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Mary, Joanna, Susanna, and more —
May we give freely as they did before.

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Prayed with the others in that upper room,
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O God of Phoebe and ministers all,
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