

# Our venerable mother Mary of Egypt

APRIL 1



1. O God of love, you sought us out when we had gone a - stray,
2. For Ma - ry, de - sert mo - ther blest, we sing to you this day.
3. Through her ex - am - ple and her love, teach us to cast a - side
4. O Fa - ther, Son, and Spi - rit blest, our God of end-less love,



And in your mer - cy brought us back to walk your ho - ly way.  
Though steeped in sin and har - lot - ry, and call - ing men a - way  
All things that bind us to this world: our choi - ces and our pride,  
Bring us from earth - ly strug - gles to your end - less feast a - bove.



When we had cho - sen sin and death, and turned from your com - mand,  
From faith - ful - ness to you, O Lord, you stunned her with your Cross,  
Our cen - tered self which leaves you out, our lust - ing, waste - ful plan;  
With Mo - ther Ma - ry and the saints who dai - ly urge us on,



You sought us out with lo - ving voice and led us by your hand.  
And showed her all her emp - ti - ness and called her from her loss.  
In this Great Fast, give us your grace to live the best we can.  
Bring us from ex - ile's drea - ry night to Pas - cha's end - less dawn!

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