



Mary of Magdala, ECC May 9, 2021
Para-Liturgy Celebrating the 6th Sunday of Easter

Participants may wish to prepare their home worship space with a lit candle and the food and drink to be remotely shared.

Announcements *Lector Ralph Dorland*

BLM/Social Justice reflection *Tom Moos, Chair Social Justice Ministry*

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

Hallelujah is Our Song

[Verse 1]

What hope we have
Even in the longest night
For the light will overcome
We will not fear
For we know the sun will rise
Hallelujah is our song

[Verse 2]

What peace we have
Even in this wounded world
Where the battle rages on
We will not fear
For we know who heals our souls
Hallelujah is our song

[Chorus]

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
He is risen over all
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
Hallelujah is our song

[Verse 3]

What joy we have

For the stone is rolled away
And the tomb holds nothing now
No sting of death
No power over sin or grave
Hallelujah is our song

[Verse 4]

What hope we have
Even in the longest night,
For the light will overcome.
Now we shall live;
Sinners, we will rise to saints
Hallelujah is our song

[Chorus]

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
He is risen over all
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
Hallelujah is our song

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Greeting *Co-Pastor Dcn. Rosean Amaral*

May the Divine Presence of God, the Light of the Risen Christ, and the passion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

ALL: *with Linda:* **And also with you.**

Penitential Rite *Co-Pastor Dcn Rosean Amaral*

Let us remember our God who is always with us.
Loving God,

Teach us to love as you love.
God have mercy.



ALL with Linda: God have mercy.

Revealing Presence,
Show us how to see your kin-dom in each other.
Christ have mercy.

ALL with Linda: Christ have mercy.

Creator God,

Let us sing our praises to God..

Form in us an inclusive vision of community.
God have mercy.

ALL with Linda: God have mercy

God of Love, give us the grace to love others as
our brother Jesus has commanded us.

In the name of the Risen Christ we pray.

ALL with Linda: Amen

Gloria - *(please join in with Bill while muted)*

Glory to God

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.
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.

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, have mercy on us.

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.
Amen, amen.

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Opening Prayer - *Co-Pastor Dcn. Rosean Amaral*

Let us pray...
God of all that is,
from You all life was born, and in your bosom all
creation is nurtured. You have formed us in
your image as your children and gathered us as
kindred members of one human family. We are
grateful to be your offspring together. Today,

we celebrate your Divine Love reflected in
human expressions of mothering and
motherhood.
In Jesus' name we pray.

ALL with Linda: Amen

And now let us listen to the inspired Word of God in our midst.

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: A reading by Sister Joan Chittister titled Blessed among Women - *Lector Ralph Dorland*

The feasts of Mary in the liturgical year are a
virtual catalog of the works of God in humanity
and the collaboration of humanity in the

Incarnation of the divine in our midst. She is, the
ancient prayer reminds us all, "blessed among
women." She is simply a woman like ourselves



whose acceptance of the will of God changed the trajectory of humanity. The implications for the rest of us are awesome. The implications for women as women are particularly impacting. If God worked through one woman to bring redemption, how is it that anyone can argue that God does not go on working through other women as well?

Recognition of this relationship between God and humankind in the ongoing creation of the world is one of the most ancient teachings of liturgical theology. If it applies to Mary, it also applies to us.

The proper place for devotion to Mary is a clear one: she is the mother, the woman, the human

participant in the work of redemption by her Son. She is the one who heard the Word of God in her heart and followed it to the end, whatever the cost to herself. By her unconditional fiat, she became the perfect recipient of God's will that each of us would like to be. Her life belongs not simply to her own life but the life of the world as well.

It is in Mary that we see God's creative will being done. In her, God not only prevails over the inherent weakness of mortality but brings it to the fullness of life for all our sakes.

Words inspired by God

All: with Linda: **Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 98:1-4 – Lector Ralph Dorland

The response is: Love does marvelous things!

ALL: (with Ralph): **Love does marvelous things!**

O Sing to the Beloved a new song,
for Love has done marvelous things!
By the strength of your Indwelling Presence,
we, too, are called to do great things.
We are set free through Love's forgiveness and truth.

All (with Ralph): **Love does marvelous things!**

Yes, Your steadfast love and faithfulness
are an ever-present gift in our lives.
All the ends of the earth have seen

the glory of Love's eternal flame.

All (with Ralph): **Love does marvelous things!**

Shout for joy to the Beloved, all the earth!
Burst into jubilant song with music!
Sing your gratitude!
Make music resound! Make music your praise!
All (with Ralph): **Love does marvelous things!**

Second Reading – 1 John 4:7-10 Lector Pedro Engel

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God. Everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love, does not know God; for God is love.

The love of God was made manifest in us. God sent God's Chosen One into the world that we might live as

Jesus lived, that we might live in love. This is love: not that we love God, but that God loves us with an undying love.

The Word of an Early Church Theologian.

ALL: with Linda: **Thanks be to God**

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia – Mass of Renewal (please join in with Bill while muted)

Refrain

Alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia.



Alleluia. Alleluia.
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 Reading – John 15:9-15, 17 *Co-Pastor Rev. Jane Reina*

God is with you.
A reading from the holy gospel according to John

As the Beloved loves me, so I also love you.
Remain in my love.

If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love. In the same way, I have kept our Loving God's commandments and remain in God's love. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and your joy may be complete.

This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my

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

friends if you do what I command. I no longer call you slaves, because a slave does not know what the slave owner is doing. I call you friends, because I have told you everything I have heard from the Beloved.

This I command you: love one another.
The Gospel of God.

All: *with Linda* **Praise to you, Jesus the Christ**

Homily *Co-Pastor Dcn Rosean Amaral*

Creed – *join Co-Pastor Dcn Rosean Amaral while muted*
In love and in light, we profess our faith together:

We believe in God 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 injustices. 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. Here on this earth we are meant to dwell in loving relationships. Here we live out our prophetic call of Gospel equality.

Amen.

CREED by Bridget Mary Meehan and Mary Theresa Streck, ARCWP)

Regional Prayer for Calling and Confirming a Bishop - *Co-Pastor Rev Jane Reina*

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 -

Co-Pastor Dcn. Rosean Amaral

Beloved, Please hear our prayers for mothers, the Mary of Magdala community, and the world

Lector Pedro Engel

Response: Hear our prayers. **All: Hear our prayers.**

For mothers who gave birth and raised their children **All: Hear our prayers**

For mothers who adopted a child and for mothers who gave birth to children who were adopted by others, **All: Hear our prayers**

For mothers who felt pressured by circumstances to have an abortion, **All: Hear our prayers**

For stepmothers and mothers in other blended families, **All: Hear our prayers**

For mothers in same-sex marriages, **All: Hear our prayers**

For mothers whose children were taken from them, and for mothers who lost children due to death, jail or estrangement, **All: Hear our prayers**

For mothers who's only child died young **All: Hear our prayers**

For grandmothers who are raising their children's children **All: Hear our prayers**

For single-parent mothers **All: Hear our prayers**

For women who have wanted to be a mother but were unable to, **All: Hear our prayers**

For mothers of children with physical or mental challenges **All: Hear our prayers**

For surrogate mothers and women who donate eggs to others so that other women might raise children **All: Hear our prayers**

For women who have been like a mother to someone **All: Hear our prayers**

For our own mothers **All: Hear our prayers**

You are now invited to share your prayers so that we might pray in community with you. You can press the spacebar and voice your prayer, OR you can type your prayer into the chat box.

(Pedro to read each prayer on “chat”) ... we pray **All: hear our prayers.**

And for those on our Prayer List and all the prayers we hold in the privacy of our hearts, we pray. **All: Hear our prayers.**

Co-Pastor Dcn. Rosean Amaral

Mothering God, We bring all our prayers to you. Today, we are especially grateful for all who mother. Please bless them and gift them with your comfort and strength. In Jesus' name we pray.

ALL with Linda: Amen



Sign of Peace

Co-Pastor Rev Jane Reina

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

All: *with Linda:* **And also with you.**

Let us all unmute and go to gallery view, that we might share with one another a sign of Christ's peace.

Meditation Song *(please join in with Bill while muted)*

Many and One

Refrain

We are many, yet we are one.

We are sep'rate, yet bound in his love.

And together we are all his hands and his feet,
bringing mercy and peace to this world.

We are many and one.

1. We are fallen but we are forgiven;
broken and scattered, yet being made whole
by our redeemer, one Lord and one savior,
the shepherd who gathers us all,
gathers us all.

2. We are diff'rent as morning and evening,

each of us living as we have been called,
all of us seeking, each of us reaching to
the shepherd who gathers us all,
gathers us all.

3. We are brothers and sisters in spirit,
found in all nations yet near to the Lord,
each one belonging, together now longing for
the shepherd who gathers us all,
gathers us all.

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Our Celebration at the Table *Co-Pastor Dcn. Rosean Amara*

The Love of God be with you all.

Open your hearts.

Let us give thanks to our Loving God

All: *with Linda:* **And also with you.**

All: *with Linda:* **We open them to God.**

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

God has called us together around our tables this evening knowing that all tables are God's tables. Let us welcome God and God's creative Spirit. Blessed are you O Holy One and all creation rightly gives you praise. It is our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere, to give you thanks through your Beloved Son, Jesus, the Christ.

We praise You, O God of Love, with greater joy than ever in this Easter season as you revealed the glory of your eternal promise in the Resurrection of your only Son. Our life is with you, loving God, and with our Risen Brother Jesus, for we have felt Christ's saving grace active in our hearts and in our homes.

We too, tell what we have seen and heard of this great Love. Through our Baptism into the death and resurrection of Jesus, we have found our true home in Y^ou. In awe of so great a Mystery, we join the angels in saints in their unending song of joy...

Holy – *(join with Bill while muted)*

Holy, Holy, 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.

Hosanna in the highest.

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Beloved, from the infinite depth of your Love for us, you gave us your own Mother to be Mother of All, that Her Spiritual Presence might companion us as it guided you throughout your life.

The Queen of Heaven and Earth has become our Mediatrix, our Advocate, between the human and the Divine. May Our Blessed Mother help us to know your will God, and to act on it for the life of the world.

Christ has come among us and blesses this food with us today. Christ is here now, coming to all of us in the gifts of bread and wine and other sacred food and drink which God has provided. And Christ will come again to make all things new. May we look for Christ in one another and all those yet to be.

In Jesus' name, together let us pray.

ALL with Linda: **Amen**

The Prayer of Jesus *Co-Pastor Dcn. Rosean Amaral*

Let us pray in the words our Savior taught us:

ALL: *(together on mute)* **Abba/Amma 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 with Linda: **Amen**

Reception for Spiritual Communion - *Co-Pastor Dcn. Rosean Amaral*

Before we share in eating the food on our tables, I'd like to remind you that God invited you here today. Wherever 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: *(with Dcn Rosean, all on mute)* **Jesus, our hearts are Your Tabernacle. You abide in us. We**

abide in you. You love in us as well. 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*

Prayer after the Meal *Co-Pastor Dcn. Rosean Amaral*

Let us pray...

Mother/Father God,
We know that you love us with an undying love. Your steadfast love and faithfulness is an ever-present gift in our lives.

Bless us to share this love in the world and to love others as you love us.
In Christ's name we pray.

ALL with Linda: **Amen**



Blessing *Co-Pastor Dcn. Rosean Amaral*

The love of God be with you.

ALL with Linda: And also with you.

Let us open our hearts to receive God's blessing
May God who gave birth to all creation, bless us.
May God who became Incarnate by an earthly
mother, bless us. May God who broods as a

mother hen over her children, bless us. And may
Almighty God bless us in the name of Mother,
Son and Holy Spirit.

ALL with Linda: Amen

Dismissal *Co-Pastor Rev Jane Reina*

Go now, into the world, inspired by the extravagant love of God, loving one another as if your lives depended on it, for the Glory of God.

ALL with Linda: Thanks be to God, Alleluia

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

Go Out Go Out

Go out, go out to all the world
and tell the Good News,
tell the Good, Good News.

1. Praise the LORD,
praise the LORD, all you nations!
Glorify him,
glorify him, you peoples!

2. Steadfast,
steadfast is his kindness toward us,
and the faithfulness
of the LORD endures!

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