



Mary of Magdala, ECC July 4, 2021 - 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

In Sanctuary and on Zoom

Participants at home may wish to prepare their home worship space with a lit candle and the food and drink to be remotely shared.

Announcements Lector Pedro Engel

BLM/Social Justice reflection Tom Moos, Chair Social Justice Ministry.

(Pause to hold this message in our hearts.)

Entrance Song (please join in with Bill while muted)

Come to Jesus

1. People of the God of ages,
welcome to your brand new day.
Leave the world and all its trappings,
come into amazing grace.
Let go your ev'ry fear.
There is only mercy here.

Refrain
Come to Jesus,
hope that frees us,
life that breathes in us.
Come to Jesus,
and believe that he is love.
Oh, come.

2. All who walk alone in shadow,
all who stand with faith assured,
those who follow with abandon,
those who long for something more,
these are the gifts we bring,
our lives, the offering.

Bridge
Welcome pauper, rich man, leper,
hungry exiled, joyful, poor,
come you pris'ner, free man, sinner,
come to the Lord.
Come to the Lord.

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Greeting Father Teri Harroun

Let us begin as one expression of God's people.
+ Father, Son, Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

May the Holy Kiss of God, the tender care of the Incarnation, and the unity of the Holy Spirit be with you all. .

All: And also with you.

Penitential Rite Father Teri Harroun

Let us remember our God of all nations.....

God, you create all people in your image, Lord have mercy **All: Lord have mercy**

Jesus, you came to live among the world and invite us to share a yoke with you, **All: Christ have mercy.**

Spirit of God, you are mindful of all of us, and dream of universal flourishing, Lord have mercy
All: Lord have mercy

May our loving God shower us with grace, be forever present to us, forgive our sins, and bring us to everlasting joy and light.

ALL: Amen

Co-Pastor Dcn Rosean Amaral
Let us sing our praises to God!



Glory to God - Mass of the Joyful Heart (please join in singing)

Refrain

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will. (Amen.)
1. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you,
we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

2. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.

3. For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.

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Opening Prayer -

Co-Pastor Dcn Rosean Amaral
Let us pray...

Father Teri Harroun
Declaration of Interdependence (Written by Melanie Bacon and
adapted):

God of interdependence, help us hold these
truths to be self-evident:

That all life is interconnected, and endowed by
You, our Creator, with certain inalienable rights
and responsibilities,

That among these are presence, compassion,
and the pursuit of happiness. That to secure
these rights and responsibilities,

We open our minds and hearts to the needs of
others, and our own true needs,

We hear the sound of the living universe in our
ears, and add our voices to the song.

And for the support of this Declaration, we
pledge to each other our love and our breath,
For the freedom of the one is the freedom of
the all, and the pain of the one is the pain of the
all; The breath of the one is the breath of the all,
and the breath of the all is the breath of God.
We ask this in the name of the Creator of all,

All: Amen

Co-Pastor Dcn Rosean Amaral
And now let us listen to the inspired Word of God in our midst

Liturgy of the Word

1st Reading - The first reading is a spoken adaptation of the song “America, the Beautiful” and Dr. Martin Luther King’s “I have a Dream” speech

Father Teri Harroun and Lector Pedro Engel

Teri: DING, DING, DING



Pedro: With God before you, then, let freedom ring! **DING**

Teri: Oh beautiful, for spacious skies DING

Pedro: Let freedom ring from the prodigious hilltops of New Hampshire! **DING**

Teri: For amber waves of grain DING

Pedro: Let freedom ring from the mighty mountains of New York! **DING**

Teri: For purple mountain majesties DING

Pedro: Let freedom ring from the heightening Alleghenies of Pennsylvania! **DING**

Teri: Above the fruited plains DING

Pedro: Let freedom ring from the snow capped Rockies of Colorado! **DING**

Teri: America, America, share God's grace abundantly DING

Pedro: Let freedom ring from the curvaceous slopes of California! **DING**

Teri: Live as beloved community DING

Pedro: Let freedom ring from Stone Mountain of Georgia!

Let freedom ring from Lookout Mountain of Tennessee!

Let freedom ring from every hill and molehill of Mississippi! **DING**

Teri: From sea to shining sea DING

Pedro: From every mountainside, let freedom ring!

When we allow freedom to ring, when we let it ring from every village and every hamlet, from every state and every city, we will be able to speed up that day when all of God's children, black and white, Jews and Gentiles, Protestants and Catholics, will be able to join hands and sing in the words of the old Negro spiritual

Free at last, free at last, thank God almighty we are free at last.

Teri: DING, DING, DING

Words inspired by God.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm from Ezekiel – Lector Pedro Engel

Response is: Listen with your heart to the voice of God.

All: Listen with your heart to the voice of God.

The moment I heard the Voice, the Spirit entered me and set me on my feet. "You must speak my words to the Israelites whether they hear or resist, because they are rebellious.

At least they will know a prophet has been among them.

All: Listen with your heart to the voice of God.

Now go to the exiles, to your own people, and speak to them. Whether they hear or refuse to hear, say to them, 'Thus says your God!'"

All: Listen with your heart to the voice of God.



The Second Reading Lector Cindy Cloyd

A Reading adapted from *Prophets as Poets*, Fr. Richard Rohr

We often think of prophets as scolds, rather judgmental and cranky, but Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel reminds us of their essential gifts of creativity and imagination:

The prophet is a poet. What the poets know as poetic inspiration, the prophets call divine revelation. . . .

Like a poet, the prophet is endowed with sensibility, enthusiasm, and tenderness, and above all, with a way of thinking imaginatively. Prophecy is the product of poetic imagination. Rohr goes on to say - One of the most recent encounters I've had with "poetic prophecy" occurred when Amanda Gorman, a young Catholic woman and United States Youth Poet Laureate, wrote and performed a poem for the recent Presidential Inauguration.

She begins her poem "The Hill We Climb" by asking in the style of the psalms of lamentation, "When day comes we ask ourselves, where can we find light in this never-ending shade?" She then references the sign of the reluctant prophet

Jonah: "We've braved the belly of the beast; we've learned that quiet isn't always peace." Like the prophets of old, she holds us accountable for our actions: "we know our inaction and inertia will be the inheritance of the next generation. . . . Our blunders become their burdens".

With the prophet Zechariah, she envisions a time of peace and plenty when "everyone shall sit under their own vine and fig tree and no one shall make them afraid" (3:10).

She closes her poem with the challenge to us: When day comes we step out of the shade, aflame and unafraid, the new dawn blooms as we free it.

For there is always light, if only we're brave enough to see it. If only we're brave enough to be it.

Words inspired by God

All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation –

Alleluia – Mass of the Joyful Heart (please join in singing while muted)

Refrain

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Metered Verse: Cantor

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 – Mark 3. 20-22, 31-35, 6. 1-6 Co-Pastor Dcn Rosean Amaral

The Risen Christ be with you all.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark

ALL: And also with you.

ALL: Glory to you, O God+



On the day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread, when they sacrificed the Passover lamb... Jesus' disciples went off into the city... and they prepared the Passover.

While they were eating, Jesus took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them saying, "Take this and eat. This is my body."

Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them. They all drank from it. He said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant which will be shed for many."

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The Gospel of our God

ALL: Praise to you, Jesus the Christ

Homily *Father Teri Harroun*

Creed *Father Teri Harroun*

In love and in light, we profess our faith together:

All: We believe in God 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 injustices. 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

Prayers of the People

Father Teri Harroun

Beloved, Please hear our prayers for the MoM community, and the world...

Lector Cindy Cloyd

The response is: May peace and justice flow through us.

ALL: May peace and justice flow through us.

For the Church, that we may be instruments of God's peace in our community, nation and in our world. We pray

ALL: May peace and justice flow through us.

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. Here on this earth we are meant to dwell in loving relationships. Here we live out our prophetic call of Gospel equality. Amen.

CREED by Bridget Mary Meehan and Mary Theresa Streck, ARCWP

For our nation as we celebrate Independence Day, that we may continually strive for a more perfect union, with liberty, justice, and equality for all. We pray:
All: May peace and justice flow through us.



I now ask all to add your own prayers so that our community may support you. If you are in the sanctuary, Linda will bring the microphone to you. for those attending on Zoom to hear. If you are joining us via Zoom, please type your prayers into the chat feature and Linda will read them aloud.

(Cindy to respond to each prayer ... we pray **All: May peace and justice flow through us.**

(Linda to read those prayers that are written in Zoom's chat feature.)... we pray: **All: May peace and justice flow through us.**

Cindy

And for those on our Prayer List and all the prayers we hold in the privacy of our hearts, we pray. **All: May peace and justice flow through us.**

Father Teri Harroun

(Fr Teri will close the Prayers of the People)

Sign of Peace

Father Teri Harroun

Reassured of God's grace in forgiveness, we turn to one another in reconciliation and peace. For the peace of Christ is already with you all

ALL: And also with you

Co-Pastor Dcn Rosean Amaral

For those on Zoom unmute and go to gallery view, that all might share with one another a sign of Christ's peace. For those in the sanctuary please offer a gesture for a sign of peace.

Offertory Song (please join in singing)

This Land is Your Land

This Land Is Your Land This land is your land and this land is my land From California to the New York island From the redwood forest to the Gulf Stream waters This land was made for you and me

As I went walking that ribbon of highway I saw above me that endless skyway Saw below me that golden valley This land was made for you and me

This land is your land and this land is my land From California to the New York island From the redwood forest to the Gulf Stream waters This land was made for you and me

I roamed and rambled and I've followed my footsteps To the sparkling sands of her diamond deserts All around me a voice was sounding This land was made for you and me

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Songwriters: Woody Guthrie This Land Is Your Land c T.R.O. Inc..



Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation of our Tables

Co-Pastor Dcn Rosean Amaral

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. Continue to give as you are called and able. The offertory basket is here at the altar for any offering you may have.

Preparation of the Gifts

Father Teri Harroun

Blessed are you, Loving God of all Creation, through your goodness we have these gifts to place on your table, which is the entire world. They represent our lives, and all that we have to offer. Through you 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 it become our spiritual food and drink.

ALL: Blessed be God forever.

God, wash away my iniquities, cleanse me.

Pray my sisters and brothers, my family, that these our gifts, our lives may continue to be blessed by our Loving God.

ALL: May the Lord 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 world.

The peace of our God be with you all.

ALL: And also with you.

Let us open our hearts.

ALL: We open them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to our Loving God.

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

Eucharistic Prayer

Thanks and praise we gladly bring, O God of mystery, for though your nature is unexplainable, your greatness is known in all the world and your glory reaches beyond the stars. In the first of your acts long ago, before the mountains had been shaped or springs brought forth water, you breathed your Spirit to work beside you like a skilled artist, dancing joyously to the music of creation and delighting with you in the works of your hand. And now through this same Holy Spirit, your love has been poured into our hearts, your words have been whispered into our ears, and all that you have transformed through Jesus Christ is made known to us. Now, with all of

creation, with the angels and shepherds, we are glad to sing:

Holy: (please join in singing)

ALL: 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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The Words of Institution - *Father Teri Harroun*

God, You are most Holy. Send your Holy Spirit upon us to plant the seeds of your reign within us that we may become signs of your love 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.

God, we have set these tables before you, when all the world is Your Table. We remember, that on the night before our brother Jesus died, he shared a meal with his followers, his family, and his friends at another table. We recall how he took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it, he broke it, and gave it to them saying

ALL: "Take this all of you and eat it. This is my body which will be given up for you."

That same night, Jesus also took the cup filled with wine, and after giving thanks, passed it to his friends, saying,

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.....

All: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Beloved God, Creator of all, You have invited each of us here today, and so we gather at many tables. But we are confident that all Tables are Your Table, O God. We remember all those who have been made in your image, every person in this world. We ask that you draw us together in peace and flourishing, as you draw us all closer to you.

We are confident, God, that you remember also our ancestors, who have fallen asleep in the hope of the resurrection. Welcome them to gaze upon Your Face and enjoy your eternal embrace. Shower us all with grace, along with all of creation.

God, like all the holy ones before us, we live and die and are raised as One in you. May our experience in you bring forth your Reign and universal flourishing forever.

Together now, we say.....

ALL: Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours all loving God, forever and ever.

Amen *Mass of the Joyful Heart (please join in singing)*

Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.

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The Prayer of Jesus - *Father Teri Harroun*

Let us join hearts, a symbol of how God is circling the world right now in Love and Holiness, and pray together:

All: Abba/Amma in heaven, Holy be Your name. Your kin-dom come, Your will be done, on earth as 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 - *Father Teri Harroun*

Lamb of God - (please join in singing)

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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Father Teri Harroun

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

ALL: Lord, I am worthy to receive you, because you have said the word and I am healed.

Invitation to Communion

We are invited to this God's Table just as we are. Wherever you are on this journey of life, you are welcome here, here in this place, here in this community, here at this table.

Come, children of God, come and know God's presence, and receive God's grace

Communion Song - (please join in singing)

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.

3. Eat this bread and never hunger;
I will give you life.
Drink the cup I place before you;
you will never die.

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Prayer after Communion and Blessing

Co-Pastor Dcn Rosean Amaral
Let us pray...

Father Teri Harroun

God at the center of all circles:
May this meal we share feed us, and bring us as
One into the Body of Christ. May this sacrament
fill us with the Love of God, the three in One. In
Jesus' name we pray.

ALL: Amen

The Love of God be with you all.

ALL: And also with you.

Please open your hearts as we ask for God's blessing.

God of all peoples, Creator of the universe, help us remember that you are inside us, and you are inside every person: everyone who ever was and ever will be.

And because of that, we are part of everything, not separate at all. We are connected to every



person by your breath that flows through all Creation, through all time.

So here in this time, in this space, we ask you to bless us, in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

ALL: AMEN.

Dismissal *Co-Pastor Dcn Rosean Amaral*

We are the Light of the Nations. As that Light, may we love and serve God as we get to love and serve in God's world. **ALL: Thanks be to God.**

Closing Song - *(please join in singing)*

America The Beautiful

O beautiful for spacious skies, For amber waves of grain, For purple mountain majesties Above the fruited plain!

America! America! God shed His grace on thee, And crown thy good with brotherhood From sea to shining sea!

O beautiful for pilgrim feet Whose stern impassioned stress, A thoroughfare for freedom beat Across the wilderness!

America! America! God mend thine every flaw, Confirm thy soul in self-control, Thy liberty in law!

by Katherine Lee Bates; (1859-1929) Inspired by a trip to Pikes Peak in 1893, Katherine Lee Bates wrote the poem America the Beautiful. Her poem first appeared in print on July 4, 1895 in The Congregationalist, a weekly journal. Ms. Bates revised the lyrics in 1904 and again in 1913..