



Mary of Magdala, ECC – April 24, 2022

Celebrating the 2nd Sunday of Easter - Together Wherever We Are

Reverend Jane Reina Presiding

Welcome and Announcements:

Lector Art Bavoso

Social Justice Reflection

Tom Moos, Chair Social Justice Ministry

Entrance Song

Alleluia, Love is Alive

1. People of God, see the morning is new;
rise from your sleeping and run to the tomb.
Come and see! Come and see! He is alive!
A grave that is empty, a promise fulfilled.
God who was with us is here with us still.
He is here! He is here! He is alive!

Refrain

Alleluia! Love is alive;
conquered the grave and defeated the night.
Alleluia! Love is alive!

The Son has arisen for all.
Your people sing alleluia!

2. People of God, let your fear fall away.
Your chains have been broken; abandon your
shame.

Lift your hearts! Lift your hearts! He is alive!
Here now is mercy embracing your soul;
here the fulfillment that once was foretold.
It is true! It is true! He is alive!

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Greeting

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

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. We are walking together during the Easter
season now. In fact, according to today's Gospel
reading, the Easter season began on Easter
Evening... "The evening of that same day..." and

then the gospel quickly moves to hiding the
results of trauma and fear, and doubt.

And true to Jesus' message of love at the last
supper with his friends, Jesus appears! Joy
abounds! Their grief and trauma are assuaged,
for the moment. Jesus appears again to calm
Thomas' doubts. It is indeed an appearance that
defies logic and is beyond reasonable but full of
motherly Love with Jesus saying, "Peace be with
you."

Penitential Rite

Together, we ask our Beloved Amma God to
forgive our turning away, grant us a deeper
understanding of the Beloved'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: Amma God, have mercy on us.

Jesus our Christ, when we are asleep and hurt
others through our silence at injustice, or 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 question and doubt your existence or help in the face of the needs of our sisters and brothers suffering from war and oppression, in the panic of 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 pilgrims together on the way to your Kin-dom. In your resurrection, we rise to a renewed life and look forward to a renewed creation.

All: Amen

And now let us joyfully sing our praises to God

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, or feel threatened, or are experiencing doubt or grief. Keep us alert to the countless ways you show us your Love. You

remain our source of life, a light that cannot be extinguished, life itself. Help us be open to the Peace you offer when you say: "Peace be with you." We ask this through Jesus our Christ.

ALL: Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please listen to the message inspired by God.

First Reading:

Lector Art Bavoso

It's the Shell Trick, a Poem by Tukaram of Maharashtra, India (c. 1608-1649)

It's the old shell trick with a twist:
I saw God put [the Godself] in one
of your pockets.

You are bound
to find
[God..

Words Inspired by God.

ALL: Thanks be to God.



Responsorial: Psalm 46. 1-4, 10

Lector -Art Bavoso

The psalm response is: The Beloved is ever with us

Response: The Beloved is ever with us

The Beloved is our refuge and our strength, a Loving Presence in times of trouble. Therefore we need not fear though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea; though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

Response: The Beloved is ever with us.

There is a river whose streams make glad the Holy City, the holy habitation of the Most High. The Beloved is in the midst of it, it shall not be moved; Our loving Creator is an ever-present help.

Response: The Beloved is ever with us.

Come, behold the works of the Beloved,
how love does reign even in humanity's desolation
For the Beloved yearns for wars to cease,
shining light into fearful hearts;
loving even those who oppress the weak,
refining hearts of steel!

Response: The Beloved is ever with us.

Second Reading:

Lector Jim Berry

A reading from the **Book of Revelation** 1:9-11a, 12-19

I, John, am your companion in the faith, in the suffering, in the kin-dom, and in the patient endurance that are ours in Jesus. I was on the island of Patmos because of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus. On Sunday, I was in the Spirit, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet, saying: "Write on a scroll what you see and send it to the seven churches."

I turned around to see the voice that was speaking. When I turned, I saw seven golden lamp stands. Among the lamp stands was someone like a human, dressed in a full-length robe, a gold sash across the chest, with hair white like wool, white as snow, and eyes ablaze like fire. The human figure had feet like bronze glowing in a furnace and a voice like the sound of rushing water. The figure held seven stars in

hand. A sharp, double-edged sword came out of its mouth. Its face was shone like the brightest sun.

When I saw the sight, I fell at the figure's feet as though I were dead. The human one placed a hand on me and said: "Do not be afraid. I am the First and the Last. I am the Living One. I was dead, and now, look! I am alive forever and ever! I hold the keys of death and of Hades. Write down, therefore, what you have seen, and what is happening, and what will take place afterwards."

The Word of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation – Mass of the Joyful Heart

Refrain:

Alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia.

Alleluia. Alleluia.

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

Gospel Reading: John 20. 19-31

Our God be with you **All: And also with you**

A Proclamation of the Good News according to John **All: Glory to you O God.**

Sisters and Brothers,
In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were locked in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Temple authorities.

Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Having said this, the savior showed them the marks of crucifixion. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw Jesus, who said to them again, "Peace be with you. As Amma/Abba God sent me, so I'm sending you." After saying this, Jesus breathed on them and said,

"Receive the Holy Spirit.

If you forgive anyone's sins, they are forgiven.

If you retain anyone's sins, they are retained."

It happened that one of the Twelve, Thomas—nicknamed Didymus, or "Twin"—was absent when Jesus came. The other disciples kept telling him, "We've seen Jesus!" Thomas' answer was, "I'll never believe it without putting my finger in the nail marks and my hand into the spear wound."

On the eighth day, the disciples were once more in the room, and this time Thomas was with them. Despite the locked doors, Jesus came and stood before them, saying, "Peace be with you." Then to Thomas, Jesus said, "Take your finger and examine my hands. Put your hand into my side. don't persist in your unbelief, but believe!" Thomas said in response, "My savior and my God!"

Jesus then said,

"You've become a believer because you saw me.

Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

Jesus performed many other signs as well—signs not recorded here—in the presence of the disciples. But these have been recorded to help you believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Only Begotten, so that by believing you may have life in Jesus' Name.

The Good News of Jesus, our Christ.

All: Praise to you, Jesus, our Christ.

Homily -Rev. Jane Reina and Art Bavoso

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

Let us bring our prayers for all of God's Creation.

Lector Jim Berry

The response is: Loving God, hear our prayers.

Response: Loving God, hear our prayers

Creator God, Source of all Life, We are people of many ages, but of one heart. We hear the cries of children, women, and men as they endure the ravages of war—and we cry, too.

Response: Loving God, hear our prayers

We hear the cries of our children and husbands as they are asked to kill, or be killed—and we cry, too. Oh, it happens in too many places. War destroys lives, families, towns, countries—and we cry. War destroys earth, air, and water—and we cry. War destroys the fabric of peace—and we cry.

Response: Loving God, hear our prayers

We are people of many ages. We are people of prayer. Hear our voices join together as we pray for understanding to end war, (pause) as we pray for strength to end war, (pause) as we pray for grace to end war, (pause) as we pray for courage to raise life from ashes. (pause)

Response: Loving God, hear our prayers

Hear our voices and teach us the words to speak through our tears, to open the minds and hearts of those calling for war, engaging in war. Hear our voices and grace us as we pray today. Let it be so. Amen.

Response: 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, receive our prayer.

If you would like to share your prayer aloud, please unmute and speak your prayer request now,we pray,

Response: Loving God, receive 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

Loving God, you know the deepest needs of our hearts. We ask you to renew us in the new light of Easter. Hear our prayers in the name of Jesus our Christ **ALL: Amen.**



The Peace

Jesus our Christ, you said to your apostles:
“Peace be with you.” Celebrating Divine Love as
church, here and now, 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.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Please take a moment to look around your seat and around your table at who is sitting with you, and breathe
in Peace.

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

Breastplate of St. Patrick

1. I bind myself
to the power of heaven.
I bind myself to the light of the sun,
the brightness of the moon,
the deepness of the sea;
I bind myself to the power of Christ.

Refrain
Christ with me and before me;
Christ behind me and within me;
Christ to the right of me
and to the left of me;

Christ above me and beneath me:
I bind myself to the virtue of Christ.

2. I bind myself
to the guidance of angels.
I bind myself
to the love of the Lamb,
for he alone is peace
and he alone is light.
I bind myself to the guidance of Christ.

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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.

Prayer over the Gifts

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

All: May God accept the work of 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 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, healed those besieged by fear, trauma, guilt, and blame with Peace.. They clung to Love as we cling to Love. Your presence, Resurrected Christ, continues as an ever-expanding, evolutionary love for us, and for all, leading us into the fullness of life here and beyond death. May we experience your Peace. And so we joyfully join our voices in unison with the song of Creation throughout the Kin-dom;

and upon these gifts.

Bless these gifts and make them holy that they may become the living sign of God'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:

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.**

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, 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 our faith.

**All: Save us, Savior of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.
All: Amen..**

Flowing from the Love visible in all creation, and with the same Love revealed in the message of Jesus – send Sophia, your Holy Spirit, upon us

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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, united across these networks. 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 from war, disease, and famine. Welcome

them into your all-embracing presence through the promise of the Risen Jesus 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. May we praise You in union with them, giving glory to our Risen Christ.

**ALL: Through Christ, with Christ and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
for all glory and honor is yours,
Self-emptying/Life-giving God,
forever and ever. Amen**

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

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.

Communion Song

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.



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.

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Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

O Risen Jesus, unite us through your Love and
Peace freely given in this Sacrament. May we be

among those who proclaim your presence. This
we ask in Jesus' name.

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 that you are always with us.

In the name of Amma/Abba God, the Risen Jesus
our Christ, and Sophia, the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen

Dismissal:

Let us go forth into the world as examples of the Peace of the Risen Jesus our Christ

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Closing Song

At the Name

1. You took upon yourself
our cruel and heavy cross.
You conquered death itself to ransom all the lost,
humbled yourself before a world of sin.

Refrain

That at the name every knee should bow,
every tongue confess
you are Lord;

and at the name every heart should sing,
every tongue confess
you are Christ, you are Christ, you are Lord.

2. You split the night in two;
one bright and holy day,
and with the mighty truth
you rolled the stone away.



You are exalted by the Light of Love.
Bridge
Oh, you were lifted high.
You were the sacrifice:
the death that saved our lives!

Oh, you are lifted high.
You are the sacrifice:
the love that saves our lives!

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