A pair of hands is shown from a top-down perspective, gently cradling a nest. The nest is constructed from a dense, intricate web of dry, light-brown straw or twigs. In the center of the nest, three smooth, light-blue eggs are arranged in a triangular pattern. The background is a dark, out-of-focus gradient, which makes the hands and the nest stand out prominently.

# An Ancient Hope In Something New

Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2026  
St. Croix Church

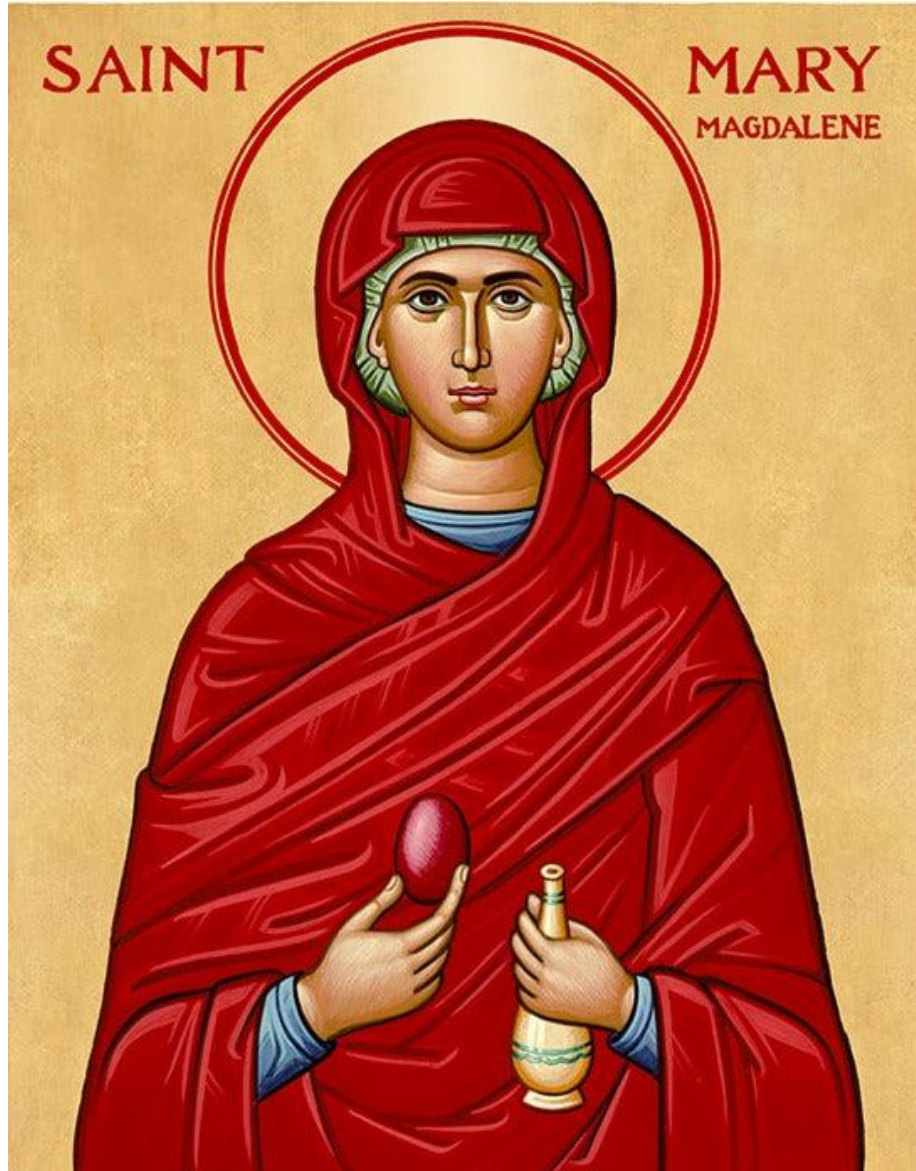
“There’s a lot of things about my Judaism that I’m composting right now, but one of the things about my Judaism that I love, is that it’s a religion of doubt - it’s in love with Mystery. All of the ancient texts are filled with rabbis writing in the margins, arguing across centuries, across time, making jokes with each other about the impossibility of a singular meaning for anything. Which means at its heart, Judaism is allergic to certainty, which means at its heart, Judaism is allergic to fascism. So the most Jewish thing I have to say, I have to say, the most Jewish thing we could do right now is work for the liberation of Palestine.”

-Abigail Bengson, September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025



“Very truly I tell you, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds.”

-John 12:24



“The resurrection is love arriving where we least expect it. Right where we feel most dead and broken. Where we feel horrifically alone. Where there is a vacuous emptiness, a dread, a terror. Here in the human body, where we’ve all been told shame is meant to reside. Here in the human body, a divine love rises.

Love rises from within. Like the yolk within the egg. And it’s a source of new life. It’s a new life for us, because now the love that was once outside of us, resides within. And it never ends.

Think of love as an unseen currency. A vat of honey, that never ages, or loses it’s sweetness. Love is a field of wildflowers seeded in a winter you didn’t think you’d survive.” –Meggan Watterson

Christ Has Risen:

*He Has Risen  
Indeed*

