

July 20th, 2025

16th Sunday Ordinary Time

Theme: Human Hungers

Invitation: Readers

Music: Ecstatic,
Hildegard von Bingen.

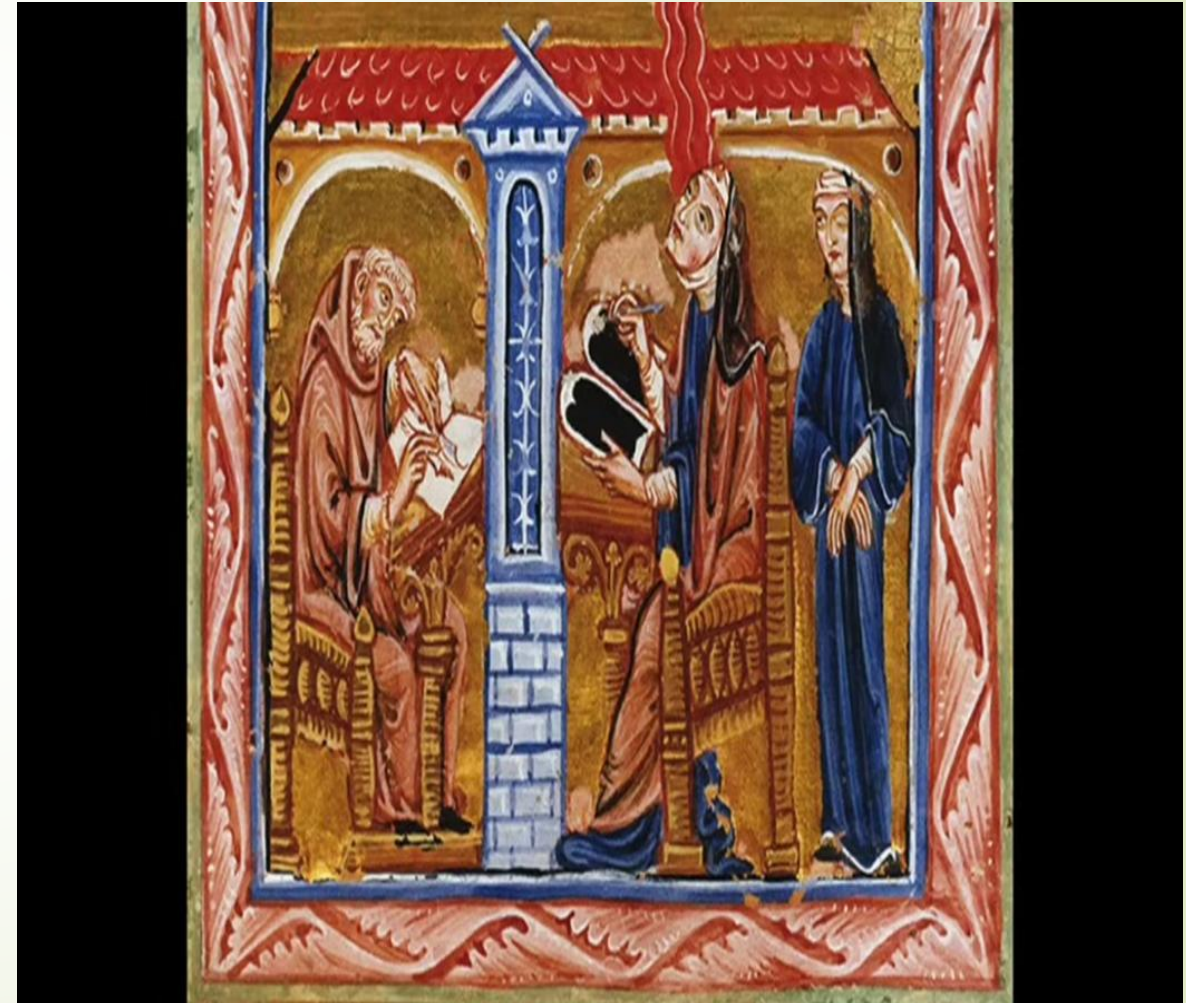
Maria Daniela Basile

<https://youtu.be/Ei88J4IERbk>

Open yourselves and play to Slide 6

The recording itself plays for over an hour.

I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul.





Welcome

We acknowledge God's presence among us in this
sacred circle

Canticles of Ecstasy: Hildegard von Bingen

Like billowing clouds


Like the incessant gurgle of the brook

The longings of the spirit can never be stilled

I invite you to welcome him into your house

Silence

Repentance



For the land that holds everything: The tears, the bodies, the history, the hunger, the suffering, the trauma that is being opened up now in Tuam's exhumations

Lord have mercy

The Marthas', opening it up, who are doing all the work by themselves and tell us to help.

Lord have mercy

The Marys' who remain present throughout, without falling into judgement, resentment, or shame.

Lord have mercy



Exhumation project provides context

Women's Stories

- ▶ 14 July, 2025- project started
- ▶ Catherine Corless discovered 796 death certificates of babies and children from the institution, without burial records (2014)
- ▶ 1 in 7 infants died in 18 Mother and Baby institutions in Ireland (9,000 deaths).

Outcomes

- ▶ The Sisters and Galway County Council have apologised. Religious order contributed £2.14m towards the excavation
- ▶ Shame, guilt, stigma, trauma, grief & loss- a collective low frequency imprint...
- ▶ What's the good news?

Example

Mary/Martha blend

Music therapy to open the heart, move blocked energy, flow of wellness, harmony of the cosmos. Feminist, leader, healer, theologian, poet, 1st woman composer... Resonance of tuning forks on the instrument of the heart to help, heal, lift, imprint love
Visions from 3 years...
10th child -at 8 years
.....common practice





Gospel Introduction

Eating was long and relaxed, lounging on couches, curling up in extended conversations, feeding on attention, presence, intimacy and food.

The theme of hunger highlights the Marys and Marthas in us
Jesus does not help Martha and wants Mary to stay as she is, eating every word that falls from his lips.



Luke 10:38

Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying.

But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me."

But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

Gospel Reading
Music
Echo
Sharing
Prayers

MASSENET · Méditation from Thaïs



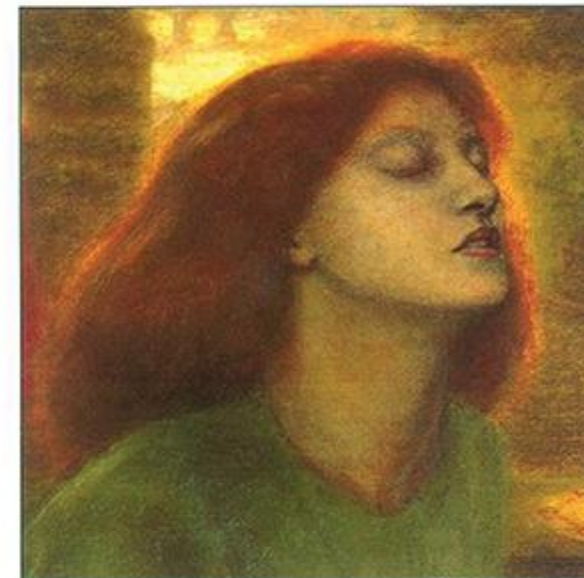
Music

JULES MASSENET

Méditation
from Thaïs

Violin & Piano

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Roger Nichols



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Lectio Prayers - Martha

Martha experiences for the girls, the fathers, their families, the Sisters, the babies and those who where left to do all the work by themselves, without help, is being changed today. Help us.
Lord hear us

The time for re-surfacing and reverencing death and life has come. Sustain us in the heavy work of unearthing bones and attaching kinship. This part should not be taken from us.
Lord hear us

Historic, intergenerational wounds, hungering for healing, are pressing down into the land. With the Laundry waste, the land has taken in bodies and heartbreaking desolation. Help us to free the land that nourishes us.
Lord hear us

Lectio Prayers - Mary

The better part is to hold for them a stream of presence and stay steadfast in that frequency of freedom, light and love.

Lord hear us

Thank you for counting us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you in this deep way. Nourish the Mary in us who knows that 'All will be well'.

Lord hear us

We ask that the grace to hold the light will not be taken from us, so those doing the work of hallowing and witnessing, can release brokenness and restore life.

Lord hear us



Prayer for the road ahead for the continuing project

And I shall hear, though soft you tread above me,
And all my grave will warmer, sweeter be,
For you will bend and tell me that you love me,
And I shall sleep in peace until you come to me!

Please add your prayer

Music: HAUSER - Benedictus
(by Karl Jenkins)



“Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam.”

May their soul be on God's right hand.

Please add your blessings

