

when You spoke to Magdalen about the *one thing necessary*? "How well this great Saint understood! Illumined by the light of faith, she recognized her God beneath the veil of His humanity, and in silence and in the union of her powers, she listened to His word; she could chant, 'My soul is always in my hands' and also that little word *Nescivi!* I knew not. Yes, she knew nothing but You, my God! No matter what noise or disturbance went on around her, *Nescivi!* She could have accusations made against her, *Nescivi!*" (E.T. II, 2). Even when she was obliged to leave Your adorable feet to perform some task, her heart remained fixed on You. And after she had finally found You risen again, she had to leave You, at Your command, to run to announce Your resurrection to the Apostles, but her soul remained established in an attitude of profound calm, recollected and concentrated upon You.

With Your help, may I too so live!

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BEHOLD THE SAVIOR COMES

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

PRESENCE OF GOD – I place myself at the feet of Jesus and ask Him to prepare my heart for His imminent coming.

MEDITATION

1. "Call together the nations, tell it among the people and say: Behold our Savior cometh!" (RB). The message becomes more and more urgent: in a few days, the Word of God made flesh will show Himself to the world. We must hasten our preparations and make our hearts worthy of Him.

The incarnation of the Word is the greatest proof of God's infinite love for men; today's liturgy very appropriately recalls to our mind the wonderful words: "I have loved thee with an everlasting love, therefore have I drawn thee, taking pity on thee" (Jer 31,3). Yes, God has loved man from all eternity, and in order to draw