



Mary of Magdala, ECC June 9, 2024

10th Sunday in Ordinary Time—Together Wherever We Are

Mother Rosean Amaral presiding

Welcome and Announcements.

Lector Cathy Engel

Social Justice Reflection

Tom Moos, Social Justice Chairperson

Opening Song Christ Be Our Light (V1; R; V2; R)

Let us continue as one expression of God's people in the name of our Creator God, the Eternal Son, and the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

May the Love of God, the care and compassion of the Incarnation, and the Breath of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

(Mother Rosean welcomes, adlib)

Penitential Rite

Let us humbly turn to our God, ready to receive God's mercy and love...

God of all names, you formed us from the dust of the earth. Remind us of our place as your creatures at home in your creation. Forgive us when we forget our connection to the earth, and our dependence upon the goodness of your world. God have mercy.

All: God have mercy.



Jesus, Our Christ, you were born into this world, and made your earthly home in Nazareth. Help us to know and love the people and places where you have set us. Forgive us when we fail to care for our homes, our communities, and your creation. Christ have mercy.

All: Christ have mercy.

Spirit of God, you desire to grow in us your fruit of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Forgive us when our roots are so shallow, and our hearts so restless, that our lives fail to bear fruit. Enable us to find our home in you, and in the places to which you call us. Spirit have mercy.

All: Spirit have mercy.

May the God of all grace forgive us our mis-steps settle us in a place of belonging, and enable us to bear fruit for the kin-dom, in the name of our Loving God, our brother Jesus, and the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen (Creation care prayer from the Church of England)

Let us celebrate God's glory with our voices...

Gloria *Mass of the Desert*

Opening Prayer

Let us pray...

Creator God, you reveal yourself to us as Parent, Son, and Holy Spirit. As we gather in this place, come amongst us. Help us to discern your Spirit in the world around us. Let us find joy in the world that you created. Help us to worship you with all our being, and to hear and receive your word and your gifts. In Jesus' name we pray.



All: Amen.

Let us joyfully listen to the Word of God, and the Word inspired by God in our midst...

First Reading

A Reading from the Book of Genesis

Lector Cathy Engel

Gen 2:4a, 7-9, 16-18, 21-23; 3:1-13, 14a-b 16bc; 19 ab

This is the story of the heavens, and the earth, at their creation...

God formed an earthling, a human, out of the dust, out of the earthen soil. God blew into the earthling's nostrils the breath of life, and the earthling became a living being.

God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and placed there the human whom God had formed. Out of the earth, God also made grow every tree that was delightful to look at and good for food, with the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil in the middle of the garden.

God gave the human this order: "You are free to eat from any of the trees of the garden, except the tree of knowledge of good and evil. From that tree you shall not eat. When you eat from it you shall die."

God said, "It is not good that the human be alone. I will make for the human a helper."

God cast a deep sleep on the human. While asleep, God took part of the human's side and closed up its place with flesh. From the side of the earthling, God made "woman". The earthling said:

"This one, at last, is bone of my bones
and flesh of my flesh.

She will be called woman, and I will be called man."



Now the snake was the most cunning of all the wild animals that God had made. The serpent asked the woman, “Did God really say, ‘You shall not eat from any of the trees in the garden?’” The woman answered the snake: “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden. It is only about the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden that God said, ‘You shall not eat it, or even touch it, else you will die.’” But the snake said to the woman: “You certainly will not die! God knows well that, when you eat of it, your eyes will be opened and you will be like the gods who know good and evil.”

The woman saw that the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eyes, and the tree was desirable for gaining wisdom. So, she took some of its fruit and ate it. She also gave some to the man, who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked. They sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

When they heard the sound of God walking about in the garden in the cool of the evening, they hid themselves from God among the trees of the garden.

God called to the human, Adam, and asked, “Where are you?” Adam answered, “I heard you in the garden; but I was afraid, because I was naked, so I hid myself.” Then God asked, “Who told you that you were naked? You have eaten, then, from the tree of which I forbade you to eat!” The human replied, “The woman You created and put with me — she gave me fruit from the tree, and so I ate it.”

God then asked the woman, “Why did you do such a thing?” The woman answered, “The serpent tricked me, so I ate it.”

So God said to the serpent, “Because you have done this,



“Cursed are you above all livestock and all wild animals!”...

To the woman he said,

“I will make your pains in childbearing severe; with painful labor you will give birth to children. “

To the man, God said,

By the sweat of your brow

you will eat your food until you return to the earth.

The Word of an Ancient Yahwist Storyteller.

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Lector Cathy Engel

Psalm 30:11b-13 + 104:1bc-2, 33

Our response is: **You clothe us with gladness.**

God, be my helper.

You changed my mourning into dancing;

you took off my sackcloth

and clothed me with gladness.

My glory will praise you and not be silent.

O God, my God, forever will I give you thanks.

Response: You clothe us with gladness.

God, my God, you are great indeed!

You are clothed with majesty and splendor,

robed in starry darkness, as with a cloak.



You spread out the heavens like a tent.

Response: You clothe us with gladness.

I will sing to God while I live;

I will sing praise to my God all the days of my life.

Response: You clothe us with gladness.

Second Reading

Lector Pedro Engel

Our Second reading is written by Joy Harjo, poet laureate for the United States from 2019-2022, and is entitled *Reconciliation, a Prayer*, from **The Woman Who Fell From The Sky**.

1. We gather at the shore of all knowledge as people who were put here by a god who wanted relatives.

This god was lonely for touch, and imagined herself as a woman, with children to suckle, to sing with—to continue the web of the terrifyingly beautiful cosmos of her womb.

This god became a father who wished for others to walk beside him in the belly of creation.

This god laughed and cried with us as a sister at the sweet tragedy of our predicament—foolish humans.

Or built a fire, as our brother to keep us warm.



This god who grew to love us became our lover, sharing tables of food enough for everyone in this whole world.

2. Oh sun, moon, stars, our other relatives peering at us from the inside of god's house walk with us as we climb into the next century naked but for the stories we have of each other. Keep us from giving up in this land of nightmares which is also the land of miracles.

We sing our song which we've been promised has no beginning or end.

3. All acts of kindness are lights in the war for justice.

4. We gather up these strands broken from the web of life. They shiver with our love, as we call them the names of our relatives and carry them to our home made of the four directions and sing:

Of the south, where we feasted and were given new clothes.

Of the west, where we gave up the best of us to the stars as food for the battle.

Of the north, where we cried because we were forsaken by our dreams.

Of the east because returned to us is the spirit of all that we love.

Words Inspired by God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia *Mass of the Desert*

Gospel



The Word of Christ be with you all. **All: And also with you.**

A Proclamation of the Holy Gospel according to Mark.

All: Glory to you O God.

My siblings in Christ,

Jesus came home. Again, crowds gathered, making it impossible for Jesus and his disciples even to eat. When Jesus' relatives heard of this, they set out to seize him, for they said, "He is out of his mind." The scribes who had come from Jerusalem said, "He is possessed by Beelzebul," and "By the prince of demons he drives out demons."

Summoning them, Jesus began to speak to them in riddles, "How can Satan drive out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against Satan and is divided, Satan cannot stand; that is his end. But no one can enter a strong person's house to plunder their property unless the strong person is first tied up. Then the house can be plundered.

Amen, I say to you, all sins and all blasphemies that people utter will be forgiven them. But whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will never have forgiveness but is guilty of an everlasting sin." For they had said, "He has an unclean spirit."

The Good News of Jesus our Christ.

All: Praise to you, Jesus our Christ.



Homily—Mother Rosean Amaral

(No Creed)

Prayers of the People

Lector Pedro Engel

Let us bring forth our prayers for all of Creation.

Our response is: Creator God, receive the prayers of our hearts.

For the leaders of our country to put aside partisanship and move forward with plans on ways to end the divisiveness in our country and create plans to heal Mother Earth, we pray, **Creator God, receive the prayers of our hearts.**

For the safety of all people traveling this summer season that they may enjoy a relaxing and fun time with family and be refreshed in body and soul, we pray, **Creator God, receive the prayers of our hearts.**

For the farmers to be able to replant or save their crops after the devastation by hail storms and floods, we pray, **Creator God, receive the prayers of our hearts.**

Prayers from the sanctuary.....we pray, **Creator God, receive the prayers of our hearts.**

Are there prayers from the people on zoom? we pray, **Creator God, receive the prayers of our hearts.**

And for all the people on our prayer list and the prayers we hold in our hearts, we pray, **Creator God, receive the prayers of our hearts.**

Mother Rosean: Creator God, you hear our cries and know the deepest needs of our hearts. We ask that you renew us and transform us as we pray in the name of Jesus, the Christ.

All: Amen



The Peace

Celebrating God's endless faithfulness may the peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Let us share with one another a sign of that peace, both virtually and in the sanctuary.

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 that these our gifts, our lives, may continue to be blessed by our Loving God.

Let us sing together. . .

Offertory Song Many and One (R; V1; R1; V2; R; V3; Final R)

Preparation of the Gifts (during Offertory Song)

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 these become our spiritual food and 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.



Pray my siblings in Christ, that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God, our Loving 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 (*from the Episcopal Diocese of Wyoming*)

The peace of our God be with you all.

All: And also with 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.

We thank you, creator God, that we live in a place where the glorious revelation of yourself is all around us. The prairie bursts with song from wind and birds and waving grasses. The abundance of animals roaming freely reminds us of our own freedom, and the many ways you provide sustenance in your kin-dom. From the depths of the ocean floor you lifted your massive mountains and pointed them toward the heavens.

We, like your Son, are called to these high places to get away and rest in communion with you. We marvel as we wander through stately pines and twirling aspens along the creeks, where trout dance on their tails above the rocks, and deer and elk sip from the water's edge: and we remember that you have given us the Living Water to quench our thirst. Our spirit is refreshed and our strength renewed.



We welcome the passing of seasons in broad circles of time, with anticipation of new things to come, and we recognize that same feeling of hope that encircles our faith.

Our lives are lived between sunrises and sunsets and brilliant colors. But at night the limitless stars have a way of pushing back the boundaries of our lives and we dream of the heavens and your wonder.

And with all these blessings of your creation around us, O God, we come together in communities on the prairie, by rivers and streams, on mountain tops, and in their shadows in the valley, to receive your Word, which has been sown in rich soil and grown into a fruitful crop in the Body of Christ.

And so we join with all the saints and angels in proclaiming your glory as we sing:

Holy

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As we gather to praise your name, we see your greatest glory, your Son, reflected in each other's faces, and we know the magnitude of your love for us and ours for you. O God of all creation, we remember Christ, who lived and died as one of us, crucified and risen, who was, and is, and is to come. We offer you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the + Body and Blood of Jesus, our Christ. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new



creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

On the night before he died, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave you thanks, broke it, gave it to them, and said:

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

We remember also, that on the night before Jesus died, He 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...

Memorial Acclamation

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Beloved God, Creator of all, You have invited each of us here today, And so we gather at these tables, confident that all tables are your table, O God. We pray that under the guidance of our chosen shepherds Bishop Kae and Bishop Paul, we may move closer to unity with all of creation in love and grace.

Remember our siblings who have gone to their rest in the hope of rising in your light. Bring them and all the departed into the embrace of your presence with Mary, the mother of Jesus, with the apostles and friends and



all the saints who have modeled your will throughout time. In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Together now, we say.....

All: Through Christ, with Christ, 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

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The Prayer of Jesus

Please turn to the cameras and let us join our hearts together and pray the words that 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

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This is the Body and Blood of Christ. This is the one who transforms the world. Blessed 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.

May the mystery of our participation in the sacred mystery, enliven our faith, inspire our service, and incarnate God's compassionate love wherever we may be.

Whether partaking here, or at our home tables, this food from God is offered to the people of God, without exception. You are each a precious child of God. All are welcome at the banquet of Christ's kin-dom.
(gluten-free wafers in front of altar in the center. And there is wine and grape juice)

Communion Song One Bread One Cup (V1; R; V2; R)

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray...

Thank you, Generous God for welcoming us at your table, for nourishing and nurturing us, and for restoring our hope in your eternal community.



Life is filled with choices, and I desire wisdom to make decisions that align with Your will. Give me a discerning heart and mind. Help me to see situations, people, and opportunities through Your eyes.

We pray, through Jesus our brother.

All: Amen

Prayer for Jim Berry

In the name of God, we bless you, Jim. May you receive the gifts of wisdom and insight, compassion and understanding, growth and discernment throughout this ordination process. We bless you, Jim, as you bless us. under the watchful eyes of the Sacred Three in One we pray. Amen

The Love of God be with you.

All: And also with you.

Concluding Rite and Dismissal

Let us open our hearts as we ask for God's blessing...

Creator God, author of my life,
help me learn to read what you have written on my heart.
Give me discerning eyes and an untiring spirit to look within me
in order to understand how to reach outside of me.
And once I have begun to read you aright,
give me the generosity to help others to read you,
one word of radical giving at a time. (*Author Unknown*)



We ask for this blessing now, in the name of our Creator God, the Eternal Son, and the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

This Mass continues in each one of us. Let us go out into the world remembering that “All acts of kindness are lights in the war for justice.”
(Joy Harjo)

Closing Song

Send Out Your Spirit (R; V1 R; V2; R; V3; V4; R)