



Mary of Magdala, ECC Sunday Service – August 30, 2020
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Black Lives Matter – presented by Tom Moos

Announcements – Lector Pedro Engel

Opening Song (please join in while muted)

Jesus, I Trust in You

1. Let not this heart be troubled,
but let it rest in you.
For with you, every sorrow will be washed away.
Let not my mind be burdened, but set it free with
truth, for every care is lost in understanding grace.

2. As you gave up yourself, Lord,
into your Father's hands, so let me give myself
to all that is your will.
And as you emptied yourself, fulfilled Love's
perfect plan, let me be emptied, that my life might
be fulfilled!

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Greeting – Pastor Jane

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

ALL: Amen.

May God, the blessed Holy Three, be with you
ALL: And also with you



Penitential Rite –

May we increase our faith and hope as disciples of Christ during this time of confusion, tribulation and transformation.

Jesus, may we open our hearts to you each day with less fear and more wisdom. Lord, have mercy.

ALL: Lord, have mercy.

Christ, may we, men and women, release our attachment to things and attach more closely to you. Christ, have mercy.

ALL: Christ, have mercy.

Jesus, heal our personal, communal and cultural wounds of separation and bring us together in your understanding and wisdom. Lord, have mercy.

ALL: Lord, have mercy.

May Jesus the Christ who is revealed as the timeless answer ✠ bring us to wholeness and peace this day.

ALL: Amen

Gloria –

Renewed by the mystery of an incarnated divinity we proclaim together:

(All together while on mute.)

ALL: Glory to God in the highest and peace to God's people on earth. Loving God and Heavenly Creator we worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory.

Savior, Jesus Christ, Son of Amma/Abba God, Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

You are seated with Amma/Abba, receive our prayer.

For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are our teacher, You alone are the Most High, Jesus the Christ, with the Holy Spirit in the glory of Amma/Abba God.

Amen

Opening Prayer – *Pastor Jane*

Let us pray to God, who relentlessly offers us Love.

O compassionate and caring God, your Spirit embraces us in our weaknesses, speaks to us the message of hope, and sends us out as disciples with your own Word and Being.

In this way, we see the Divine Reality in all,

especially people who seek justice, equality and acceptance.

Help us to be your body as Jesus teaches us to be, one with you in Love. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

ALL: AMEN

Liturgy of the Word – *Lector Pedro Engel*

1st Reading: An excerpt from *The Flowing Grace of Now*, by Macrina Wiederkehr

O wise Teacher, If I want to be your disciple, I must follow you wherever you go. I know you

are inviting me not only to sit at your feet but also to get on the road with you. You speak



words that shake me out of the lethargic rut of daily living. You walk roads that cause me to examine my timidity. Even if I seem reluctant to be your disciple, hopefully you will sense my shy yearning. Create in me a steadfast heart. Give me the wisdom and courage to follow

your lead. Make my wish come true to being your disciple. Amen

Words Inspired by God.
ALL: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm 63 – *Lector Pedro Engel*

The response is: My soul thirsts for You, Beloved. **ALL: My soul thirsts for You, Beloved**

O Love, You are my Beloved, and I long for you,
my soul thirsts for You;
All that is within me thirsts,
as in a dry and barren land with no water.
Response: My soul thirsts for You, Beloved.

I would radiate your Love as long as I live,
becoming a blessing to others in gratitude to
You. My soul feasts as with a magnificent
banquet, and my mouth praises you with joyful
lips.
Response: My soul thirsts for You, Beloved.

So I have called out to You in my heart,
sensing your power and glory.
Because your wondrous love is Life in me,
my lips will praise You.
Response: My soul thirsts for You, Beloved.

For you have been my salvation,
and in the shadow of your wings I sing for joy.
My soul clings to You, Your love upholds me.
Response: My soul thirsts for You, Beloved.

2nd Reading: From the letter of Paul to the Romans 12:1-2 – *Lector David Cloyd*

Sisters and brothers,
I beg you through the mercy of God
to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice,
holy and acceptable to God—
this is your spiritual act of worship.

but be transformed by the renewal of your
minds, so that you may judge what God's will
is— what is good, pleasing and perfect.

Do not conform yourselves to this age,

The Word of God
ALL: Thanks be to God

The Inclusive Lectionary 2016

'Alleluia' - Mass of Renewal

Sung by Bill Smith (please join in while muted)

Refrain
Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.
Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia

Speak, O Lord, your servant is list'ning;
you have the words of everlasting life.



Gospel: Matthew 16:21-27

Pastor Jane

The Lord is with you.

A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew

From that time on, Jesus began to explain to the disciples that he must go to Jerusalem, to suffer many things at the hands of the elders, chief priests and religious scholars, and that he must be killed, and on the third day raised to life.

Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. "Never, Rabbi!" he said. "This will never happen to you!"

Jesus turned to Peter and said, "Get yourself behind me, you Satan!" You are trying to make me stumble and fall. You are setting your mind not on the things of God, but on the things of mortal."

Then Jesus said to the disciples, "If you wish to come after me, you must deny your very selves, take up the instrument of your own death

ALL: And also with you.

ALL: Glory to you, O Christ.

and begin to follow in my footsteps.

"If you would save your life, you will lose it; but if you would lose your life for my sake, you will find it. What profit would you show if you gained the whole world but lost yourself?

What can you offer in exchange for your very self?

"The Promised One will come in the glory of Amma/Abba God accompanied by the angels, and will repay all according to their conduct."

The Good News of Salvation of Jesus, our Christ!

ALL: Glory and Praise to our Savior Jesus Christ!

Homily – Pastor Jane

Profession of Faith -

(Please rise as you are able or desire to profess our faith.)

In truth, we profess our faith together...

(together on mute)

ALL: We believe in one God the Father and Mother, creator and holder of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in Jesus the Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of Father/Mother God, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one

Being with the Father/Mother, through Jesus the Christ, all things were made. For us and for our salvation Christ was made manifest in Jesus by the power of the Holy Spirit and was born of a virgin, Mary.

For our sake Jesus was crucified under Pontius Pilate; suffered, died and was buried. On the



third day Jesus rose in fulfillment of the Scriptures. He ascended to Father/Mother God.

Jesus will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and the kin-dom of Love will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, Wisdom Sophia, the guide of life, who proceeds from our Father/Mother God. With the Father/Mother

God and Jesus, She is worshiped and glorified. She has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy, catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism into the body of Christ. We look for the resurrection of the dead, the union of the communion of saints, and the realization of the kin-dom throughout time and space. Amen.

Prayers of the People –

Pastor Jane

Let us continue as the embodiment of the message of Love for all and pray:

Lector David Cloyd

The response for the “Prayers of the People” is: Beloved, hear our prayers.

All: Beloved, hear our prayers.

For all faith traditions, especially Mary of Magdala ECC, Trinity Lutheran and, St. Paul’s Episcopal, to be willing to follow Jesus’ footsteps together by welcoming all people, speaking up to injustice in our societies, and acting compassionately to those in need, we pray,

Response: Beloved, hear our prayers.

For all people in the path of fires that they may find refuge, and for the firefighters and their families that they may be safe as they do their work, we pray,

Response: Beloved hear our prayers.

For peace in our country as we move into election season that we continue to open our hearts to all people regardless of their political views, we pray,

Response: Beloved hear our prayers.

For all families that have had a loved one die without being able to be with them or have final services, that they may be comforted in their grief journey, we pray,

Response: Beloved, hear our prayers.

I now invite you to share your prayers so that we may pray in community with you. If you feel comfortable, you could press the space bar and say your prayer, OR you could type the prayer into the chat box. (David to read each prayer on “chat”)we pray **Response: Beloved hear our prayers.**

And for all the prayers we hold in the privacy of our hearts, we pray. **Response: Beloved hear our prayers..**



Pastor Jane

Christ, you show us our God through your compassionate Love. Hear our prayers that we may grow into more committed disciples, living lives of service to you and our neighbor. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **ALL: AMEN**

Sign of Peace

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles: I leave you peace, my peace I give you. Accept our failings and doubts, as you accept the faith of your Church, and grant us the peace and unity of your kin-dom where you live for ever and ever.

ALL: AMEN

The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: And also with you

Let us all go to “gallery view” on our screens and share with one another the sign of Christ’s peace. (*All are unmuted to share a sign of peace.*)

Regional Prayer for Calling a Bishop –

Let us pray our Regional Prayer

**ALL: Holy One,
Enlivening Spirit,
In the wilderness of new,
root the Body of Christ**

**fully into our "Yes,"
blooming in Your Holy Season.
Amen**

Offertory –

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have these gifts of our community, of time, talents and treasure to offer, gratefully given, and the work of human hands. May our offerings become instruments of your peace and sustain the mission of God’s people. May we continue to give as we are called and able. We invite each of you to stretch out your hands toward this basket.

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.

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

have made. It will become for us the bread of life and our spiritual drink.

All: Blessed be God forever

Lord God, we ask you to receive us and be pleased with the sacrifice we offer you with humble and contrite hearts.

Lord, wash away my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. Pray, my beloved sisters and brothers, that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God, our loving Amma/Abba God.

All: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of God’s name, for our good and the good of all God’s Church.



Prayer over the Gifts –

Jesus, you invite us to share this table as family. As Jesus welcomes us and hears us, and fills us with nourishment now, may we learn from Jesus to be people of graced-filled will and action, being disciples of the Light.

The Lord be with you
Lift up your hearts.
Let us give thanks to our God.

It is indeed right, for you made us, and before us you made the world in which we live, and before the world you made the eternal home in which, through Christ, we have a place.

All that is spectacular, all that is plain, have their origin in you; all that is lovely, all who are loving, point to you as their fulfillment.

And grateful as we are for the world we know, and the universe beyond our understanding, we particularly praise you for coming to earth and entering time in Jesus.

For the life of Jesus informs our living, his compassion, which contradicts our prejudices and generalities, his disturbing presence, his innocent suffering, his fearless dying, his rising to life-breathing compassion and forgiveness, we praise you, eternal God and worship our Christ.

Therefore, we gladly join our voices to the song of the church on earth and in beyond:

ALL: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Fill us with your mysterious unconditional Love for all we meet and for this planet, your creation and our home. We pray in the name of Jesus the Christ our Lord. **ALL: Amen**

All: And, also with you.

All: We lift them up to God.

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

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Here too our gratitude rises, for the promise of the Holy Spirit, who even yet, even now, confronts us with your claims and attracts us to your Goodness.

Merciful God, send now, in kindness your Holy Spirit to settle on this bread and wine and fill them with the fullness of Jesus.

Among friends, gathered round a table, He took bread and gave you thanks. He broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, you, 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, 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: Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again.**



Remember, Lord, those who have died from Covid19 and Covid19 related illness, those who died in the peaceful struggle for justice, and all our family members who have gone before us. May they share eternal LOVE with you and all the saints. Amen.

Setting aside our wisdom, our wills, our words, emptying our hearts and bringing nothing in our hands, we yearn for the healing and the compassionate forgiving Christ offers us, and the work Christ asks of us.

May your Holy Spirit rest on us, in communion with Mary, the Mother of God, Mary of

Magdala, St. Francis of Assisi, St. Teresa of Calcutta, Dorothy Day and all your saints throughout the ages, together with your servants, our bishops, Francis and Denise.

Convert us, O God, from the patterns of this passing world, until we conform to the shape of Jesus whose food we now share and whose Body and Blood we now become.

All: Through Him, with Him and in Him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty God, for ever and ever. ALL: Amen

The Lord's Prayer *(all together on mute)*

Knowing that we are in the hands of God and called to be disciples of Christ in the world, let us stretch out our hands to the middle of our screens as we pray with the fullest trust the prayer Jesus gave us:

ALL: Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kin-dom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us, and let us not enter into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

Deliver us Lord, from sin and all fear to declare ourselves for Your truth and to commit ourselves to your work of integrity, truth, and justice. Fill us with your quiet courage to stand up for the freedom and dignity of our sisters and brothers. Help us to prepare with joy and hope for the coming among us of Jesus our Christ.

ALL: For the kin-dom and the power and the glory are Yours now and forever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

Before we share in eating the food on our tables, I'd like to remind you that Abba/Amma God invited you here today. Where-ever you are on your journey, God is with you. Let us share together these words of celebration with the nourishment of God.

ALL: 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.

May this mingling of the body and blood of our Lord Jesus our Christ bring eternal life to us who receive it.

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



Communion – *Pastor Jane*

Happy are we who are called to this meal.
We pray together in unity with those
gathered around table and with all the
saints and holy ones of all time.

Here is the risen Christ whose Spirit gathers
us together around this table. This is, and
we are, the Body of Christ.

This is the Lamb of God who takes away the
sins of the world. Happy are those who are
called to His supper.

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

Please come and take the Body of Christ
into yourself.

In this we are a Eucharistic People.

**ALL: The Body of Christ incarnate, the
Blood of Christ poured out for the life of
the world.**

Let us keep the feast: May all who choose,
take their nourishment from your table or
come between 12 noon and 12:45 to the
church for communion.

Communion Song --(please join in while muted) One Bread, One Cup

1. We all come before you now,
hungry for your healing touch.
Here we stand with open hearts,
thirsting for your love.

You are the one who fills our every need.
So with one voice we lift our hearts in unity.



Refrain

One bread, one cup, one bod - y of Christ, u - nit - ed in love.

One bread, one cup, one liv - ing sac - ri - fice poured out in your

blood. Ho - ly Spir - it, re - new us, that

in each oth - er we may see you. Gath - ered as one fam - 'ly in

love, one bread, one cup.

Verse 2

2. As we gather at your table,
 broken like the bread we share,
 fill our hearts with your compassion
 for a world in need of care.
 You are the way. You are the life.
 You are the truth.
 The source of our salvation,

we find new life in you.

Bridge

When we go forth
 from this place of perfect peace,
 may your light shine in our lives
 for all the world to see.

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Prayer After the Meal –

Let us pray

Ever Faithful, Compassionate God, today we honor, glorify, and listen to you. You, Jesus the Christ, ask to stay in human form through us, your disciples. May we offer, as the Spirit directs, that which Jesus freely

gives us: divine guidance, compassion, reconciliation and acceptance.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

ALL: Amen

Blessing – *Pastor Jane*

The Lord is with you.

ALL: And also with you.

In this celebration of Word and Eucharist, Jesus our Christ, our hope, speaks to us in Truth and in Love. Bowing our heads, let us

ask for God's blessing that we may live our call.



May almighty God bless you in the name of
Amma/Abba God, Jesus the Christ, and the
Holy Spirit, Sophia, Amen.

ALL: Amen

Dismissal –

Go in peace to love and serve as you are
called.

ALL: Thanks be to God

Closing Song – *please remain muted*

Let All the Earth (Psalm 66)

Refrain

Let all the earth cry out,
cry out to God with joy!
Let all the earth cry out,
cry out to God with joy!

1. Sing out your joy;
praise the glory of God's holy name
Say to the Lord:
"Oh, how awesome are your mighty ways."

2. Come now and hear all the things
our God has done for me.
Blessed be the Lord who holds me close,
whose love is surrounding me.

3. All the earth shall bow before you,
singing to your holy name.
See the work of God, the wonders of his deeds
from age to age..

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