



## Mary of Magdala, ECC April 3, 2021 – 5:00 pm Easter Service

*Participants may wish to prepare their home altars with a lit candle, and the food and drink to be remotely shared.*

### Announcements *Lector Cindy Cloyd*

### Entrance Opening Song (please join in with Bill while muted)

#### 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!

3. People of God now rejoicing in Christ,  
carry your joy to the darkness of night.  
Tell the world! Tell the world! He is alive!  
Hear the good news of this glorious day,  
every heart singing as heaven proclaims:  
He is Lord! He is Lord! He is alive!

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### Lighting of the Paschal Candle - *Co-Pastors Dcn Rosean and Rev Jane*

By Jesus' holy and glorious wounds may our Christ guard us and keep us.

**All:** with Kerrie: **AMEN**

*(Lector Cindy Cloyd lights Paschal candle)*

*Co-Pastor Rev. Jane*

May the Light of Christ, rising in glory, dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds.

*(Lector Cindy Cloyd processes around the altar. Bill Smith accompanies with 'Christ is our Light')*

*(Co-Pastor Rev. Jane Reina undrapes the cross)*

### Greeting of Joy and Hope *Co-Pastor Rev. Jane*

We made it to Easter, All of us! Here we are  
together coming through a year of pandemic,  
a year of isolation and chasing fear away, a  
year of adjustment to virtual Mass, of not

being in the sanctuary physically together, and  
communion at our own table. For some of us,  
this is now the preferred way of worship and  
for others it still feels like sacrifice. Christ has



risen and we are rising with Christ!

The Risen Christ brings a new creation  
sprouting in us all, and a new way of seeing  
and sensing that we are part of something

larger, so large that our imaginations cannot  
grasp it. We are on our way to the wholeness  
that only Love can give. So let us begin our  
celebration with a blessing of the water.

**All: In the name of Amma/Abba, and of the Only One, and Sophia the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Co-Pastor Dcn Rosean: Christ is risen! Alleluia  
Co -Pastor Rev Jane: Our Christ is with you.

**All: with Kerrie: Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**  
**All: with Kerrie: And also with you**

## Blessing of the Water -

Co-Pastor Rev. Jane

Jesus is the Living Water. Today there is joy in  
our hearts. A joy greater than our hearts can  
hold. Let us rejoice in our newness with Jesus the  
Christ. Let us rejoice that we join with Mary of  
Magdala to 'go' and 'tell the others'. Christ  
continues to ask the faithful, us, to move  
forward, to remember, proclaiming, praying and  
doing. Let us answer Christ's call to Mary of  
Magdala this Holy Easter, and go!

Co-Pastor Dcn Rosean

All life depends on water. Our thirst keeps us  
alive. Our thirst for Christ and the source of the  
abundant, sparkling, resurrecting water of life  
flowing from Christ is the only water that will  
satisfy our yearning because it knows no end.  
Scripture tells us: "Let the thirsty come forward.  
Let all those who desire it accept the gift of life-  
giving water." (Rev.22:17)

And in John we hear: On the last day, the climax  
of the festival, Jesus stood and *shouted* to the  
crowds, "Anyone who is thirsty may come to  
me! <sup>38</sup> Anyone who believes in me may come and  
drink! For the Scriptures declare, 'Rivers of living  
water will flow from his heart.'"

As we begin our celebration of Jesus'  
Resurrection, we pray that this water tells us  
again of our thirst for union with Jesus our Christ  
in the waters of our own Baptism.

Co-Pastor Rev. Jane

Scripture says: "You are the salt of the earth." As  
His creation, we are to enhance the beauty of the  
world around us. To be **salt** and light. Our  
presence is designed to uplift and enhance, and  
glorify our Abba/Amma, to give life to others.  
Having the strength of salt in ourselves we can  
increase our peace one with another

We, at Mary of Magdala, are united in our  
yearning. Please raise your hands in blessing of  
our waters together: Holy One, you created  
water out of your boundless Love. We bless this  
water in your name, In the name of Amma/Abba  
God, the Word Made Flesh, and the Holy Spirit,  
Sophia. May it cleanse our hearts, may it fill us  
with an ever-flowing stream of your grace. In the  
name of Jesus, we pray.

**All: with Kerrie: Amen.**

Join with me as we make the sign of Christ's  
cross with this holy water, may God bless us +  
and keep us united in Love.

## Glory to God

Co-Pastor Rosean:

Refreshed and renewed by the waters of our rebirth, we are bold to proclaim:

(All join in with Bill while on mute)

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 Rev. Jane

God of life, your Only One has overcome death  
and opened the door to an abundant life.  
Rejoicing in the Resurrection we ask: Renew us  
by your Spirit, that we may live the abundant life

offered through Jesus our Christ.

**All: with Kerrie Amen.**

And now let us listen to the inspired Word of God in our midst.

## Liturgy of the Word

### 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: *On the Way to Easter*, by Irene Zimmerman, from *Woman Un-Bent*. – Lector Cindy Cloyd

Bible in hand,  
I slip behind a wall of time  
to walk with the women.

“Are you afraid?” I ask,  
panting to keep up with them—  
strong from three years of walking.

“Of course,” they answer,  
“but his body must be anointed!”  
They keep walking.

“There’s no one to roll away  
the stone,” I object.  
(Are they courageous or just naïve?)

“There’s no one else to anoint him,”  
they counter, firmly,  
and keep walking.

Ahead I see sunlight  
glinting off steel. “There’s no one

to protect you!” I protest.

They nod and keep walking,  
their burdens perfectly balanced.  
(Courageous I decide.)

“Godspeed then,” I say,  
as I shift my life on my shoulders  
and retreat to my safe, familiar world.

But the road on which I find myself  
is crowded with people in need  
of every kind of anointing.

“Godspeed!” I hear the women call  
across the millennial wall  
as I start walking.

Words Inspired by God.

**All: with Kerrie Thanks be to God**

By Kerrie G. Anderson



## Psalm 118 - (please join in singing with Bill while muted)

### Give Thanks to the Lord

#### Refrain

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,  
his love is everlasting.  
Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,  
he is good, he is good.

1. Let the house of Israel say,  
\*”His mercy endures forever.”  
Let those who fear the Lord say,  
“His mercy is forever.”  
My strength, my courage is  
the Lord, my God, my savior.  
I shout to God with joy.

2. The stone rejected now  
becomes the cornerstone.  
By God has this been done,

so let his wonder now be known.  
This is the day  
the Lord has made;  
let us rejoice,  
rejoice now and be glad.

#### Final Refrain

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,  
his love is everlasting.  
Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,  
he is good, he is good,  
he is good, he is good.

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## Second Reading – A Reading from the Letter to the Colossians 3:1-4 Lector David Cloyd

Christ is risen! And you have been raised with Christ! Since resurrection is already yours, let cosmic mysteries fill your hearts with ecstasy. Wonder at earth’s precious and finite place in the cosmos. Set your mind on virtues that endure.

Jesus died. You also will die. You have already known death and loss. In baptism, you died with

Jesus the Christ. Trust that your cosmic life, like Jesus’, is already real. It may be hidden in God, nestled in God’s womb; but, when the Cosmic Christ is revealed in fullness, you also will be birthed into wholeness.

The Word of God.

**All: with Kerrie Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation

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

#### Refrain

Alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia.  
Alleluia. Alleluia.

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: John 20. 1, 11-18 – Co-Pastor Dcn. Rosean

Sisters and Brothers, Early in the morning, on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary

of Magdala went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been rolled away from the entrance.



Mary stood, crying, outside the tomb. While weeping, she stooped down and saw two angels inside. They were dressed in white and were sitting, one at the head and one at the feet of where Jesus' body had lain.

The angels asked Mary, "Why are you weeping?" She answered, "They have taken away my Teacher, and I don't know where they have put him." As soon as Mary said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there. She did not recognize him. Jesus asked her, "Why are you weeping? Who are you looking for?"

Thinking Jesus was the gardener, Mary said, "Sir, if you have taken his body away, please tell me, so

I can go and get him." Then Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned. She said to him, "Rabbouni" - which means "Teacher."

Jesus then told her, "Don't hold on to me! I have not yet gone to the Beloved. But tell my other disciples that I am going to my Beloved and your Beloved, my God and your God." Mary Magdalene then went to the disciples with the message, "I have seen the Teacher!" And she told them what he had said to her.

### **The Good News of Salvation of Jesus Christ.**

**All:** with Kerrie **Praise to you Jesus Christ**

## **Homily** - Co-Pastor Dcn. Rosean

### **Renewal of Baptismal Promises**

*Co-Pastor Dcn. Rosean*

Dear friends, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us. Let us renew the promises we made when we were baptized into his death and resurrection, rejecting evil and illusion in all its forms, and promising to serve God faithfully in his holy catholic Church.

Do you reject all illusion and evil?

**ALL:** with Kerrie **I do.**

And all his works?

**ALL:** with Kerrie **I do.**

And all her empty promises?

**ALL:** with Kerrie **I do.**

Do you reject the glamour of illusion, and refuse to be seduced by it, so as to live in the freedom of the children of God? **ALL:** with Kerrie **I do.**

Do you believe in God, our Self-giving Amma/Abba, Creator and Sustainer of all creation on earth and within the ever expanding cosmos?

**ALL:** with Kerrie **I do.**

Do you believe in Jesus our Christ, God's Only

One, our Brother and Savior, who was born of the Virgin Mary, was crucified, died, and was buried, rose from the dead, and has now assumed the full honor and splendor of his divine reign as Alpha and Omega?

**ALL:** with Kerrie **I do.**

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins by the Love of God, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting?

**ALL:** with Kerrie **I do.**

*Co-Pastor Rev Jane*

Our God, the all-compassionate Abba of Jesus our Christ of the ever-expanding Cosmos, has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and forgives our trespasses as we turn back to Christ.

May God also keep us faithful for ever.

**ALL:** with Kerrie **Amen**



## Prayers of the People

Co-Pastor Rev. Jane

Christ guides us along the path of Love this day and every day, amid chaos and calm. Standing this Easter within a renewed covenant of hope and Love, let us put forth our needs to God.

Lector: David Cloyd

The response at the end of all the prayer requests is: Hear our pray. **ALL: with David Hear our Prayer**

*Prayers are spoken from the chat without interruption until the end. Only one response at end: Hear our prayer.*

Co-Pastor Rev. Jane

As we celebrate our union with Christ in his death and resurrection, may the stones in our hearts that keep us in tombs of doubt and fear be crushed through the power of Love. This we ask in the name of the Risen Jesus our Christ.

**ALL: with Kerrie Amen**

## Sign of Peace -

Co-Pastor Rev. Jane

Christ Jesus, you said to your apostles: I leave you peace, my peace I give you, look on the faith of your church gathered here today, and grant us peace and unity in your Kin-dom forever and ever.

**ALL: with Kerrie Amen**

May the peace of Christ be with you always.

**ALL: with Kerrie And also with you.**

Co-Pastor Dcn. Rosean

Let us all unmute and go to gallery view, to share with one another a sign of Christ's peace.

## Liturgy of the Eucharist

### Prepare our Tables

Co-Pastor Dcn Rosean

Blessed are You, God of all creation.  
Through Your goodness we have our gifts of  
time, talents and treasure to offer, gratefully  
given and the work of our hands. May our  
offerings from our tables become instruments of  
Your Love where-ever we find the need for Love  
in our world. May we continue to give as we are  
called and able.

**ALL: with Kerrie Blessed be God forever.**

By the mystery of this water and wine may we  
come to share in the divine love of Christ, who  
humbled himself to share in our humanity.

Blessed are you, God of all creation. Through your  
goodness we have 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. In this sharing we experience once  
again that we are One in You.

**ALL: with Kerrie Blessed be God forever**

### Prayer over the Gifts - Co-Pastor Rev Jane

O Loving God, accept the gifts and prayers which,  
in the joy of Easter, we have placed on our tables,  
confirming that all we have is Yours. Give us your

blessing and strength through the death and  
resurrection of your Only One, our Christ.



**ALL:** *with Kerrie* **May our Loving God accept these offerings for the praise and glory of God's name, for our good and the good of all God's Church**

God of Love, on the night before Jesus suffered and died He gave himself to his friends in the form of bread and wine, as he does again now here among us. We give thanksgiving for being called

to proclaim the Resurrected Christ in our world. Make us strong enough to Love as Christ loves, to see Christ in all creation. Let this offering bring us reconciliation with one another, with our planet, and with you, O God. We ask this in the name of Jesus our Christ.

**ALL:** *with Kerrie* **Amen**

## **Eucharistic Prayer** - *Co-Pastor Rev. Jane*

Let us acknowledge that Christ is within you  
Let us lift up our hearts to see our Resurrected Christ  
Let us give thanks to our Loving Living God.

We praise You, O God of Love, with greater joy than ever on this Easter as you revealed the glory of your eternal promise in the Resurrection of your Only One. Our life is with you, Loving God, and with our Risen brother, Jesus, for we have felt Christ' saving grace active in our hearts and in our homes.

We too tell what we have seen and heard of this great Love. Through our Baptism into the death and resurrection of Jesus, we have found our true home in You. In awe of so great a mystery, we join the angels and saints in their unending song of joy:

**HOLY** – *(sing with Bill while on mute)*

**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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How wonderful your triumph over darkness and how brilliant your light, O Christ!

Through countless generations Your people hungered for the bread of freedom. From among them You raised up Jesus, the living bread, in whom ancient hungers were satisfied.

**All:** *with Kerrie* **And also with you.**

**All :** *with Kerrie* **We lift them up to God.**

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

As Jesus was obedient unto death, He arose to become filled with light. Christ offers this light to us, a light that burns within us and is everlasting. Death has no power over this self-giving Love: The Life of Christ is ours to live, the Freedom of Christ is ours to experience, the Love of Christ is ours to be filled with, to overflowing, to being given away in these gifts.

With thanksgiving we place these humble gifts before you and ask your Spirit to bless † these offerings, that in the sharing we may affirm our life and unity in Christ.

May we experience You as truly present and we in true union with you. Let your spirit come upon these gifts to make them holy so that they may become for us the body and blood of Jesus our Christ.

He took the bread and gave You thanks.  
He broke the bread, gave it to His disciples, and said:

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 praise, gave the cup to His disciples, and said:

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.

*Co-Pastor Dcn Rosean*

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith

**All:** *with Dcn Rosean* Jesus, by your cross and Resurrection you have set us free from ourselves. You are the savior of the world.

*Co-Pastor Rev. Jane*

Loving God, we commemorate Jesus, Your Only One, as we offer You this sacrifice. Death could not bind Jesus our Christ, for You raised Him up and Christ, entangled with creation, is the beginning and the end.

Rejoicing in the Holy Spirit, Your whole church offers thanks and praise with all who bring hope to the world. We pray for Francis and Denise, our

bishops, our bishop candidates, Fr. Michael and Mother Kae, and for all who shepherd Your holy people in apostolic ministry.

God of the living and the dead, awaken to the undying light of pardon and peace those who have died. Gather them all into communion with Mary, the Mother of God, Mary of Magdala, the Apostles to the Apostles, 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 Only One, Jesus the Christ.

**ALL:** *with Rev Jane:* **Through Him, with Him, in Him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is Yours, almighty God, for ever and ever. Amen**

## The Prayer of Jesus

*Co-Pastor Rev. Jane*

Let us pray in the name of Jesus our Christ, risen from the dead:

*All to Join in on mute with Co-Pastor Dcn Rosean*

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

*Co-Pastor Rev. Jane*

Propel us O God into that eternal relationship of Love in which we belong: Abba, Word, and Sophia. Help us to receive with open hearts the joy filled presence of the risen Saviour, our Christ.

**All:** *with Kerrie* **Amen.**

## The Shared Table - *Co-Pastor Rev. Jane Reina*

Let us pause before the mystery of God-with-us...in our assembly.... and at this holy table and at your holy table.

May this mingling of the Body and Blood of Jesus our Christ bring eternal life to us who receive it.

Behold the Christ, in whom we live and love, in whom God is reconciling the world. May this Communion enliven the life of Christ within us Happy are we who are called to this communion.

We pray together in unity with those gathered and all the saints and holy ones of all time.

Before we share in eating the food on our tables, I'd like to remind you that God invited you here today. Wherever you are on your journey, God is with you. Let us share together these words of celebration of God with the food God has provided:





**ALL:** *(together with Rev Jane)* Jesus, our hearts are  
Your Tabernacle. You live in us. You love in us.  
Come now, and visit us with Your grace.  
Make us to be more like You. May we receive  
Your fullness in this food as You desire. May  
we become Your Body in the world today.  
Amen

This is and we are the Body of Christ. Happy are  
those who are called to his table.

**All:** *(with Kerrie)* Christ, I am worthy to receive  
you because you have said the word and I am  
healed.

In this we are a Eucharistic People,

**ALL;** *(with Rev Jane)* the Body of Christ incarnate,  
the Blood of Christ poured out for the life of  
the world.

## Sacred Music - Rosanna Bateman

### Prayer after Communion

*Co-Pastor Dcn Rosean*

Let us pray...

*Co-Pastor Rev Jane*

Loving God, giver of all gifts, we thank you for all  
that we share with your Only One and with each  
other.

At this shared meal in the memory of Christ we  
are united. May we share in the Resurrection with  
hope and be strengthened for the journey ahead

**All:** with Kerrie **Amen**

### Concluding Rite *Co-Pastor Rev. Jane*

Peace be with you. **All:** with Kerrie **And also with you.**

In Jesus we discover anew how love of God and  
love of people go hand in hand, and are  
inseparable.

Jesus' love for Abba impelled him to give of  
Himself until He was emptied out. In that mission  
and in his death and resurrection we are reborn.  
May this knowledge guide us and inspire our  
Christian living: Jesus is the Way to hope and  
freedom, the Way to Love.

Bow your heads for a blessing...

May God give you strength and bless you: In the  
name of +Abba/Amma, Jesus our hope, and the  
Sophia, Holy Spirit

**All:** with Kerrie **Amen.**

### Dismissal *Co-Pastor Dcn. Rosean*

On this Easter Sunday, let us go forth and spread the Good News that Jesus Christ is alive.

**All:** with Kerrie **Thanks be to God!**

### Closing Song - *(please join in with Bill while muted)*

#### Jesus Christ is Risen Today

Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia!  
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!  
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!

Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

2. Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!



Unto Christ, our heav'nly King, Alleluia!  
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!  
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

3. But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!  
Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!  
Now he reigns above as King, Alleluia!  
Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

4. Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!  
Praise eternal as his love, Alleluia!  
Praise him, all ye heav'nly host, Alleluia!  
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Text: 77 77 with alleluias; verse 1, Latin, 14th cent., para. in *Lyra Davidica*, 1708. alt.; verses 2–3, *The Compleat Psalmist*, ca. 1750, alt.; verse 4, Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt. Music: Later form of melody fr. *Lyra Davidica*, 1708; arr. © 2013, Spirit & Song, a division of OCP. All rights reserved..