

## Mary of Magdala, ECC January 17, 2021

### Celebrating the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Preparations include participants preparing their home altars with a lit candle, and the food and drink to be remotely shared.*

#### Announcements – *Lector Cindy Cloyd*

#### Black Lives Matter – *Tom Moos, co-chair Social Justice Ministry*

*Pause to hold this in our hearts.*

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

### We Shall Overcome

V1:  
We shall overcome  
We shall overcome  
We shall overcome, some day

Refrain:  
Oh, deep in my heart  
I do believe  
We shall overcome, some day

V2:  
We'll walk hand in hand

We'll walk hand in hand  
We'll walk hand in hand, some day  
Refrain

V3:  
We shall all be free  
We shall all be free  
We shall all be free, some day

Refrain  
Repeat V1 and Refrain.

Lyrics derived from Charles Tindley's gospel song 1900.

#### Greeting – *Father Michael*

In the name of the Father, ✠ and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

The grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **ALL: And also with you.**

#### Penitential Rite – *Father Michael*

Ordinary time is actually an extraordinary time, a time of walking with Jesus and deepening our relationship with him and with one another.

Acknowledging that, distracted by the troubles of the world we often lose sight of the accountability that comes with right relationship, let us follow Christ and learn more about the mystery of our call.

Jesus our brother, you challenge any assumptions we have about you.  
Have mercy on us. **ALL: Have mercy on us.**

Anointed One, you challenge any assumptions we have about ourselves.  
Have mercy on us. **ALL: Have mercy on us.**

Lamb of God, you challenge any assumptions we have about others.  
Have mercy on us. **ALL: Have mercy on us.**

May our self-emptying God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, ✠ and bring us to life everlasting. **All: Amen**

#### Glory to God

*Pastor Rosean*



Empowered by God's grace, let us lift our voices in praise!

*(please join in with Bill while muted)*

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 – *Father Michael*

Father/Mother God, how often our personal  
agendas color how we hear your word.

As we follow your Word made flesh and dwelling  
in our midst, lead us to those daily conversions  
that will make us and all of our relationships holy  
as you are holy.

We ask this in the name of our brother Jesus, your  
Son. **All: Amen.**

## Liturgy of the Word

### First reading – 1 Samuel 3. 1-10, 19 – *Lector Cindy Cloyd*

Sisters and Brothers,  
Hannah's boy, Samuel, was ministering to the  
Holy One under Eli. The word of God was rare in  
those days. Visions were not widespread.

One night, Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow  
dim so that he could not see, was lying down in  
his usual place. The lamp of God had not yet gone  
out, and Samuel was lying down in the Tabernacle  
of God, where the ark of God was. Then God  
called, "Samuel! Samuel!" who responded, "Here I  
am!" Samuel ran to Eli and said, "You called me?

Here I am!" But Elis said, "I did not call you. Go  
back to bed." So Samuel went and lay down. God  
called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went

to Eli, and said, "You called me Here I am." But Eli  
said, "I did not call, my child. Go back to bed."  
Now Samuel did not yet know God, and the word  
of God had not yet been revealed to him. God  
called Samuel again, a third time. He got up and  
went to Eli and said, "You called me. Here I am."

Then Eli perceived that God was calling Samuel.  
Therefore, Eli said to Samuel, "Go lie down. If you  
hear God's voice again, say 'Speak, Holy One. Your  
servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay  
down in his place.

Then God came and stood there, calling as before,  
"Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak. Your  
servant is listening."



As Samuel grew up, God was with him and let none of Samuel's words fall to the ground.

The Word of God.

**ALL: Thanks be to God**

## Responsorial Psalm - *Lector Cindy Cloyd*

### Psalm 40

Our response is: Beloved, your heart's desire is our delight. **All: Beloved, your heart's desire is our delight.**

I waited patiently for God  
who turned to me and heard my cry.  
God put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of  
praise.

More and more people are seeing this;  
they enter the mystery with faith.  
**Response: Beloved, your heart's desire is our  
delight.**

Sacrifice and offering You do not desire,  
but You have given me an open ear.  
I said, "Here I am, I have come—  
it is written about me in the scroll.

I delight to do Your heart's desire.  
Your law is within my heart."  
**Response: Beloved, your heart's desire is our  
delight.**

I have preached You to the whole assembly.  
I have not restrained my lips as You know.  
I do not keep the news of Your ways a secret.  
I do not keep it to myself.

I speak of your faithfulness and Your love in  
action, holding nothing back.  
**Response: Beloved, your heart's desire is our  
delight.**

**Second Reading** An excerpt from Martin Luther King Jr's *Letter from Birmingham Jail* to eight white religious leaders of the South in response to their public statement of concern and caution. – *Lector David Cloyd*

I guess it is easy for those who have never felt the stinging darts of segregation to say "wait." But when you have seen vicious mobs lynch your mothers and fathers at will and drown your sisters and brothers at whim;

when you have seen hate-filled policemen curse, kick, brutalize, and even kill your black brothers and sisters with impunity;

when you see the vast majority of your twenty million black brothers and sisters smothering in an

airtight cage of poverty in the midst of an affluent society;

when you suddenly find your tongue twisted and your speech stammering as you seek to explain to your six-year-old daughter why she cannot go to the public amusement park that has just been advertised on television, and see tears welling up in her little eyes when she is told Funtown is closed to colored children and see the depressing clouds of inferiority begin to form in her little mental sky, and see her begin to distort her little personality by unconsciously developing a



bitterness toward white people; when you have to concoct an answer for a five-year-old son asking in agonizing pathos, “Daddy, why do white people treat colored people so mean?”

when you take a cross-country drive and find it necessary to sleep night after night in the uncomfortable corners of your automobile because no motel will accept you; when you are humiliated day in and day out by nagging signs reading “white” and “colored”;

when your first name becomes [a profanity] . . . and your middle name becomes “boy” (however old you are) and your last name becomes “John,” and when your wife and mother are never given the respected title “Mrs.”;

when you are harried by day and haunted by night by the fact that you are Black, living constantly at

tiptoe stance, never quite knowing what to expect next, and plagued with inner fears and outer resentments;

when you are forever fighting a degenerating sense of “nobodyness”;

—then you will understand why we find it difficult to wait.

There comes a time when the cup of endurance runs over and men [and women] are no longer willing to be plunged into an abyss of injustice where they experience the bleakness of corroding despair. I hope, sirs, you can understand our legitimate and unavoidable impatience. . .

Words Inspired by God.  
**ALL: Thanks be to God..**

## Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia – Mass of Mary Magdalene** *(please join in with Bill while muted)*

*Refrain:*

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

*Verse 1:*

Speak O Lord, your servant is listening;  
You have the words of everlasting life..

Lyrics and music: Sarah Hart

## Gospel: John 1: 35-49

*Pastor Rosean*

The Holy One is with you.  
A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

John the Baptizer was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, “Look, the Lamb of God!”

The two disciples heard this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following he asked them, “What are you looking for?”

**ALL: And also with you.**  
**ALL: Glory to you, O God**

They replied, “Rabbi” (which translated means teacher), “where are you staying?” Jesus said to them, “Come and see!”

They went and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon.



One of the two who heard John speak and followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother and say to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which translated means the Anointed One or the Christ). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon, son of John. You are to be called Cephas (which is translated Peter).

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter.

Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found the one about whom Moses in the Law and

the prophets wrote: Jesus, son of Joseph, from Nazareth." Nathanael said to him, "Nazareth? Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see."

When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit."

Nathanael asked, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!"

The Good News of Salvation of Jesus, our Christ.  
**All: Praise be to you, Jesus Christ.**

**Homily** – *Father Michael*  
*"With listening and seeing, the calls begins anew."*

## Our Truth

We believe in God, our Mother out-pouring, our Father uniting, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is seen and yet to be revealed.

We believe in Jesus Christ, the Word eternally spoken by God, our brother and teacher, through whom all things were made and hold together. By the power of the Holy Spirit he was born of the Virgin Mary, and became fully human.

For the sake of the truth he suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; and on the third day rose from the dead. He ascended into heaven yet remains active in our midst. He will come again in glory to unite the living and the

dead, and our communion with him will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the spirit of truth and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son as the dynamic expression of their relationship and channel of their love. With the Father and the Son, She is worshiped and glorified.

We believe in the ways She unites us: through her prophetic challenge, through the Body of Christ, the Church, in our shared baptism, in our sacrifices on behalf of others, in our hope in the resurrection, and in the fulfillment of God's promise in eternity. **ALL: AMEN**

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## Regional Prayer for Calling a Bishop

*Pastor Rosean*

Let us join together in our Regional Prayer for Calling a Bishop

*(All to Join in on mute)*

**ALL: Holy One, Enlivening Spirit, In the wilderness of new, root the Body of Christ**

**fully into our “Yes,” blooming in Your Holy Season. Together. Amen**

## Prayers of the People

*Father Michael*

Our “Yes” blooms in our caring for the church and the world. Faithful to our call, let us pray.

*Lector: David Cloyd*

Our response is: Loving God, receive our prayers. **ALL: Loving God, receive our prayers.**

For all Americans to take the words of the Constitution, that all people are created equal, and put them into their everyday actions that people of color will be treated equally, fairly, respectfully, we pray, **Response: Loving God, receive our prayers.**

For those regional members working on the Bishop Call Committee to vet and determine voting process that they will be graced with clear vision and be supported by each regional church, we pray, **Response: Loving God receive our prayers**

I now 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.

*(Lector to read each prayer on “chat”)* .....we pray **ALL: Loving God, receive our prayers.**

And for all the prayers we hold in the privacy of our hearts, we pray: **ALL: Loving God, receive our prayers.**

*Father Michael*

Loving God, your Anointed One came to lead us by his sacrificial love for all. As we take up our call to follow him, hear our prayers and keep us awake to the responsibilities thereof. All this we ask and can do through Christ our Lord. **ALL: Amen**

## Sign of Peace –

*Father Michael*

Celebrating the power of mercy and love, may the peace of Christ be with you always.

**ALL: And also with you.**

*Pastor Rosean*

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

**All: Amen**

## Offertory Meditation

**Here I am Lord** *(please join in with Bill while muted)*

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky,  
I have heard my people cry.

All who dwell in dark and sin  
My hand will save.



I, who made the stars of night,  
I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them?  
Whom shall I send?

**Refrain**

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.

2. I, the Lord of snow and rain,  
I have borne my people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them.

They turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone,  
Give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my word to them.  
Whom shall I send?

3. I, the Lord of wind and flame,  
I will tend the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them.  
My hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide  
Till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give my life to them.  
Whom shall I send?

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## Preparation of our Tables

*Pastor Rosean*

As we prepare our tables, offering food and drink  
from our cupboards, we are reminded that our  
offerings of time, talent and treasure sustain the

mission of God's Church.  
Continue to give as you are called and able.

## Offertory – *Father Michael*

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.  
We set before you this humble food  
which earth has given and human hands have made.  
In the sharing may we preserve the foundations of our calling as disciples of your Anointed One.  
**ALL: Blessed be God forever.**

## Prayer over the Gifts - *Father Michael*

Loving God, there is nothing in all of creation  
that is not holy, when dedicated to your service.  
Accept these offerings  
and grant that we may participate worthily  
in the mystery of their transformation and ours,  
through Christ our Lord. **ALL: Amen.**

## Preface of Our Nurturing - *Father Michael*

The Holy One is with you.  
Lift up your hearts  
Let us give thanks to our loving 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 right, and a good and joyful thing,  
always and everywhere to give thanks to You,  
God of our nurturing.

In the beginning your Spirit stirred within the  
formless depths and a world of relationships and  
possibilities came into being.

From those humble beginnings even until this day,  
all life is nourished by its rootedness in You, for  
Your love flows through our veins and animates  
our souls.

Apart from You, the fruits of our efforts shrivel  
and fall. Yet, it is not only that we rely on You for  
our sustenance; we also rely on You for direction.

As Your Rising Sun crosses the sky, our branches  
turn toward the trajectory of your love  
made visible in the person of your Son and  
through his Body, the Church gathered and at  
work.

Placing our trust in You, we add our joyful voices  
to those of the heavenly hosts as we join in  
Creation's song of praise:

**Holy, Holy, Holy** *(please join in with Bill while muted)*  
*Mass of Mary Magdalene Sarah Hart*

**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**

*Father Michael –*

We commit ourselves to the community of faith  
in which this song resonates, calling upon You,  
most merciful God, to send your Holy Spirit upon  
us and upon the offerings we have set before You  
in our homes.

Bless ✠ these gifts that they may become the  
ultimate sign and symbol of Christ's servant  
leadership.

Founded upon what we have come to see,  
may we know that You are truly present through  
our sharing and that we are truly united in You.  
Though now gathered in separate locations  
we remember what your Son did at table and in  
life, foreshadowing the self-gift that was his  
death.

Jesus took bread, gave You thanks and praise,  
broke the bread, and gave it to the disciples  
saying:

**All: Take this, all of you, and eat it.**

**This is my body, which will be given up for you.**

When the supper was ended, he took the cup of  
wine. Again he gave You thanks and praise,  
gave the cup to the disciples, and 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:

**All: Christ, by your cross and resurrection you  
have set us free. You are the Savior of the  
world.**

Loving God, we celebrate the memory of Christ,  
your Son, all that he did and continues to do  
to liberate your people and bring us true freedom.  
While we ask you to remember all our sisters and  
brothers of many faiths and spiritual paths,  
who each bring their own insights and blessings to  
our world, remember, too, your Church, united  
across the miles.

Make us grow in love, together with all who have  
heard and follow the calling handed down to us  
from the Apostles. Continue to empower us as  
laypersons, deacons and priests for the special  
ministry given to the Body of Christ, praying  
especially for its local incarnation, in union with  
our bishops, Francis and Denise. We lift up, too,  
your servants who have accepted nominations  
to be our bishop's successor in ministry; may your  
grace fill them and us with right discernment.



Remember, Lord, all those who have died, especially Lisa Montgomery and all those put to death by the state.

...

Welcome them into your glorious presence with Mary, your Mother, our patron Mary of Magdala, Martin Luther King, Jr. and all your

apostles, martyrs, and saints as they enjoy the fullness of the communion that is our destiny.

Through Christ, with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father/Mother, forever and ever. **All: AMEN.**

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## The Prayer of Jesus

*Pastor Rosean*

Let us join our hearts together as we pray in the words of Jesus:

*(All to Join in on mute)*

**Our Amma/Abba God 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.**

**All Amen.**

*Edited, modern 'Our Father' provided by Trinity Lutheran Church*

## The Shared Table

**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.**

*Father Michael*

As we partake of the sustenance laid before us, let us affirm together:

**All: Jesus, our hearts are Your Tabernacle. You live in us. You love in us. Your Light shines through 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.**

Please spend a moment now, receiving God's grace as you eat and drink what is on your table.

## Sacred Music - Rosanna Bateman on piano

## Prayer after the Meal

*Father Michael*

God beyond all our assumptions, as the apostles learned from following the Lamb of God,

may we grow in our discipleship of service and love as we encounter him in one another.



To this same Christ Jesus, in union with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory now and

always.  
**All: Amen**

## Concluding Rite

*Father Michael*

The Holy One is with you.

**All: And also with you.**

May almighty God bless you: the Source of All-Being, the Eternal Word ✠ and the Holy Spirit.

**ALL: Amen**

## Dismissal – *Pastor Rosean*

Our celebration is ended, let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord and one another.

**All: Thanks be to God**

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

### May your Kingdom Come

1. Spirit of God, fill us with fire,  
to shine your light for all those in need.  
Give us the strength to love in your name,  
so all the world will come to believe.

Refrain

May your kingdom come, that justice may reign.  
May your kingdom come, that justice may reign.  
May our lives bear witness to the pow'r of your name.  
May your kingdom come, that justice may reign.

2. Giver of life, send out your Spirit;  
anoint your people that we might be healed.  
Send us with joy to the weak and the lowly,  
and let our love be your love revealed.

3. We will go out proclaiming the kingdom;  
we will go out with mercy for all.  
We will go out and serve with abandon,  
with courage now to answer the call.

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