



Mary of Magdala, ECC Sunday Service – August 23, 2020
21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Black Lives Matter – honoring Rev. C. T. Vivian

Announcements – *Lector Cindy Cloyd*

Opening Song (*please join in while muted with Bill Smith*)

Mighty King

1. You are the spirit bringing us light,
igniting the fire of faith in our lives.
You are the Lord; you are a mighty king!
You are the river washing us clean,
giving us life, setting us free.
You are the Lord; you are a mighty king!

Refrain

We shout with joy; you're the rock of our
salvation.
Let our hearts, all your praises sing.
We lift our voice to the one who made the
earth, the sky, the sea.

You are a mighty king.

2. You are the voice ancient and new,
speaking with courage, proclaiming the truth.
You are the Lord; you are a mighty king!
You are the savior, God become man.
Love became real when you stretched out your
hands.

You are the Lord; you are a mighty king!

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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 – *Pastor Jane*

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 Love. 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 – *Prayed by Deacon Rosean*

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

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 Cindy Cloyd*

1st Reading: From “The Cup of Our Life: A Guide for Spiritual Growth” by Joyce Rupp

The world I live in, with its beauty and tragedy, with its creatures of all forms and shapes, is constantly offering me messages about who I am and who God is. Everything and everyone teaches me about God, life, and myself.

I try to approach each person, event, creature with two questions: How are you my teacher? What am I meant to learn?

God is dwelling with us everywhere. For our part we need to have an awareness or a consciousness of this loving presence. Our meditation and prayer time can be a source of our waking up, becoming more aware of God

always filling our days and nights. The most ordinary of our days contains the power and the splendor of spiritual awareness. It is up to us to pay attention, to be present to the here and now, in order to enter more deeply into life...

We can grow closer and deeper in our relationship with God through every situation, depending on our attitude, our openness, and our awareness. Be aware of God teaching you through your life today.

Words Inspired by God.

ALL: Thanks be to God



Responsorial Psalm 138 – *Lector Cindy Cloyd*

The response is: Oh, God, your love is eternal. **ALL: Oh, God, your love is eternal.**

I give You thanks, O Blessed One, with my whole heart; before this community I sing your praise.

ALL: Oh, God, your love is eternal.

I was humbled when I came to know that You dwell in me, in the Holy Temple of all souls; my gratitude knows no bounds!

ALL: Oh, God, your love is eternal.

For You are the Holy One, the breath of our breath. On the day that I called, You answered me; the strength of my soul you increased.

ALL: Oh, God, your love is eternal.

You guide me, Beloved, as I pray to fulfill my purpose on earth; You do not forsake me in my need. Your steadfast love and truth endure forever.

ALL: Oh, God, your love is eternal.

2nd Reading: From the letter of Paul to the Romans 11:33-36 – *Lector Jeff Akkerman*

Oh, how deep are the riches and the wisdom and the knowledge, how inscrutable the judgments, how unsearchable the ways of God! For, "Who has known the mind of God or been God's counselor? Who has given God anything to deserve something in return?"

For all things are from God and through God and for God. To God be glory forever! Amen

The Word of God

ALL: Thanks be to God

The Inclusive Lectionary 2016

'Alleluia' - Mass of Mary Magdalene

Sung by Bill Smith (please join in while muted)

Refrain

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia

VERSE:

Open our hearts O God

To listen to the words of your Son.

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Gospel: Matthew 16: 13-17

Deacon Rosean

The Lord is with you.

A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew

ALL: And also with you.

ALL: Glory to you, O Christ.



Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do you say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.

He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."

And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon, son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Abba God in heaven." (NRSV 2008)

The Good News of Salvation of Jesus.

ALL: Glory and praise to our Messiah, Jesus our Christ

Homily – *Pastor Jane*

Profession of Faith - *Pastor Jane*

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

In truth, we profess our faith together...

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 Jeff Akkerman

The response for the "Prayers of the People" will be: Loving God, hear us.

All: Loving God, hear us.



For leaders of countries and all those seeking election to political office, that they will thoughtfully develop platforms with the intention of serving the needs of people of all races and economic conditions, we pray...

All: Loving God, hear us.

For all who are suffering due to the droughts and recent fires in the west, that they will find safety during their time of evacuation, and for the safety of those fighting the fires, we pray...

Response: Loving God, hear us.

For all who are ill and for their caregivers that they will find the strength they need to help in recovery and return to full physical health and spiritual healing, we pray...

Response: Loving God, hear us.

For all members of our parish community that we will be guided during the coming week to reflect on Jesus' question: "But who do you say that I am?", we pray...

Response: Loving God, hear us.

Now I 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.

(Jeff to read each prayer on "chat")we pray **Response: Loving God, hear us.**

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

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.

Sign of Peace

Pastor Jane

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

Deacon Rosean

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 – *Pastor Jane*

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**



Presentation of the gifts – *Pastor Jane*

We invite you each to stretch out your hands toward this basket.

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.

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 – *Pastor Jane*

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.

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**

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

All: And, also with you.
All: We lift them up to God.
All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

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 heaven:

ALL: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, 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.

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.

Deacon Rosean:

Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith.

All: Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again.

Pastor Jane:

Remember, Amma/Abba God, those who have died, including David Heyman, and all those we loved 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

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.

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)*

Deacon Rosean

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

Pastor Jane –

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 quit 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

Pastor Jane

Before we share in eating the food on our tables, I'd like to remind you that God invited you here today. Where-ever 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: 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 Christ bring eternal life to us who receive it.

Lord Jesus 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. Please come and take the Body of Christ into yourself.

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

In this we are a Eucharistic People.



Communion Song --(please join in while muted)
You Alone

Refrain
You alone are holy,
you alone are Lord.
You alone are worthy to be honored and
adored.

Mercy you have given,
kindness you have shown.
Love is you alone.

1. Who of us is sinless in this place?
Who of us deserves your saving grace?

Who of us is good at all
without your blessed love
that falls upon our hearts
to heal our brokenness?

2. What is there to do but thank you, then,
for the gift that we might call you friend?
Greater love has not been known
than that for which you gave
your only son, that you might see us, pure
and blessed.

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Prayer After the Meal – *Pastor Jane*

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 – *Deacon Rosean*

Our celebration is ended, go in peace to
love and serve as you are called.

ALL: Thanks be to God



Closing Song – *please remain muted*
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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