



Mary of Magdala, ECC – Sept 25, 2022

Celebrating the 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time — Together Wherever We Are

Reverend Jane Reina Presiding

Welcome and Announcements Community video

Lector Art Bavoso

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Entrance Song Lead Me, Lord

1. Blessed are the poor in spirit, longing for their Lord, for God's coming kingdom shall be theirs. Blessed are the sorrowing, for they shall be consoled, and the meek shall come to rule the world.

Refrain

Lead me, Lord, lead me, Lord,
by the light of truth
to seek and to find the narrow way.

Be my way; be my truth;
be my life, my Lord,
and lead me, Lord, today.

2. Blessed are the merciful, for mercy shall be theirs, and the pure in heart shall see their God. Blest are they whose hunger only holiness can fill, for I say they shall be satisfied.

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Greeting and Welcome

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

All: Amen

May the grace and peace Jesus the Christ be with you in abundance.

All: And also with you.

Welcome everyone, to our celebration of the liturgy of the Body of Christ, Jesus, and of the Body of Christ, we, ourselves.

Penitential Rite

Together, we turn to you, Amma/Abba God, who forgives us always our turning away. We ask that you bless us with a deeper experience of being forgiven and accepted so that we may forgive and accept all, in our Oneness.

Jesus our Christ, you forgave everyone from the Cross, even those who persecuted you. Teach us to walk in your Way of forgiveness. Jesus have mercy on us all. **All: Jesus, have mercy on us all.**

Jesus our Christ, you showed us the Way of Compassion. When we know and see the injustice around us, enlighten our hearts to

respond. Jesus have mercy on us all. **All: Christ have mercy on us all.**

Jesus our Christ, you are Divinity in all. Help the Divinity in us to open and see the Divinity in all. Jesus have mercy on us all. **All: Jesus, have mercy on us all.**



May the God of Compassion have mercy on us,
and light our way. **All: Amen**

In thanksgiving for God's open and eternal invitation to love, united we sing...

Gloria: Glory to God – *Mass of Mary Magdalene*

Refrain
Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to all people here on earth.

1. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you,
we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great
glory,

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Opening Prayer

Let us pray... Mysterious and compassionate
God, lighten our hearts with your presence, free
us from fear, fill us with the experience of your
eternal message through Jesus the Christ and

the gifts of the Spirit, bringing us again to this
physical and virtual space as the Body of Christ.

All: Amen

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Let us listen to the Word inspired by God

First Reading: Amos 6:1-7

Lector Art Bavosa

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Amos

Alas for all who live in luxury in Zion, for those
who are self-important, smug and seemingly
secure on the Mount of Samaria.

Alas for you *distinguished* leaders of the nation,
in whom all the people of the House of Israel
place their hopes! Cross over to your
neighboring nation, Calneh and see.

Go on from there to Hamath, the Great.
Then proceed to Gath in Philistia.
Are you better than these realms?
Is your territory more formidable than theirs?
You try to put off the Day of Woe,
yet you hasten the reign of violence.

Lying on their ivory beds and reclining on their
couches, they dine on lambs from the flock,
and young calves from the stalls.

They bawl out loud songs to the tender tunes of
the harp. They fancy themselves like David, but
make a mockery of his music. They drink wine by
the bowlful, and anoint themselves with the
finest oils; but they do not grieve over the ruin of
Joseph and Asenath.

Therefore, now they shall be the first to go into
exile, and the carousing of those who lounged
shall cease.

The Word of an Ancient Judean Prophet,
prophesying in Israel.

All: Thanks be to God.



Responsorial Psalm 146:5-10 *Lector Art Bavoso*

Our Psalm Response is: Let us be beacons of Light! **All: Let us be beacons of Light!**

Praise the Beloved, O my soul!
I will praise You with all my being.
Blessed are those whose strength is in the Beloved,
Whose trust is in You, O Divine Lover.
All: Let us be beacons of Light!

You who gave birth to the universe—the heavens, earth, and sea—
And all that is within them.
You are ever-faithful, bringing balance and harmony to earth,
Nourishment to the body and soul.
All: Let us be beacons of Light!

You free us from the bonds of fear;
You give insight to those who would see.
You lift up the faint-hearted, giving succor to those who weep.
You watch over those on their journey.
All: Let us be beacons of Light!

O, that we might become beacons of light to those in darkness.
May You, who live forever in our hearts,
Loose the fetters of fear that bind us.
That we might praise You always with free and joyful song!
All: Let us be beacons of Light!.

Second Reading: Timothy 6:17-19 *Lector David Plevak*

A Reading from Timothy Chapter 6

Tell those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain. Tell them to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. Tell them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, to be generous and willing to share, thus storing up for themselves the

treasure of a good foundation for the future. That way, they can take hold of the life that is truly life.

The Word of a First Century Pastor.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation *Mass of Mary Magdalene*

Refrain:
Alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia.
Alleluia, alleluia.

Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life;
You have the words of everlasting life.
Refrain

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Gospel Reading Luke 16:19-31

Reverend Jane Reina



The Word of Christ be with you all.
A Proclamation of the Gospel according to Luke.

All: And also with you.
All: Glory to You, O God.

My siblings in Christ,
There was a rich man who dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. At his gate, on his doorstep, lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores. He longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table. Even the dogs would come to lick his sores.

The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Sarah and Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. From Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Sarah and Abraham far away with Lazarus by their side. He called out, "Mother Sarah, Father Abraham, have mercy on me. Send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in the water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames."

But they said, "Child, remember that during your lifetime you received good things, and Lazarus, evil things. Now he is comforted here and you

are in agony. Apart from all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so; and no one can cross from there to us."

The rich man said, "Then, I beg you. Send Lazarus to my mother and father's house – for I have five siblings. Send Lazarus to warn them, so that they will be spared of this place of torment." Abraham and Sarah replied, "They have Moses and the Prophets. They should listen to them." The rich man persisted, saying, "No, no. I pray to you both. If someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent." Sarah and Abraham said to him, "If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead."

The Good News of Salvation of Jesus our Christ.
All: Praise to You, Jesus the Christ.

Homily: *Reverend Jane Reina*

Creed of Equality - by Bridget Mary Meehan and Mary Theresa Streck, ARCWP

Let us profess our faith together: We believe in God

All: ... 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 injustice.

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 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. We believe that women's liberation is human liberation. Here we dwell in loving relationships. Here we live our prophetic call of Gospel equality. Amen



Prayers of the People

Reverend Jane Reina

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus turns life upside down. Time and place are not his concern; his concern is our need to feel our connectedness through the Kin-dom that we share. By our petitions, let us deepen our relationship with Christ, confident that God is here journeying with

Lector David Plevak

Our response is: Compassionate God, receive our prayers.

All: Compassionate God, receive our prayers.

For the peoples of Ukraine and Russia, that their suffering will end and that all who can render aid and support will help to bring an end to this conflict, we pray...

All: Compassionate God, receive our prayers.

For those who are without food, water, and shelter due to the recent hurricanes will receive

help from their neighbors and the communities of the world, we pray...

All: Compassionate God, receive our prayers.

For all members of our ECC communities, that our delegates will prayerfully prepare to represent their communities in the deliberations which will take place and in decision-making for the good of all, we pray...

All: Compassionate God, receive our prayers

I will now read the prayers requested from those in the sanctuary... .. We pray.... **All: Compassionate God, receive our prayers.**

For those on zoom, please unmute and speak your prayer so all may pray with you,

All: Compassionate God, receive our prayers.

And for all those on our prayer list and the prayers you hold in your hearts, we pray...

All: Compassionate God, receive our prayers

Reverend Jane Reina

Compassionate God, we lift up our prayers to you, trusting that you are always with us, no matter our motivation or circumstances. We ask all these things through Jesus, our Christ.

All: Amen

The Peace

Jesus, our Christ, you said to your disciples:
"Peace be with you; my peace I give you."

Celebrating your Love, virtually and in person, let us share a sign of Christ's peace.

May the peace of Christ be with you

Prayer Over the Gifts

As we prepare our tables, offering food and drink here and virtually, 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 called and able.



Offertory Song

Taste and See

Refrain

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord,
the goodness of the Lord.

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord,
the goodness of the Lord.

1. I will bless the Lord at all times.

Praise will be on my lips.

My soul will glory in the Lord.

The poor will hear and be glad.

2. I sought the Lord who answered me,
delivered me from my fear.

Look to God that you might shine
with the radiance of God's joy.

3. The Lord has eyes for justice,
ears to hear your cry.

God knows your broken heart.

The Lord redeems a loyal servant.

Take refuge in your God.

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Preparation of the Gifts *(During Offertory Song)*

Blessed are you, Loving God of all creation.
Through your goodness, we have this bread to
offer, which earth has given and human hands
have made. It will become for us the bread of
life. **All: Blessed be God forever.**

Blessed are you, God of all creation. Through
your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of
the vine and work of human hands. It will
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.

Beloved God, we ask you to receive us and be
pleased with these gifts we offer you with
humble and contrite hearts.

O God, wash away my iniquity, cleanse me from
my sin.

Prayer over the Gifts

Pray, my beloved sisters and brothers, that our
sacrifice may be acceptable to God.

**All: May God 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 creation**

Eucharistic Prayer

The peace of God be with you.

Lift up your hearts.

Let us give thanks to our God of love.

All: And also with you.

All: We open them up to God.

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



It is indeed right, O Holy Mystery, that we give you thanks and praise always and everywhere through Jesus our Christ.

For with the force of the Divine Mother's Love, you made us, our planet, our galaxy, and beyond. All that exists has its origin in you. And grateful as we are for all creation, we particularly praise you for your Incarnation in time and space as Jesus our Christ, the Word Made Flesh. For the life of Jesus informs our living: his compassion, his presence, his suffering and dying, his rising into newness show us the way to an abundant life. May the gift of yourself at our tables heal us who suffer from illness, fear, trauma, and shame. We yearn for your Love and to Love as you love. Your presence, O Christ, continues as an ever-expanding, evolving life and love with us, and with all, offering a fullness of life here and beyond death.

And so we joyfully join our voices in unison with the song of Creation throughout the Kin-dom,

Holy (Sung)

Mass of Mary Magdalene

**Ho -- ly, Ho -- ly, 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. Hosanna in the highest.**

Mass of Mary Magdalene -- Sarah Hart

Flowing from the Love visible in all Creation, send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts.

Bless + these gifts and make them holy that they may become the living sign of Christ's enduring Love, the Body and Blood of Jesus our Christ. Together, we, the Body of Christ gathered in all locations, remember what Jesus did at table and in life.

Who on the night before he was betrayed and among friends gathered around a table,

He took bread and gave you thanks.
He broke the bread,
gave it to his disciples, 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.

Memorial Acclamation: (Sung)

Mass of Mary Magdalene

**When we eat this bread and drink this cup, We
proclaim your death, O Christ, Until you come
again.**

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In memory of his death and resurrection, we offer you, Amma/Abba God, this live-giving bread and wine. We thank you for inviting us to taste and to serve. May all of us who share in this sacrament be brought together in unity by the Holy Spirit.

Loving Divinity, Compassionate Mystery, we celebrate the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, our Christ. We ask that you remember all people of every faith and tradition who journey to you, along with us, your church.

Help us live your Love as our salvation, not our possession. Continue to guide us as one Body of Christ, praying especially for its local incarnation in the 301 Faith Community.

Remember O Loving God, all those who have died. Welcome them into your all-embracing presence through the promise of the Risen Christ, in union with Mary, Mother of the World, Mary of Magdala, Teresa of Avila, Teresa of Calcutta, St. Francis of Assisi, Dorothy Day, and all who strive to give their lives to you today.



May we praise You in union with them, giving glory to Christ.

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.

Amen (Sung) *Mass of Mary Magdalene*

**Amen. Amen.
Amen. Amen. Amen.**

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The Prayer of Jesus

Let us join hearts together, a symbol of how God is circling the world right now and prayer words that have been prayed for centuries.

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

Lamb of God (Sung) *Mass of Mary Magdalene*

Lamb of God you take away The sins of the world, Have mercy, mercy on us.

Lamb of God you take away The sins of the world, Have mercy, mercy on us.

Lamb of God you take away The sins of the world, Grant us, grant us peace.

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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 share in this nourishment set before us, let us proclaim 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.

This food of and from God is here for everyone, without exception. You are welcomed to the Feast of Life. Come, everyone, as we share this banquet.

Communion Song A Place at the Table

1. Happy the ones whom you call here to dine,
the saint and the sinner, your friends.

Now reconciled in this banquet divine,
the promise of life without end,



the promise of life without end.

Refrain

Here in your presence the greatest are least,
the burdened find rest and the hungry can feast.
By love we're invited, here mercy prevails.
God, in your goodness, we share
a place at your table, a place at your table.

2. From this communion, in one heart and mind,
out into mission we go.
No greater love shall the world ever find,
and none shall we ever know,
and none shall we ever know.

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Prayer after Communion

Let us pray...

Holy Mystery, we give You thanks for the gift of
Eucharistic faith this day. Empower us as we go

about our daily lives to be witnesses of Your love
in the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus
our Christ. **All: Amen**

Blessing and Dismissal –

God is with you **All: And also with you.**

Let us together expand our hearts and let God's
blessing enter:

May the depth of God's compassion guide us
through eternal time and may the Holy Spirit lead
us into a deeper and deeper experience of God.

In the name of Amma/Abba, God, Jesus our
Christ, and the Holy Spirit, **All: Amen**

With gratitude, let our lives continue the work of
Christ in our world.
All: Thanks be to God.

Closing Song Go Make a Difference

Refrain:

Go make a diff'rence.
We can make a diff'rence.
Go make a diff'rence in the world.
Go make a diff'rence.
We can make a diff'rence.
Go make a diff'rence in the world.

1. We are the salt of the earth,
called to let the people see
the love of God in you and me.
We are the light of the world,
not to be hidden but be seen.
Go make a diff'rence in the world.

2. We are the hands of Christ
reaching out to those in need,
the face of God for all to see.
We are the spirit of hope;
we are the voice of peace.
Go make a diff'rence in the world.

3. So let your love shine on,
let it shine for all to see.
Go make a diff'rence in the world.
And the spirit of Christ
will be with us as we go.
Go make a diff'rence in the world.

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