



Mary of Magdala, ECC – May 23, 2022

Celebrating the 6th Sunday of Easter - Together Wherever We Are

Reverend Jane Reina Presiding

Welcome and Announcements:

Lector Jim Berry

Social Justice Reflection

Tom Moos, Chair Social Justice Ministry

Entrance Song

Come to the Lord

1. Do not let your hearts be troubled.
Children, do not fear.
Though you suffer as I suffered,
I am always near.

Refrain

Come to the Lord;
come to the table of lasting life.

Bring your burdens;
there's no price,
just come to the Lord.

2. I will never leave you orphans;
you are not alone.
I have made your place in heaven,
in my father's home.

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Introductory Rite

In the name of Abba/Amma God, of Jesus our
Christ ever present, and of the Advocate, Holy
Spirit.

ALL: Amen

God, the blessed Holy Three, is with you.

ALL: And also with you.

Welcome everyone. We are so glad you could join
us both in the sanctuary and at home. Let us pray
that the Covid rate decreases and that all of us,
those we love, and all of us humans, consider it
save to freely gather again, to hug, and kiss, and
eat, and play.

Today's Gospel reading is about God's
faithfulness and Peace given by Jesus the Christ

as a gift that only Jesus could give. There are two
gifts to us, one is a Peace we have never known,
and the other is the Advocate that remains with
us now and always to teach us and remind us of
the Love message of Jesus.

This gospel begins: On the night before he
died..." the same as the beginning of the Holy
Thursday scripture reading. The message in the
Gospel is so important that it is repeated twice.
The Peace message also appears twice, on the
Second Sunday of Easter and today. So
important is the Peace message for us today. Can
we go inward tonight after Mass and assess our
desire and degree of habitation with the Peace of
Christ?

Penitential Rite

Together, we turn back to you Beloved Amma/Abba God to forgive our turning away. Grant us a deeper
understanding of the God's forgiveness and acceptance of us as we are.

Jesus, you forgave everyone from the Cross,
when we become self-centered with our own

image, self-interest, or self-righteousness, have
mercy on us.



All: Jesus, have mercy on us.

Jesus our Christ, when we hide from the injustice around us, hurting others through our silence, and when we fail to respond to an opportunity to bring peace, have mercy on us.

All: Christ have mercy on us.

Jesus, our Rabbi, when we forget that it is your presence in the eyes of our sisters and brothers who are suffering from war and oppression, climate change, and the fear of Covid, have mercy on us.

All: Rabbi, have mercy on us.

May we turn back to our waiting Divine Mother who loves all regardless of mindset or belief. Keep us together as we live the Way of your Kingdom. In your resurrection, we rise to a renewed life and work toward a new renewed creation.

All: Amen

In response to God's inclusive invitation, united we sing

Gloria: Glory to God – *Mass of the Joyful Heart*

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to all your people here on earth.

1. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you,
we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great
glory,

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Opening Prayer

Let us pray...

O Risen One, Mary of Magdala carried your message of Resurrection. Now as then it is a message hard to hold onto. Help us when we are challenged, feel threatened, experience doubt or grief. Keep us alert to the countless ways you show us your Love. You remain our source of

love and life, life itself. Help us be open to the Peace you offer when you say: "My Peace I give you."

We ask this through Jesus our Christ.

ALL: Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please listen to the message inspired by God.

First Reading: Revelation 21:10-12, 13, 25, 22-24

Lector Jim Berry

My Sisters and Brothers, an angel took me in spirit to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of the cosmic expanse of the heavens, coming from

God. It gleamed with the splendor of God. Its radiance was like that of a precious stone, like jasper, clear as crystal.



It had a massive, high wall, with twelve gates: three gates facing east, three north, three south, and three west. During the day, its gates will never be shut, and there will be no night there. I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is God and the Lamb. The city had no need of sun or moon to shine on it. The cosmic glory of God

illuminated it, and its lamp was the Lamb. All peoples will walk by its radiance. All treasures of Earth will be honored there.

The Word of God.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial: Wisdom 7:21-22a, 22b-30

Lector Jim Berry

The response is: Holy Wisdom, teach us.

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Now I understand everything, both what is hidden and what is manifest.

I was taught by Wisdom, the fashioner of all things.

She is the radiance that streams from everlasting light, the untarnished mirror of the works of God, the image of God's goodness.

ALL: Holy Wisdom, teach us.

In Holy Wisdom, there is a spirit that is intelligent, holy, unique; manifold, subtle, and agile; clear, unpolluted, incisive.

Never harmful, loving the good, keen, unhampered.

ALL: Holy Wisdom, teach us.

She is beneficent, kindly, and steadfast, dependable, tranquil. She is all-powerful, all-seeing, permeating every intelligent, pure and subtle spirit. Wisdom moves more easily than motion itself, pervading and penetrating all things.

She is a breath of God, a pure emanation of God's glory. Nothing can defile her.

ALL: Holy Wisdom, teach us.

Although She is One, She can do all things. Herself unchanging, She makes all things new. Age after age, She enters holy souls, and makes them friends of God and prophets.

God loves nothing so much as the one who dwells with Wisdom.

ALL: Holy Wisdom, teach us.

Second Reading:

Lector Cathy Engel

by Beatrice Bruteau in *The Hours of the Universe* by Ilia Delio

"To be a person is to be a creative center of activity, always in the process of becoming and living toward a future. 'Our "I," our personhood, is not a product of God's action, something left over after the action has ceased. Rather it is God's action in the very actuality of acting.

"We" are not a thing but an activity. This is why God's activity of ecstatically moving out to us is an act of coinciding with our activity, just as our

union with God [our Blessedness] will be our moving out to God as an act of coinciding with God's activity....This activity which we are and which God is, is the act of creative freedom, of initiative, of self-originated self-giving." Words inspired by God.

All: Thanks be to God.



Gospel Acclamation – *Mass of the Joyful Heart*

Refrain:

Alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia.

Alleluia. Alleluia.

Let your heart rejoice in the Lord
Let your word proclaim his deeds.
Let your voice sing out to the world
that our God has come to save.

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Gospel Reading: John 14:21, 23b, 25-29

Our God be with you.

All: And also with you.

A Proclamation of the Gospel attributed to John.

ALL: Glory to you, O God

On the night before Jesus died, he said to his disciples:

"Whoever has my commandments and observes them is the one who loves. And whoever loves me will be loved by my God. I will love that disciple and reveal myself to that one... We will come to those who love and we will dwell with them.

"I have told you all this while I am still with you; but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom our Loving God will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.

"Peace I leave with you. My peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

"You heard me say, 'I am going away and I am coming back to you.' If you loved me, you would be glad that I am going to God, for God is greater than I. I have told you now before it happens, so that when it does happen you will believe."

The Good News of Jesus our Christ.

All: Praise to You, Jesus our Christ.

Homily -Rev. Jane Reina

Creed - *Creed of Equality by Bridget Mary Meehan and Mary Theresa Streck, ARCWP*

Let us profess our faith together:

We believe in God...

All: ... who is creator and nurturer of all. We believe in Jesus, the Christ, who is our love, our hope, and our Light. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the breath of Wisdom Sophia, who energizes and guides us to build caring communities and to challenge oppression, exploitation, and injustice.

We believe that God loves us passionately and forgives us everything. We believe that we are radiant images of God who calls us to live fully, love tenderly, and serve generously. We believe in the communion of saints, our heavenly friends, who support us on life's journey. We believe in the partnership and equality of women and men in our church and world.



We believe that all are one in the Heart of God.
We believe that women's liberation is human
liberation. Here we dwell in loving relationships.

Here we live our prophetic call of Gospel
equality. Amen

Prayers of the People

Grateful to God who hears our cry, we raise our hopes and needs to God.

Lector Cathy Engel

For all who are suffering from war, separation,
and the stress of migration, we pray...

ALL: Loving God, hear our prayers.

For all who are mourning the loss of life through
gun violence, especially those in Buffalo, NY, and
for a change of heart for those who might
perpetrate violence, we pray...

ALL: Loving God, hear our prayers.

For all who are graduating from school and all
students starting their summer vacations, that
they will be safe from harm and hunger during
this time and can enjoy time with family and
friends, we pray...

ALL: Loving God, hear our prayers.

I will now read the prayers of those in the
sanctuary...

ALL: Loving God, hear our prayers.

For those attending on Zoom, if you would like to
share your prayers aloud, please unmute and
speak your prayer...

ALL: Loving God, hear our prayers.

For those on our Prayer List and all the prayers in
our hearts, we pray...

ALL: Loving God, hear our prayers.

I will now read the prayers from those in the sanctuary....we pray, **Response: Loving God, hear our prayers.**

I will now read the prayers in the chat feature,we pray

Response: Loving God, hear our prayer.

For those on Zoom - If you would like to share your prayer aloud, please unmute and speak your prayer
request now,we pray,

Response: Loving God, hear our prayer.

For all those on our prayer list and the prayers we hold in our hearts we pray, **Response: Loving God, hear
our prayer.**

Reverend Jane Reina

Holy Mystery, attentive to every need, hear our prayers, and through them transform our attentiveness, that
we may love and serve all the more to your honor and glory forever and ever.

All: Amen

The Peace

Jesus our Christ, you said to your disciples:
"Peace be with you, My Peace I give you."
Celebrating Divine Love as church, virtually and in
person, let us share a sign of Christ's peace.

May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you



Please take a moment to look around
your seat and around your table at who is

sitting with you, and breath in Peace.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

As we prepare our tables, offering food and drink here and across our network, we are reminded that our offerings of time, talent, and treasure sustain the mission of God's church. Please continue to give as you are called and able.

Let us sing together.

Offertory Song Grant Us Peace

Refrain

Grant us peace, grant us peace.
Only love can make us free.
Grant us peace.

1. Ever-loving God, hear our prayer.
We, your children, have a song for you.
May the Spirit shine in all we do.
May we always follow you.

2. Leaders of the world, hear God now.
Beat the swords into a farmer's plow.
Jesus said, "My peace I give to you."
May compassion see you through.

3. People of the world, we are one.
May the nations train for war no more,
for the Lord proclaims a lasting peace.
May he rule from sea to sea.

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Preparation of the Gifts *(during Offertory song)*

Blessed are you, Loving God of all creation.
Through your goodness we have this bread to
offer, which earth has given and human hands
have made.

It will become for us the bread of life. *Blessed be
God forever*

Blessed are you, God of all creation. Through
your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit
of the vine and work of human hands, it will
become our spiritual drink. *Blessed be God*

forever.

By the mystery of this water and wine may we
come to share in the divinity of Christ, who
humbled himself to share in our humanity.
Beloved God, we ask you to receive us and be
pleased with these gifts we offer you with
humble and contrite hearts.

Beloved Christ, wash away my iniquity, cleanse
me from my sin.

Prayer over the Gifts

Pray, my beloved sisters and brothers, that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God.

All: May God accept the work at your hands for the praise and glory of God's name, for our good and the good of all God's Creation.



Eucharistic Prayer

May the Risen Christ be with you,
Lift up and open your hearts.
Let us give thanks to our God of Love

All: And also with you.
All: We lift them up to God.
All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Amma/Abba God, we do well always and everywhere to offer you thanks through Jesus our Christ.

Jesus our Christ, with the force of the Divine Mother's Love, heal those besieged by illness, fear, trauma, guilt and blame. They yearn for Love as we yearn for Love and to Love. Your presence, Resurrected Christ, continues as an ever-expanding, evolving love for us, and for all, leading us to a fullness of life here and beyond death. May we experience your Peace within our hearts.

And so we joyfully join our voices in unison with the song of Creation throughout the Kin-dom;

Holy – (sung)
Mass of the Joyful Heart

Holy, Holy, Holy
Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord,
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest,
hosanna in the highest.

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Flowing from the Love visible in all Creation, and with the same Love revealed in the message of Jesus, send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts.

Bless + these gifts and make them holy that they may become the living sign of Christ's enduring Love, the Body and Blood of Jesus our Christ. Together, we, the Body of Christ gathered in all locations, remember what Jesus did at table and in life.

+ Who on the night before he was betrayed and among friends gathered around a table,

He took bread and gave you thanks.
He broke the bread,
gave it to his disciples, and said:

ALL: Take this all of you, and eat it:
this is my Body, which will be given up for you.

When supper was ended, he took the cup;

Again he gave you thanks and,
handing the cup to his disciples, said:

ALL: Take this, all of you, and drink from it:
This is the cup of my Blood of the new and
everlasting covenant.
It will be shed for you and for all so that sins
may be forgiven.
Do this in memory of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith

Memorial Acclamation – (sung)
Mass of the Joyful Heart

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,
we proclaim your Death, O Christ,
until you come again.

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In memory of his death and resurrection, we offer you, Amma/Abba God, this live-giving bread and wine. We thank you for inviting us to taste and to serve. May all of us who share in this sacrament be brought together in unity by the Holy Spirit.



Loving Divinity, Compassionate Mystery, we celebrate this Mystery of the Risen Jesus, our Christ, and all that Christ did and continues to do. We ask that you remember all people of every faith and tradition who journey to you, along with us, your church.

Help us to grow in that Love that is our salvation. Continue to guide us as one, gathering as the Body of Christ, praying especially for its local incarnation in the 301 Faith Community.

Remember O Loving God, all those who have died, particularly Dennis Snyder. Welcome them

into your all-embracing presence through the promise of the Risen Jesus, the Christ, in union with Mary, the Mother of the World, Mary of Magdala, Teresa of Avila, John of the Cross, Dorothy Day, and all who strive to give their lives to you today.

May we praise You in union with them, giving glory to Jesus our Risen Christ.

**All: Through Him, with Him and in Him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor is yours, Self-emptying, Life-giving God, for ever and ever.**

The Prayer of Jesus

Let us pray with confidence the words Jesus taught us.

ALL: Abba/Amma, God in heaven, holy is your name. Your kin-dom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial

and deliver us from evil. For the kin-dom, the power, and the glory are Yours, now and forever. Amen

The Shared Table and Breaking of Bread

Lamb of God - *Mass of the Joyful Heart*
(Sung)

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

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This is the living God, the Risen One who transforms the world. Happy are we who are called to this supper.

All: Jesus, I am ready to receive you and by your invitation I am here.

Risen Jesus, our Christ, with faith in your love, mercy and peace we eat your body and drink your blood. May it bring us health in mind and body.

Invitation to Communion

As we share in our soul's nourishment set before us, let us proclaim together:

All: In this we are a Eucharistic People, the Body of Christ Incarnate, the Blood of Christ poured out for the life of this world.

This food of and from God is offered to all of us, without exception.

All are welcomed at our tables of the Risen Christ. Come and take.



Communion Song

Be Not Afraid

1, You shall cross the barren desert,
but you shall not die of thirst.
You shall wander far in safety
though you do not know the way.
You shall speak your words in foreign lands
and all will understand.
You shall see the face of God and live.

Refrain
Be not afraid.
I go before you always.
Come, follow me, and I will give you rest.

2. If you pass through raging waters in the sea,
you shall not drown.

If you walk amid the burning flames,
you shall not be harmed.
If you stand before the pow'r of hell
and death is at your side,
know that I am with you through it all.

3. Blessed are your poor,
for the kingdom shall be theirs.
Blest are you that weep and mourn,
for one day you shall laugh.
And if wicked tongues insult and hate you
all because of me,
blessed, blessed are you!

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Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

God of our ancestors, God of Our Heart, you
renew our life by raising Jesus our Christ from
death. Strengthen us by this Easter sacrament;
may we experience You, through your Love and

Peace in our daily life. We ask this in the name of
Jesus.

All: Amen.

Concluding Rite

God is with you.
ALL: And also with you.

Let us join our open hearts together and ask for
God's blessing: Holy Mystery, bless us and fill us
with the Grace to accept the Peace you offer.

Bless us with the experience of your constant
presence.

In the name of Amma/Abba, God, the Risen Jesus
our Christ, and the Holy Spirit, the Advocate.
ALL: Amen

Dismissal:

Let the Mass continue as we go forth into the world as people filled with "Peace not of this world."
ALL: Thanks be to God.



Closing Song

Go Out, Go Out

Refrain

Go out, go out to all the world
and tell the Good News,
tell the Good, Good News.

1. Praise God,
praise God, all you nations!

Glorify God,
glorify God, you peoples!

2. Steadfast,
steadfast is God's kindness toward us,
and the faithfulness
of God endures!

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