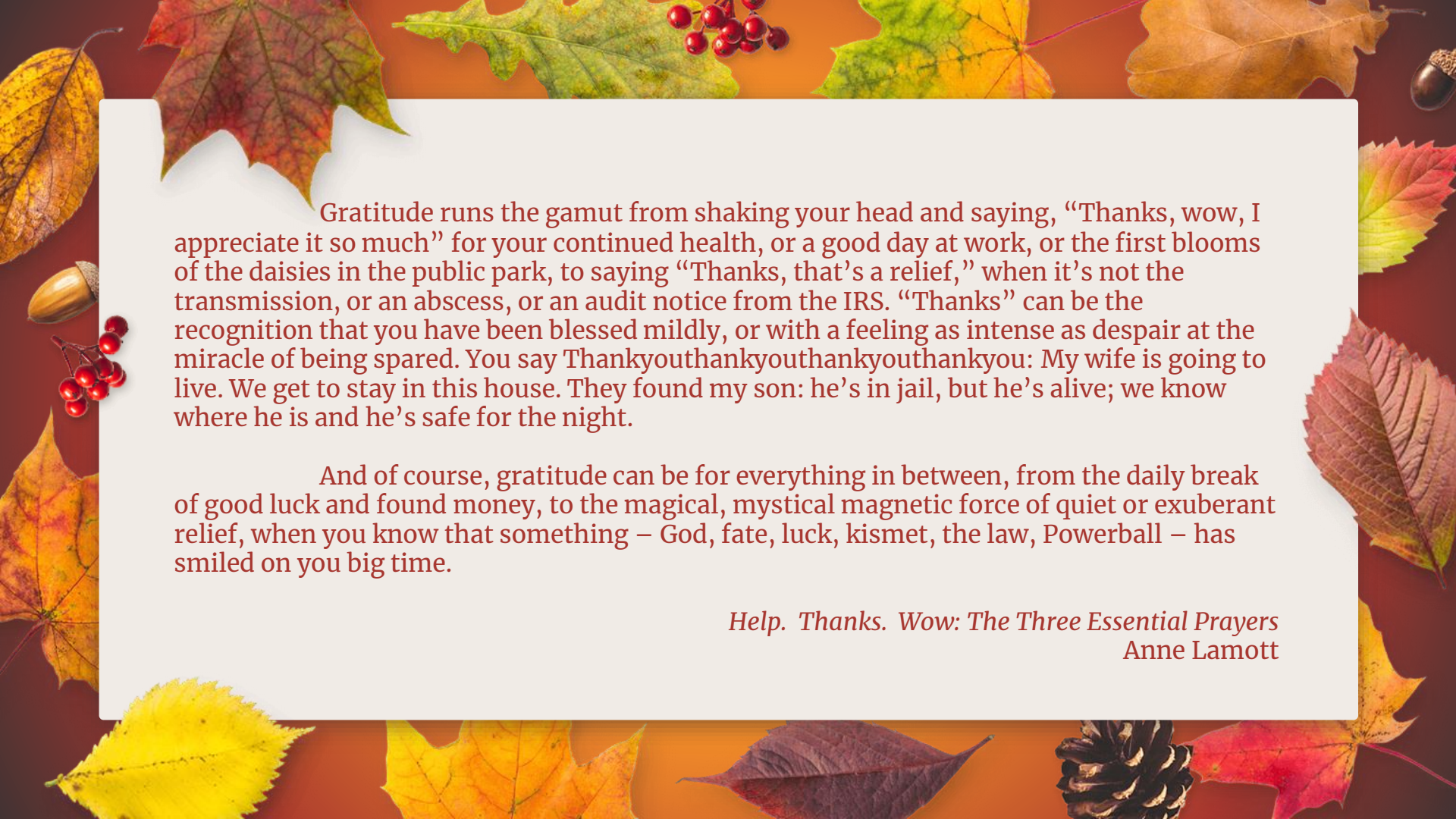
*Then Mary arose, embraced them all, and began to speak to her brothers:*

*“Do not remain in sorrow and doubt, for his Grace will guide you and comfort you. Instead, let us praise his greatness, for he has prepared us for this. He is calling upon us to become fully human. Thus, Mary turned their hearts toward the Good, and they began to discuss the meaning of the Teacher’s words.*

*The Gospel of Mary Magdalene  
Jean-Yves Leloup*

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Gratitude



Gratitude runs the gamut from shaking your head and saying, “Thanks, wow, I appreciate it so much” for your continued health, or a good day at work, or the first blooms of the daisies in the public park, to saying “Thanks, that’s a relief,” when it’s not the transmission, or an abscess, or an audit notice from the IRS. “Thanks” can be the recognition that you have been blessed mildly, or with a feeling as intense as despair at the miracle of being spared. You say Thankyouthankyouthankyouthankyou: My wife is going to live. We get to stay in this house. They found my son: he’s in jail, but he’s alive; we know where he is and he’s safe for the night.

And of course, gratitude can be for everything in between, from the daily break of good luck and found money, to the magical, mystical magnetic force of quiet or exuberant relief, when you know that something – God, fate, luck, kismet, the law, Powerball – has smiled on you big time.

*Help. Thanks. Wow: The Three Essential Prayers*  
Anne Lamott

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## Thanksgivings for the Natural Order For the Beauty of the Earth

We give you thanks, most gracious God, for the beauty of earth and sky and sea; for the richness of mountains, plains, and rivers; for the songs of birds and the loveliness of flowers. We praise you for these good gifts, and pray that we may safeguard them for our posterity. Grant that we may continue to grow in our grateful enjoyment of your abundant creation, to the honor and glory of your Name, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Book of Common Prayer and the Hymnal 1982  
According to the use of The Episcopal Church

## Wampanoag Prayer



Great Spirit, I thank you today

Mother Earth, I thank you

Grandmother Moon, I thank you

Grandfather Sun, I thank you

I offer thanks to the four directions

to the east

to the south

to the west

to the north

I thank you for all my relations:

the winged nation

creeping and crawling nation

the four-legged nation

the green and growing nation

and all things living in the water

Honoring the clans:

the deer

the bear

the wolf


the turtle

the snipe

Great Spirit, I thank you on this day

This prayer is from Cjegktoonupa (Slow Turtle) Supreme Medicine Man of the Wampanoag Nation



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Our own Connie Whaley has been doing a Thankful Thursday posting on Facebook for as long as I can remember. She has graciously allowed me to share some of them with you. I've told her how much I look forward to them each week, but I don't think I've told her how much I admire her ability to find something to be grateful for no matter what else is going on in her life.

**11/3/2022**

**It's Thankful Thursday and Today I am Thankful for favorite pet clients, for a reservation for in studio yoga after a very long covid hiatus, for not always getting my way, for a workable schedule, for cooler nights and for.....Peace....Be Thankful Today!**

**10/27/2022**

**It's Thankful Thursday and Today I am Thankful for early voting, for less than 2 weeks of pre-election coverage remaining, for gel shots tomorrow, for small tasks completed and larger ones planned, for gifted plant cuttings and for..... Hope.....Be Thankful Today!**

**10/20/2022**

**It's Thankful Thursday and Today I am Thankful for a great Dr's visit, Keto meals helping Ron's blood sugar levels, a brilliant blue sky and actual crisp air, for small tasks completed and for others to be done, for plant clippings gifted to me and ready to root, for research skills to locate "lost" family and for.....Love..... Be Thankful Today!**



Gratitude is peace.

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# An Invitation

Reflection and Discussion



# Announcements and Prayer Requests



## Closing Dialog

**Solo:** Peace be with you.

**Unison:** May my peace reside within you.

**Solo:** Guard carefully that no one misleads you saying, “Look, he is here,” or he is there,” for the Son of Humanity already exists within you.

**Unison:** Follow him, for those who seek him there will find him.

**Solo:** Let us turn our hearts to the Good.

**Unison:** Let us give praise to his greatness which has prepared us so that we might become fully human.

**Solo:** Acquire my peace.

**Unison:** Let us go forth and proclaim the Good.

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# OUR NEXT GATHERING

December 18, 2022