**Mary of Magdala, ECC -- March 1, 2026**

**Celebrating the Second Sunday of Lent—Transfiguration Sunday**

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**Welcome and Announcements** *David Cloyd, LC Co-Chair*

**Entrance Song** Send Your Glory Down (V1; R; V2; R)

**Greeting**

We gather in the name of Creator God, our brother Jesus, and the Holy Spirit.

**All: Amen**

May the grace and peace from God our Creator, the love of Jesus Christ, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**All: And also with you.**

We pause to come fully into this space, body, mind, emotion, soul and spirit, and to recognize the presence of God in us and among us.

Mother Rosean Adlibs…

Let us remember our connection to God…

## Penitential Rite

Word of God,

We open our ears and we hear your voice,

“This is my Own, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased. Listen to this One!”

And we give you thanks.

**All: Thank you, God, for Your Word.**

Brother Jesus, We open our eyes and we see You, leading us out to minister to people.  And we know Your love endures forever.

**All: Your love endures forever.**

Holy Spirit, Call us down from our mountains of privilege to continue the work of the kin-dom of God.

**All: Let us continue the work of the kin-dom of God.**

God of glory and light, keep reminding us to listen to your Son. Renew us by your nurture and blessing, and bring us to life everlasting.

**All: Amen.**

## No Gloria

## Opening Prayer



Let us pray…

God of Mystery,

You call us to go to the mountain top with you,

And we follow, not quite sure of what is to happen…

There are times that we need mountain top experiences with you:

when our days are dark and dreary,

when our hearts, are heavy,

when the valleys seem lower than ever.

May our mountain top experience with You

fill our hearts with your light,

with your love,

and with your hope.

In Your name we pray,

**All: Amen**

Adapted from Rev. Abi and posted on A Place for Prayer.
http://revgalprayerpals.blogspot.ca/

And now let us listen to God's Word in Scripture and in the continuing story of

God's people…

## Liturgy Of The Word

### First Reading *Lector Vicki Johnson*

A Reading from the Book of Exodus (24:1a, 9-12, 15-18a; 34:28-29)

God said to Moses, "Come up the mountain, to Me. Bring Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and the seventy elders…" They went up the mountain and saw the God of Israel. Under God's feet, there appeared to be a pavement of sapphire stone, as clear as the sky itself. God did not raise a hand against them. They saw God; and they ate and they drank. Then God said to Moses, "Come up to Me on the mountain's top, and wait there. I will give you tablets of stone, and laws, which are for the people's instruction."

Moses climbed farther up the mountain. Then, a cloud covered the mountain. The glory of God settled on Mount Sinai. The cloud covered the mountaintop for six days. On the seventh day, God called to Moses from the midst of the cloud. To the Israelites below, the glory of God looked like a consuming fire on top of the mountain. But Moses entered the midst of the cloud on the top of the mountain.

Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights. He neither ate bread nor drank water. He wrote on hewn tablets the words of the covenant; the ten words, the ten commandments.

When Moses came down from Mount Sinai with the two tablets of the covenant, he was not aware that the skin of his face was radiant because he had spoken with God.

The Word of ancient Priestly Writers.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm:** O Dios, crea en me (Rinstr; R cantored; R All; V2; R All)

## Second Reading *Lector Matt Chavez*

**Dazzling**

A Blessing for Transfiguration Sunday, by Jan Richardson

Believe me, I know
how tempting it is
to remain inside this blessing,
to linger where everything
is dazzling
and clear.

We could build walls
around this blessing,
put a roof over it.



We could bring in

a table, chairs,

have the most amazing meals.

We could make a home.

We could stay.

But this blessing

is built for leaving.

This blessing

is made for coming down

the mountain.

This blessing

wants to be in motion,

to travel with you

as you return

to level ground.

It will seem strange

how quiet this blessing becomes

when it returns to earth.

It is not shy.

It is not afraid.

It simply knows

how to bide its time,

to watch and wait,

to discern and pray

until the moment comes

when it will reveal

everything it knows,

when it will shine forth

with all it has seen,

when it will dazzle

with the unforgettable light

you have carried

all this way.

Words inspired by God.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## Lenten Gospel Acclamation MOD (R; V1; V1; R; V3; R)

## Gospel

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

A Proclamation of the Holy Gospel attributed to Matthew. (17:1-9)

**All: Glory to you, O God.**

Six days after Jesus revealed to the disciples that, as the Christ, he must suffer many things, Jesus took Peter, James, and his brother, John with him, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. In their presence, Jesus was transfigured with a face that shone like the sun, and with clothes that became like a dazzling light.

Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared, talking with the Christ.

Then Peter said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it’s good for us to be here. If you wish, I’ll make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.”

While Peter was still speaking, a luminous cloud overshadowed them.

From the cloud a voice said, “This is my Own, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased. Listen to this One!”

When the disciples heard this, they fell prostrate, overcome by fear. Jesus came and touched them saying, “Rise! Do not be afraid.” When they raised their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, “Tell no one about the vision until after the Chosen One has been raised from the dead.”

The Good News of Jesus our Christ.

**All: Praise to you, Jesus our Christ.**

**Homily** – *Mother Rosean*

Every day I walk out into the world to be dazzled, then to be reflective. Mary Oliver

**Creed** Creed of Oneness

We are not alone,

we live in God's world.

We believe in God:

who has created and is creating,



who has come in Jesus,

the Word made flesh,

to reconcile and make new,

who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:

to celebrate God's presence,

to live with respect in Creation,

to love and serve others,

to seek justice and resist evil,

to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death,

God is with us.

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God

**ALL: Amen**

## Prayers of the People *Lector Matt Chavez*

*Mother Rosean*: Let us bring forth our prayers for all of Creation…



**Our Response is: Beloved God, receive our prayers.**

For our hearts to be sensitive to the need for safe, affordable housing that supports the vulnerable and lifts up families in need, we pray,

**Response: Beloved God, receive our prayers.**

For us to see, feel and experience your deep love that we might share your love for us with others in our lives and community we pray,

**Response: Beloved God, receive our prayers.**

For world leaders that they work to restore a proper balance with all creation by promoting life, dignity, compassion, empathy and safety for all who suffer through poverty, violence and the many struggles of immigration, we pray,

**Response: Beloved God, receive our prayers.**

The prayers from the sanctuary are… We pray.

**Response: Beloved God, receive our prayers.**

The prayers from our members on Zoom … We Pray.

**Response: Beloved God, receive our prayers.**

And for all of the people on our prayer list and the prayers we hold dear in our hearts.

**Response: Beloved God, receive our prayers.**

*Mother Rosean*: God of all people, You call us to share in Jesus' mission. May our prayers be in harmony with Your will and may our service to others be generous. In Jesus' name,

**All: Amen**

## The Peace

Celebrating God's endless faithfulness, may the peace of Christ be with you always.

**All: And also with you.**

As a sign of reconciliation and peacemaking, I invite you to share a greeting of Christ's peace, with our siblings at home and with each other in the Sanctuary.

## 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.

Let us sing together…

**Offertory Song** Transfigure Us O God (R; V1; R; V3; R)

## Preparation of the Gifts (During Offertory Song)

Blessed are You, Loving God of all Creation, through Your goodness we have this bread to place on Your table. Work of earth and human hands. May it become our spiritual food. **All: Blessed be God forever.**

Blessed are You, Loving God of all Creation, through Your goodness we have this wine to place on Your table. Work of earth and human hands. May it become our spiritual drink. **All: 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.

Wash away my iniquity, cleanse me of my sin.

## Prayer over the Gifts

Pray my siblings in Christ, that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God, our 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

May the love of God live within you**. All: And also within 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.**

It is truly right and just, always and everywhere, to give you thanks Eternal God through Jesus, the Christ.

In the mystery of your Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son, Jesus.

Bright shining God, inner light of all souls, we celebrate your gifts of light, love, and all of creation. We rejoice that you have made us in your image, and touched all of creation with the light of your love.

With each new day, you call us to feed the hungry, bring recovery of sight to the blind, liberate the oppressed, heal the broken-hearted and bind up their wounds, and keep watch for the dawn of your reign on this earth.

For all of this we give you thanks, and we praise you, joining our voices with all life on earth and the company of heaven, who forever sing their hymns to proclaim the glory of your name.

**Holy, Holy, Holy** MOD

God, you are holy indeed, and all creation rightly gives you praise.



All life, all holiness, comes from you through your son Jesus Christ, by the working of the Holy Spirit.

Send your Holy Spirit upon us gathered around tables throughout your world and gathered as your Body 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 to make them holy so that they may become for us the Body and Blood of our brother, Jesus the Christ.

On the night before his death, Jesus took bread, and after giving thanks he broke it and gave it to all, saying:

**All: Take this, all of you, and eat it.**

**This is my body, which will be given up for you.**

After supper, he took the cup of wine.

Again, he gave you thanks and praise, gave the cup to all and said:

**All: 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.**

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

## Memorial Acclamation MOD

Rejoicing in the Holy Spirit, your whole church offers thanks and praise with all who bring hope to the world. We pray for our presiding Bishop Pablo, our Regional Bishop Kae, our 301 Faith Partnership, and for all who shepherd your holy people. God of the living and the dead, awaken to the undying light of pardon and peace those fallen asleep in faith.

Gather them all into communion with Mary, the mother of Jesus, and all your saints. Then at last will all creation be one and all divisions healed, and we shall join in singing your praise through your Son, Jesus, the Christ.

Together now we say…

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

## The Great Amen MOD

## The Prayer of Jesus

Let us turn to the camera and pray with our siblings at home in the words that Jesus gave us:

**All: Amma/Abba God who are 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 and the power and the glory are Yours now and forever. Amen**

## The Shared Table

## Lamb of God MOD

This is the Living God, the Body and Blood of Christ. This is the One whose LOVE transforms the world. Happy 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.**



An open invitation awaits all of you at this table where Jesus Christ is the host. An invitation to be fed and to be loved without measure. Each one of you is a precious child of God. All are welcome, no exceptions.

**Communion Hymn** Give Us Your Peace (R; V1; R; V2; R; V3; R)

## Prayer after Communion

Let us pray…

Thank you, God, for nourishing us in your Sacrament and keeping us connected to you.

As we celebrate Transfiguration Sunday, may we keep awake to the wonders in our midst, let ourselves be transformed by them, and follow the path they open to us.

In the name of the One who is with us always,

**All: Amen**

## Concluding Rite and Dismissal

May the love of God be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Let us open our hearts and ask for God's blessing…



May God shine the light of glory into your hearts.

May Christ be with you and never leave you.

And may the Holy Spirit renew the image of God within you.

We ask for this blessing now in the name of Amma/Abba God, our Brother Jesus, and the Holy Spirit, Sophia.

**All: Amen**

## Dismissal

Transformed by what we have seen and heard, let us go out and offer these wonders to a broken world.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

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