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Let us center ourselves, Clear our minds And Open our hearts

#### **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 at the sight of Me.

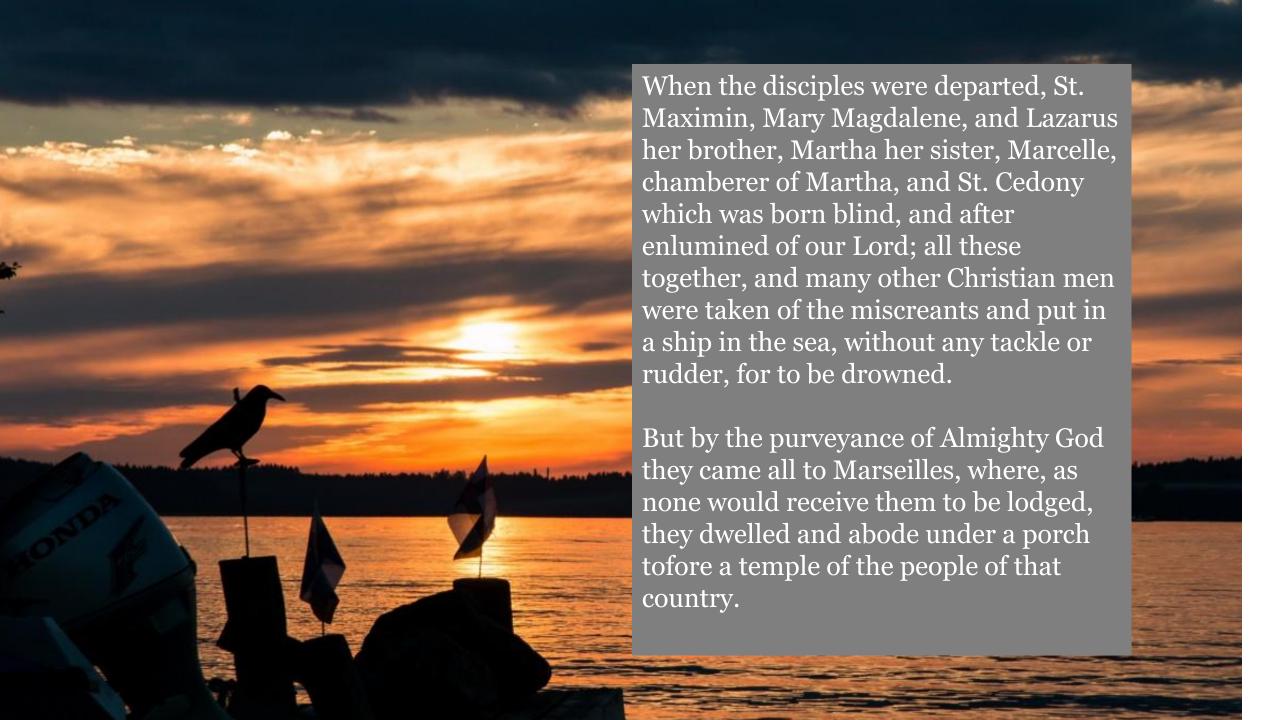
SOLO: Tell me Lord, how does he who sees the vision see it, through the soul or through the spirit?

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.

## Excepts from The Golden Legend



• The blessed Mary Magdalene, desirous of sovereign contemplation, sought a right sharp desert, and took a place which was ordained by the angel of God...





- And when the blessed Mary Magdalene saw the people assembled at this temple for to do sacrifice to the idols, she arose up peaceably with a glad visage, a discreet tongue and well speaking, and began to preach the faith and law of Jesus Christ, and withdrew from the worshipping of the idols. Then were they amarvelled of the beauty, of the reason, and of the fair speaking of her.
- And it was no marvel that the mouth that had kissed the feet of our Lord so debonairly and so goodly, should be inspired with the word of God more than the other.

Golden Legend

# Gospel of Mary

"Go then and preach the gospel about the kingdom. Don't lay down any rules beyond what I've given you, nor make a law like the lawgiver, lest you be bound by it." When he said these things, he left."

## What Is Sovereignty?

 To be sovereign is to claim your own inner authority as valid, to live rooted from the truth inside you, which is not beholden to any external person, institution or belief system.



- It is to belong to yourself; it is to feel strong, to be true, and to embody your integrity.
- To be sovereign is to no longer be imprisoned by the damaging cultural and familial messages that tell women to defer to others, to be silent and small out of fear of rejection, disapproval or shame.

### What it means to be a sovereign woman

- A sovereign woman is a dangerous woman because she does not need anyone else's validation or permission.
- Layla F. Saad, a New York Times bestselling author.

"This is who I am. I am not asking for your approval. I do not have to justify my existence. I want to know and be known for who I am." ~ Marion Woodman, a Canadian mythopoeic author, poet, analytical psychologist and women's movement figure.

SISTER-QUEEN A woman who is fully embodied in her own sovereignty frightens both men and women who are still entrenched in the patriarchy.

## Reflections



#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS and PRAYER REQUESTS**

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4: 5-7



The Grotto in Saint Baume



- And Jesus, the compassionate, answered and said unto Mary: "Mary, thou blessed one, whom I will perfect in all mysteries of those of the height, discourse in openness, thou, whose heart is raised to the kingdom of heaven more than all thy brethren."
- Pistis Sophia CHAPTER 17



#### **CLOSING DIALOGUE**

SOLO: Tell me Lord, who is a child of True Humanity?

UNISON: You, my child, are fully human living in the divine world.

**SOLO: How will we know the truth?** 

UNISON: Beware that no one lead you astray saying Lo here or lo there! For

the Son of Man is within you.

SOLO: Peace be with You

**UNISON: Acquire my Peace** 

