



Mary of Magdala, ECC Sunday Service – August 2, 2020
18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Greeting and Announcements – *Lector Ruth Alexander*

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

Table of Plenty

Refrain

Come to the feast of heaven and earth!
Come to the table of plenty!
God will provide for all that we need,
here at the table of plenty.

1. O come and sit at my table
where saints and sinners are friends.
I wait to welcome the lost and lonely
to share the cup of my love.

2. O come and eat without money;
come to drink without price.
My feast of gladness will feed your spirit
with faith and fullness of life.

3. My bread will ever sustain you
through days of sorrow and woe.
My wine will flow like a sea of gladness
to flood the depths of your soul.

4. Your fields will flower in fullness;
your homes will flourish in peace.
For I, the giver of home and harvest,
will send my rain on the soil.

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Greeting – *Father Teri*

And Let us begin as one expression of God’s people. + Father, Son, Holy Spirit **ALL: AMEN**

May the Holy Kiss of God, the tender care of the One who washes feet, and the passion of the Holy Spirit
be with you all. **ALL: And, also with you**

Penitential Rite – *Father Teri*

Let us remember our God...

God, you dance throughout creation and make
it holy, Lord, have mercy.
All: Lord have mercy.

God, you call us all your beloved children, and
breathe life into a kin relationship throughout
humanity, Christ have mercy.
All: Christ have mercy.

God, you are dream of universal flourishing,
Lord, have mercy.
All: Lord have mercy.

May our loving God shower us with grace, be
forever present to us, forgive our sins, and
bring us to everlasting joy and light.
All: Amen



Opening Prayer – *Father Teri*

Let us pray...

Loving God, Creator of the universe. Brother Jesus, friend of each one of us. Holy Spirit, life of the Church and comforter of the needy, we worship and adore You.

You are present to us each day, in the Three Faces of the Trinity, but in the faces of every person in this world, each of whom is made in

your image. Help us to see that image, and call forth that image in one another. Send, O God, your Spirit upon us and upon what we say and do here that your love and work for justice and peace may be revealed to the world through us. In Jesus' name we pray:

ALL: AMEN

Liturgy of the Word – *Lector Ruth Alexander*

1st Reading: Isaiah 55:1-3

All you who are thirsty, come to the water!
You who have no money, come,
receive grain and eat;
come, without paying and without cost,
drink wine and milk!

Why spend your money for what is not bread,
your wages for what fails to satisfy?
Heed me, and you will eat well,
you will delight in rich fare.

Bend your ear and come to me;
listen, that you may have life.
I will make an everlasting covenant with you,
the faithful mercies shown to David

Words inspired by God.

ALL: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm – *Lector Ruth Alexander*

The response is: Let us work toward the wholeness of humanity.

ALL: Let us work toward the wholeness of humanity.

The Beloved is gracious and merciful,
allowing every soul free will to follow
the ego's illusions or to choose Life.
Gratitude and quiet joy overflow
as I recall the abundant blessings of your grace!

Response: Let us work toward the wholeness of humanity.

I call each of you to open your inner ears
to see with spiritual eyes, And to trust that even
amidst the outward chaos, all is working toward
the wholeness of humanity.

Response: Let us work toward the wholeness of humanity.

O, Heart of my heart, envelop me!
I know You are near to all who call upon You.
Bring to my recollection all that I have denied,
that I might be accepting and free
to help rebuild the soul of the world
with radical trust, love, and wonder!

Response: Let us work toward the wholeness of humanity.



2nd Reading: Romans 8:35, 37-39 – Lector Matt Chavez

Sisters and Brothers,
What will separate us from the love of Christ?
Trouble? Calamity? Persecution? Hunger?
Nakedness? Danger? Violence?
Yet in all this we are more than conquerors
because of God who has loved us.

For I am certain that neither death nor life,
neither angels nor demons,

neither the present nor the future,
neither heights nor depths—nor anything
else in all creation—will be able
to separate us from the love of God
that comes to us in Christ Jesus, our Savior.

Listen to the Spirit speaking to God's people.
ALL: Thanks be to God

'Alleluia' - Mass of Renewal

Sung by Bill Smith (please join in while muted)

Refrain

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.
Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia

VERSE:

I call you my friends, says the Lord,

for I have made known to you all that the Father has
told me.

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Gospel: Matthew: 14: 13-21 – Deacon Rosean

The Risen Christ be with you all
A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew

When Jesus heard about the beheading of John
the Baptist, he left Nazareth by boat and went
to a deserted place to be alone.

The crowds heard of this and followed him
from their towns on foot. When Jesus
disembarked and saw the vast throng,
his heart was moved with pity, and he healed
their sick.

As evening drew on, the disciples approached
Jesus and said, "This is a deserted place and it is
already late. Dismiss the crowds so that they can
go to the villages and buy some food for
themselves."

Jesus said to them,

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

"There is no need for them to disperse.
Give them something to eat yourselves."

"We have nothing here," they replied,
"But five loaves and a couple of fish."
"Bring them here," Jesus said.

Then he ordered the crowds to sit on the grass.
Taking the five loaves and two fish, Jesus looked
up to heaven, blessed the food, broke it, and
gave it to the disciples, who in turn gave it to the
people.

All those present ate their fill. The fragments
remaining, when gathered up, filled twelve



baskets. Those who ate were about five thousand men, not counting women and children.

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

Homily – Father Teri

Prayers of the People *Lector Matt Chavez*

Loving and Gracious God, we lift up our prayers and ask for your grace to flow to those in need and us so we may bring wholeness to humanity,

The response for the “Prayers of the People” will be: Receive our Prayers.

ALL: Receive our Prayers

For all elected officials, that they may hear the needs of all people, especially people of color, for safe and equitable workplaces, housing, and communities, we pray, **Response: Receive our prayers.**

For all parents, teachers and students that they may be supported in the decisions they make for their educational life, we pray, **Response: Receive our prayers.**

For all who are sick or recovering from medical procedures that they may have the care they need to return to health, we pray, **Response: Receive our prayers.**

For Mother Earth as the season of harvesting begins, that we will respect the gifts of food she provides and care for her ongoing vitality, we pray, **Response: Receive our prayers.**

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
(Matt to read each prayer on “chat”)we pray, **Response: Mary of Magdala, pray for us.**

And for all the prayers we hold in the privacy of our hearts, we pray.
Response: Mary of Magdala, pray for us.

Father Teri – to close the Prayers of the People

Sign of Peace - *Deacon Rosean*

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles: I leave you peace, my peace I give you. Look not on our failings and doubts, but on 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**

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.*)



Our Celebration of Food – *Father Teri*

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

Let us welcome God and God's creative spirit. God has called us to gather around these tables this evening, knowing that all tables are God's table. As I prepared this para-liturgy, I lean into the theology of Ronald Rolheiser (a modern Catholic theologian) who said, "The incarnation began with Jesus and it has never stopped . . . God takes on flesh so that every home becomes a church, every child becomes the Christ-child, and all food and drink become a sacrament. God's many faces are now everywhere, in flesh, tempered and turned down, so that our human eyes can see him."

So....let our homes and our hearts be a dwelling place for God. May we see the Christ-child in one another, identifying us as kin together in God's family. And may we trust that the food before us is sacrament. God is present to each of us, and God's grace is abundant and in our midst.

Blessed are you, Loving God of all Creation, through your goodness we have this food before us. May we offer our gratitude for all the ways you nurture us, body, mind and spirit. We bless you God, with our gratitude.

We give you thanks for the myriad of ways you show up in our lives as both Creator and Creation. We thank you for all that is, and for the Breath of Life that is You throughout the cosmos. We see You in one another, and throughout creation. We share your Breath

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

with one another, with our ancestors, and with all those yet to be. Even in this new and challenging times, You are bringing to birth through us a new heaven joined with a new earth, and like the early followers of Jesus, we gather together as family and kin.

Holy Breath of God, the One who blesses us and calls us Beloved, Send your Holy Spirit upon us gathered around tables throughout your world and gathered as one in You that we may become visible signs of Your love in the world.

Today we remember a story of your Eternal Son, Jesus, who on the night before he died gathered at a table with his family and friends. That night he took bread, he took wine, for they were the food and drink on the table before him. He blessed them and shared them with all those who were present. He told them that his love for them was boundless because your love for creation is boundless. Let us take the food before us, and let us be confident that you have blessed this food as well. May it be a blessing to our bodies, that our bodies may be a blessing to your world.

God of Kinship, You have made this food which feeds us. May we be open to the ways you connect to us in relationship and your holy dance with us. In Jesus' name we pray.

ALL: AMEN



HAIL MARY and THE LORD'S PRAYER *(all together on mute)*

Father Teri

Let us turn to God in prayer. Let us pray together both the Hail Mary and the prayer known as the Lord's Prayer.

ALL: Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed are thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom 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 kingdom and the power and the glory are Yours now and forever. Amen.

Father Teri

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:

Reception for Spiritual Communion

ALL: 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.

Our homes and our hearts are a dwelling place for God. The Christ-child is in each of us. The food before us is sacrament, and God's

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

Communion Song --(please join in while muted)

Miracle of Grace

Verses



1. ♪ Mir - a - cle of grace, ♪ ♪ mys - ter - y of faith,
 2. Un - wor - thy though we are, ♪ you feed the hun - gry heart
 3. Your faith - ful - ness re - vealed in this cov - e - nant you've sealed



1. ♪ call - ing us to ven - ture to the deep. ♪
 2. with bread come down from heav - en a - bove. And
 3. ♪ with your ver - y bod - y and your blood. Come,



1. Though our sens - es fail, your grac - es still pre - vail, and
 2. like a grain of wheat, we fall down at your feet, ♪
 3. claim your bride a - gain with love that can - not end, for



1. we be - come the love that we re - ceive.
 2. dy - ing here with you. Oh, let us rise!
 3. what God joins no one can di - vide.

Refrain



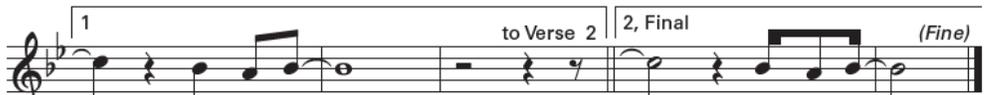
Bread of life, bread of life. Those who eat this bread shall live



and nev - er die. Bread of life, bread of life.



Your true pres - ence in this ho - ly sac - ri - fice.



1 Bread of life. to Verse 2 2, Final Bread of life. (Fine)



Bread of life, bread of life. to Verse 3



Prayer After the Meal – *Father Teri*

Let us pray

God of all Goodness,

May this meal we share feed us, and bring us as One into the Body of Christ, one family, on kin-dom. May this sacrament fill

The Lord Be with You.

ALL: And also with you.

us with the Love of God, the three in One. In Jesus' name we pray.

ALL: Amen

Regional Prayer for Calling a Bishop – *Father Teri*

**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

Blessing – *Father Teri*

Please open your hearts as we ask for God's blessing.

O God of Holiness,
Your reign is closer than we often think.
Seep into our lives that we may claim your kinship.

In the face of war, may we claim peace.
In the face of a pandemic, may we claim healing.

In the face of hatred and racism, may we claim love.

May we be the builders of your kin-dom, this day, and every day.

And may your reign transform everything. May the Three in One, bless us now. We ask this, in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Dismissal: - *Deacon Rosean*

We are the Body of Christ. As that Body, may we feed our neighbors as God has fed us, love our neighbors as God has loved us.

May we love and serve God, as love and serve in God's world.

ALL: Thanks be to God



Closing Song – *please remain muted*
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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