Our venerable mother Mary of Egypt

\[\text{Text: JMT} \]
\[\text{Melody: Ellacombe}\]

1. O God of love, you sought us out when we had gone astray,
   And in your mercy brought us back to walk your holy way.
   When we had chosen sin and death, and turned from your command,
   You sought us out with loving voice and led us by your hand.

2. For Mary, desert mother blest, we sing to you this day.
   Though steepled in sin and harlotry, and calling men away.
   From faithfulness to you, O Lord, you stunned her with your Cross.
   And showed her all her emptiness and called her from her loss.

3. Through her example and her love, teach us to cast aside.
   All things that bind us to this world: our choices and our pride.
   Our centered self which leaves you out, our lusting, wasteful plan.
   In this Great Fast, give us your grace to live the best we can.

4. O Father, Son, and Spirit blest, our God of endless love,
   Bring us from earthly struggles to your endless feast above.
   With Mother Mary and the saints who daily urge us on,
   Bring us from exile’s dreary night to Pascha’s endless dawn!