



Mary of Magdala, ECC -- August 2, 2026

Celebrating the Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time -- Together

Wherever We Are

Presider: *Mother Rosean Amaral*

Deacon: *Dori Healy* Assisting

Welcome and Announcements: *Lector Cindy Cloyd*

Social Justice Reflection: *Tom Moos, Chair*

Entrance Song: *All Are Welcome* (V1; V2; V3)

Greeting: *Mother Rosean*

Let us continue as one expression of God's people, in the name of Amma/Abba God,
our brother Jesus, and the Holy Spirit Sophia.

All: Amen

May the grace of Jesus Christ, the Love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit
be with you all.

All: And also with you.

Mother Rosean welcomes...

(Dori) Let us rest in the radical welcome of God...



God of Love,

You rejoice when we move past our “dividing walls,” beyond hostility, ignorance and suspicion, and into relationship with one another.

All: Let us reflect the mutual relationship and union that is the very heart of God.

Compassionate Christ,

You loved the stranger and invited the lost, least, and marginalized to your table.

All: Let us open our hearts to receive “The Other,” “The Outcast,” and “The Stranger.”

Holy Spirit,

You welcome all into the family of God.

All: Let us truly know that we are all members of one family, the human family, the family of God.

God of radical welcome, renew us by your nurture and blessing, and bring us to life everlasting.

All: Amen.

(Dori) And now let us sing our praises to God...

Gloria: Glory to God (Mass of the Desert)



Opening Prayer

(Dori) Let us pray...

Loving God, thank you for welcoming us just as we are.

Give us wide open hearts to see every person with your eyes.

Take away our fear, pride, and judgment so we push no one away.

Give us warm smiles and kind words to help strangers feel like family.

Help us build a home and community where no one is a stranger and all belong.

(written by Fr. Thomas Keating and Mary Mrozowski)

In Jesus' name we pray,

All: Amen

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

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First reading is *The Litany of Welcome* (adapted), by Bill Huebsch

Lector Cindy Cloyd



To those who celebrate with us today,
wherever you are on your faith journey:
you belong to us because you belong to Christ.

Christ is the host here today.

Christ sets the table.

Christ is the food and Christ welcomes all.

Who are you? Are you divorced? Are you married for the second, or the third time? Are you married with children, worrying for them and committed to their welfare? Are you a single parent struggling to make ends meet? Are you a Republican, Democrat, Libertarian, or a member of the Green Party?

Well, whoever you are, you belong to us because you belong to Christ. Jesus Christ is the host here today and sets this table of Word and Bread. And Christ welcomes all.

Are you lonely? Are you a widow? Are you a single person? Are you a person with disabilities or disfigurement? Have you run out of luck? Are you living with shame? Have you been a prisoner? Has an addiction left you feeling like you don't belong or aren't deserving?

Well, whoever you are, you belong to us because you belong to Christ. Jesus Christ is the host here today and sets this table of Word and Bread. And Christ welcomes all.

Are you a newcomer to this parish? Are you from another Christian tradition? Are you



an immigrant? Are you a person of color—Black, Native American, Asian, Latinex?

Are you lesbian, gay, bisexual, or transgender? Has it been a while since you entered the sanctuary of a church? Or are you a regular here, full of faith and enthusiasm for the parish?

Well, whoever you are, you belong to us because you belong to Christ. Jesus Christ is the host here today and sets this table of Word and Bread. And Christ welcomes all.

All people are welcome here: that's the *really* good news! If you've been away, you can come back; if you've been living in darkness, you can come to the light; if you haven't been able to believe without seeing Him, then look around you: the Body of Christ has come to Mass today. Sinners are welcome. Saints, too. Everyone is welcome to come to Christ, our brother.

Words inspired by God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm: Table of Plenty, sung by Bill and choir

No Second Reading



Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia (MOD V1)

Gospel *Mother Rosean*

Our Loving God is within you.

All: And also within you.

A proclamation of the Holy Gospel attributed to Matthew 14:13-21.

All: Glory to You, O God.

Siblings in Christ,

When Jesus heard of the death of John the Baptist, he took a boat and withdrew to a deserted place by himself. Hearing of Jesus' whereabouts, the crowds followed him on foot from the towns.

When Jesus went ashore, he saw the great crowd and he had compassion for them and cured those who were sick.

When evening came, the disciples came to Jesus and said, "This is a deserted place, and it's getting late. Send the crowds away so they can go into the villages and buy food for themselves."

Jesus responded "They needn't go away. You give them something to eat." The disciples replied, "We have only five



loaves and two fish.” Jesus said, “Bring the loaves and fish to me.” Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, **Jesus** looked to the heavens, blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples. The disciples then gave them to the crowds. All ate and were filled. The disciples gathered what was left of the broken pieces of bread, twelve baskets full. Those who ate were about five thousand men, not counting the women and children.

The Good News of Jesus our Christ.

All: Praise to You, Jesus Our Christ.

Homily – *Mother Rosean*

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Prayers of the People

Lector Kerrie Anderson

Response: Beloved God, receive our prayers.

God please help those suffering from the fires, floods, tornados, and other natural disasters that we know and do not know. Help us also to be of aid to them. We pray



Response: Beloved God, receive our prayers.

Dear God, thank you for this day and all your blessings. Please guide my steps, give me the strength to handle whatever comes my way, and grant me peace of mind. Help me to be kind and loving to others. We pray

Response: Beloved God, receive our prayers.

God help us to find ways to be the people you want us to be. May we welcome others, and to show kindness to our friends and to those in need. We pray

Response: Beloved God, receive our prayers.

The prayers from the sanctuary are: . . . We pray

Response: Beloved God, receive our prayers.

Are there prayers from our members on zoom? We pray

Response: Beloved God, receive our prayers.

And for all the prayers we hold in our hearts... We pray

Response: Beloved God, receive our prayers.



Mother Rosean

God of true welcome, hear the prayers we have spoken, the hopes we carry quietly within our hearts, and grant them according to your wisdom, through Jesus the Christ and in the power of your Holy Spirit.

All: Amen

The Peace

(Dori) Jesus, you said to your apostles: “I leave you my peace, my peace I give you.”

May the Peace of Christ be within you all.

All: And also within you.

(Dori) Please turn toward the camera to offer a sign of peace to our siblings at home and then toward each other.

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: Table of Life (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 embrace of our welcoming God envelop you.

All: And also envelop 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.

For the gentle power of love in human life and history,
we give thanks and praise.

Long ago our ancestors knew love's power
and they became the tellers of love's tale.

Love bound them in covenant, gathering them in community
with compassion and concern for the poorest among them.

Yet centuries of domination and violence shaped a different kind of community based
on selfishness and inequality,
and the lust for wealth and power. In the struggle against oppression, Jesus became the
face of love,



showing us the way to abundant life. In word and deed, he announced love's new reign of justice, reconciliation, and peace. Filled with the courage and passion of love's spirit, he gave his life to challenge the unjust systems of this world.

Therefore, with all whom you have made, cherished and called, with all who hunger for your kin-dom and will not rest until all your children are fed, we sing the unending song of your praise:

Holy, Holy, Holy: (MOD)

We ask that your Holy Spirit will come upon us and upon these gifts that these fragile, earthly things may become the + Holy Body and Blood of our brother, Jesus, the Christ.

On the night of his arrest, as he shared a meal with his friends,

Jesus took bread, gave thanks, 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.**

When supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks,

and gave it to all, 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.

(Dori) Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

Memorial Acclamation – (MOD)

God of love, spirit of compassion, bless us and this bread and wine. May this meal be food and drink for our journey—

renewing, strengthening, and sustaining us.

Open our eyes to the needs of all and keep our service of others faithful to the example and command of Christ.

When we eat this bread and drink from this cup

we remember the life of Jesus

and dedicate our lives to his vision of a world

where all are fed with dignity and hope.

When our pilgrimage on earth is complete, welcome us into your heavenly home,

where we shall dwell with you forever.

There, with Mary, the Mother of God,

with the apostles, the martyrs, and all the saints,



we shall praise you and give you glory
through Jesus Christ your Son.

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.

Great Amen – (MOD)

The Prayer of Jesus

(Dori) Let us pray in the words Jesus taught 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.

(gluten free in center, red wine and white grape juice in the metal cups)

Communion Song – Bread for the World (R; V1; R; V2; R)



Prayer after Communion

(Dori) Let us pray...

Good and loving God,

We thank you for feeding us at your table with the spiritual food of the Body and Blood of Christ.

By this holy mystery, strengthen us in our faith, unite us in your love, and seal us as one family.

You have welcomed us into your heart; now, give us open hearts and eager hands to welcome others.

And may all who worship here find warmth, safety, and a true home among us. In Jesus' name,

All: Amen.

Blessing

May the love of the Risen Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

(Dori) Let us open our hearts to receive God's blessing...



May we know—and create—places of welcome that help us become something other than strangers to one another and to ourselves, and may we learn how to make one another at home in this world. (Jan Richardson)

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

All: Amen

Dismissal:

(Dori): Let us go in love to minister across barriers with all God's people.

All: Thanks be to God.

Closing Song - Go Out Go Out (R; V1; R; V2 R)