



Mary of Magdala, ECC September 14th, 2025

**24th Sunday in Ordinary Time—Together Wherever We
Are**

Pastor Rick Reiten presiding

Welcome and Announcements

Lector Kerrie Anderson

Holy Synod Invitation

Tom Moos

Entrance Song Jesus I Trust In You (R; V1; R; V2; R)

Let us continue as one expression of God's people in the name of
our Creator God, the Eternal Son, and the Holy Spirit. **All: Amen.**

May the Love of God, the care and compassion of the Incarnation,
and the Breath of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

(Adlib Greeting)

Penitential Rite

Let us humbly turn to our God, ready to receive God's mercy and be
transformed.....

Beloved God, You are the creative Word that creates humanity as
one family. God, fill us with mercy. **All: God, fill us with mercy.**



Beloved Jesus, You do not reject those who reject You. Christ, fill us with mercy.

All: Christ, fill us with mercy.

Beloved Spirit, Your Breath brings healing and wholeness. Spirit fill us with mercy.

All: Spirit, fill us with mercy.

Hear the Good News! Christ's life, death and resurrection have revealed life eternal for you. Your sins are forgiven. Be refreshed and renewed in the name of God, in the name of Love, in the name of New Life. As God is merciful, may you also be merciful. Together now we pray. **All: Amen**

Let us celebrate God's glory with our voices as together we sing...

Gloria *Mass of Renewal*

Opening Prayer

Let us pray,

God, fill us with faithfulness. Fill us with understanding and knowledge that we might act as instruments of your loving desire for all of creation. Fill us with grace that we might work with you to transform our conceit into concern for others; our fear into love; our violence into peace; and our brokenness into wholeness. God, fill us with faithfulness that we might be beacons of your light in the world. In Jesus' name we pray. **All: Amen.**



Let us joyfully listen to the Word of God, the good news in our midst. Some stories today will be from our Scriptures. But some will acknowledge that God speaks into the world through other voices as well.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading *Into the Eye of God*, by Macrina Wiederkehr, *A Tree Full Of Angels*

For your prayer
your journey into God,
may you be given a small storm
 a little hurricane
 named after you
persistent enough
 to get your attention
violent enough
 to awaken you to new depths
strong enough
 to shake you to the roots



majestic enough

to remind you or your origin:

made of the earth

yet steeped in eternity

frail human dust

yet soaked with infinity.

You begin your storm

under the Eye of God.

A watchful, caring eye

gazes in your direction

as you wrestle

with the life force within.

In the midst of these holy winds

In the midst of this divine wrestling

your storm journey

like all hurricanes

leads you into the eye



Into the Eye of God

where all is calm and quiet

A stillness beyond imagining!

after the storm

Into the silent, beautiful darkness

Into the Eye of God.

Words inspired by God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Here I Am (*sung*). (R; V1; R; V2; R; V3; R)

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia *Mass of Renewal*

Gospel. Genesis 21: 1-3, 22: 1-14

Our Loving God is within you. **All: And also within you.**

A proclamation of the Gospel from Genesis. **All: Glory to you O God.**

God dealt with Sarah as he had said, and God did for Sarah as he had promised. Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old



age, at the time of which God had spoken to him. Abraham gave the name Isaac to his son whom Sarah bore him.

After these things God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." God said, "Take your son, your only son, Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you." So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt offering and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you. "

Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. And the two of them walked on together. Isaac said to his father Abraham, "Father!" And he said, "here I am son." Isaac said, "The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" Abraham said,



“God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son.”

And the two of them walked on together.

When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. But the angel of God called to him from heaven and said, “Abraham, Abraham!” And he said, “Here I am.” The angel said, “Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me. “And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called that place, “God will provide,” as it is said to this day, “On the mount of God it shall be provided.”

Listen to the Spirit speaking to God’s people.

All: Thanks be to God.

Homily



No Creed

Prayers of the People

Lector Jim Berry

Pastor Rick: Let us bring forth our prayers for all of Creation.

Jim: Our response is: Loving God, hear our prayers.

Spirit of Being, during this season of creation may we honor our mother Earth by seeing the damage that has been done by humankind and working to safeguard further damage, we pray,

Response: Loving God, hear our prayers.

Spirit of Being, guide all churches and faith communities especially Mary of Magdala, Trinity Lutheran, and St. Paul's as we envision new ways to be present to people who are seeking you, seeking a better life, seeking just to be loved as they are, we pray, **Response: Loving God, hear our prayers.**

Spirit of Being, tap the hearts of our elected officials to truly look at the long-term effects their legal actions will bring that they may



consider how best to help everyone in our country, we pray,

Response: Loving God, hear our prayers.

The prayers from the sanctuary are.....we pray, **Response: Loving God, hear our prayers.**

Are there prayers from our people on zoom? ...**Response: Loving God, hear our prayers.**

And for all the people on our prayer list and the prayers we hold sacred in our hearts, we pray, **Response: Loving God, hear our prayers.**

Pastor Rick: Collect (*adlib*)

The Peace

Celebrating God's endless faithfulness, may the peace of Christ be with you always. **All: And also with you.**

Let us share with one another a sign of that peace, both virtually and in the sanctuary. Please turn to the camera first and greet our siblings attending on zoom.

Liturgy of the Eucharist

As we prepare our tables, offering food and drink here and in our homes, 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 able that these our gifts, our lives, may continue to be blessed by our Loving God.

Let us sing together. . .

Offertory Song The Lord Is My Shepherd. (R; V1; R; V2; R)

Preparation of the Gifts *(silently during Offertory Song)*

Blessed are you, Loving God of all Creation, through your goodness we have these gifts to place on your table. They represent our entire lives, and all that we have to offer. May they become the Light of Christ in your world. **All: Blessed be God forever.** Blessed are you, Loving God of all Creation, through your goodness we have this bread and this wine to place on your table. Work of earth and human hands. May these become our spiritual food and drink. **All: Blessed be God forever.**

Wash away my iniquity, cleanse me.

Pray my siblings in Christ, that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God, our Almighty Mother and Father.

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



Eucharistic Prayer

The peace of our God be with you all.

All: And also with you.

Let us open up our hearts.

All: We open them up to God.

Let us give thanks to our Loving God.

All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

God, as your fingerprint is upon all creation, your love is embossed on the human family. You called Sarah and Abraham to parent the nation of your holy people so all people could be drawn into your loving embrace. You sent the prophets to speak your comforting word. You sent Jesus the Christ, to proclaim your inclusive love for all the cosmos. God, all of creation unveils your glory. Now, with all of creation, the choirs of angels and shepherds, with the birds and the fish and the trees, we are glad to share God's praise as we sing:

Holy -sung

Mass of Renewal

God, Goodness of the World, Send your Holy Spirit upon us gathered around tables throughout your world and gathered as your Body and Blood that we may become signs of your love and transforming work in the world. + Let also your Spirit come upon



these gifts of bread and wine before us to make them holy so that they may become for us the Body and Blood of our brother, Jesus the Christ.

Today, we gather to remember that on the night before he died, Jesus ate with his followers and his friends. We recall how he took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it, he broke it, and gave it to them saying - **"Take this all of you and eat it. This is my body which will be given up for you."**

We remember also, that on the night before Jesus died, He took the cup filled with wine, and after giving thanks, passed it to his friends, saying, **"Take this all of you and drink from it. This is the cup of my blood. The 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."**

(sung) Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.....

Memorial Acclamation

Mass of Renewal

Therefore, Creator God, we remember the life, death, and resurrection of our Beloved Brother Jesus. In the breaking of the Bread, Christ's Body, there is an opening up, a healing, and a hoping. In the spilling of the Wine, Christ's Blood, are the roots of sharing and reconciliation and all manifestations of love.



As we look in our world, our lives, and in our hearts for the presence of Christ, may we recognize the Christ in our midst, calling us to unity in love with all of your creation.

Beloved God, Creator of all, You have invited each of us here today, And so we gather at these tables, confident that all tables are your table, O God. May we serve in love, with love, for love, loving you, and loving our neighbors as we love ourselves. May we recognize that all are made in your image, and everyone, everyone is our neighbor. May we share the good news that your table here in our midst is open to all; no one shall be excluded based on creed, nationality, race, gender, sexuality, political affiliation, or even religion. We pray that under the guidance of our chosen shepherds Bishop Kae and Bishop Paul, we may move closer to unity with all of creation in love and grace and your embrace.

Remember our sisters and brothers and family who have gone to their rest in the hope of rising in your light. Bring them and all the departed into the embrace of your presence with Mary, Jesus' mother, with the apostles and friends and all the saints who have modeled your will throughout time. May we praise you in dancing with them in glory now and forever.

Together now, we say.....



All: Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for all glory and honor is yours self-emptying/life-giving God, forever and ever.

Together let us sing

Great Amen — *Mass of Renewal*

The Prayer of Jesus

(Turn to the cameras and) Let us join hearts together, a symbol of how God is circling the world right now and let us pray in words that have been prayed with Jesus for centuries.

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

Lamb of God! – *Mass of Renewal. (EM's will break up big host during song)*



This is the Body and Blood of Christ. This is the one who transforms the world. Blessed are we who are called to this meal.

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

Invitation to Communion

As we partake of the sustenance laid before us, let us affirm together:

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

May the mystery of our participation in the sacred mystery, enliven our faith, inspire our service, and incarnate God's compassionate love where-ever we may be.

Whether partaking here, or at our home tables, this food from God is offered to the people of God, without exception. All are welcome at the banquet of Christ's kin-dom.

Communion Song: On Eagles Wings (V1; R; V2; R)



Prayer after Communion

Let us pray...God, we have shared this meal together. This meal that you have offered to us, bread, wine, and other food from our own cupboards. Send us from here to reveal your love in the world that all hungry hearts may know You and their thirst be quenched. We offer this prayer through our brother, Jesus the Christ.

All: Amen

Blessing for Dori and Jim

Gracious and Loving God, we raise our hands, hearts, and voices to bless Dori and Jim as they continue the journey of discernment toward doing service ministry through ordination. Enliven them with clarity of vision and insight, embrace them with grace and compassion, guide them to truth and willingness to accept what unfolds for them. May they each receive the flow of grace from our hands to their hearts and souls. May it be so.

The Love of God be with you.

All: And also with you.

Concluding Rite and Dismissal



Let us open our hearts as we ask for God's blessing.

Receive the blessing of the prophets in our midst. It may be a blessing of speaking or listening, or both. We ask for this blessing now, in the name of our Creator God, the Eternal Son, and the Holy Spirit. **All: Amen.**

We are the family known as Mary of Magdala. Let us go forth as such, loving and serving God as we get to love and serve in God's world.

All: Thanks be to God.

Closing Song: We Are The Light (R; V1; R; V2; R; V3; R)