



**Mary of Magdala, ECC September 15, 2024**

**24th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**A Healing Service on the Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows**

**Mother Rosean Amaral presiding**

**Welcome and Announcements** Lector Art Bavoso

**Social Justice Reflection** Social Justice Chair Tom Moos

**Opening Song** Healing Waters (R; V1; R; V2; R)

Let us continue as one expression of God's people in the name of our Creator God, the Eternal Son, and the Holy Spirit. **All: Amen.**

May the Love of God, the care and compassion of the Incarnation, and the Breath of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **All: And also with you.**

Mother Rosean welcomes...

**Penitential Rite**

And now let us open our lives to God's searching gaze...

God of Mercy and Compassion, we acknowledge that we are not all that we would like to be. God have mercy. **All: God have mercy.**

Brother Jesus, we carry wounds and regrets, some of which are of our own design, and some of which we have received from others. Brother Jesus have mercy.

**All: Brother Jesus have mercy.**

Holy Spirit, we acknowledge our miss-steps, our hatreds, and our deep sorrows and ask You to heal us. Holy Spirit have Mercy.



**All: Holy Spirit have mercy.**

Forgive us, O God,

In all our weakness, strengthen us.

Comfort us, O God.

From all our sorrows, Heal us.

Together now we pray,

**All: Amen**

Let us celebrate God's glory with our voices as together we sing...

**Gloria (Mass of the Desert)**

**Opening Prayer**

Let us pray...

This is a place of safety,

This is a time of comfort.

Here and now the God who made the

universe waits to embrace us;

here and now we come to feel God's

healing touch again.

With all that we are,

parts that are whole,

and parts that are broken;

parts that are well,

and parts that are sick

parts that are joyful



and parts that are in pain,  
With all that we are,  
we come to worship You, O God,  
For You are gracious,  
merciful and kind,  
And we long to find our rest in You.

In Jesus' name we pray,

**All: Amen**

And now let us listen to the Word of God as well as the inspired word of God...

**First Reading:**

**A Prayer to Mary, by Megan Mc Kenna, from *Mary, Mother of All Nation***

Lector Art Bavoso

Stillness of God, settle in our souls. Breath of God, move through us.  
Light of God, illumine our nights and dawn in our hearts. Shadow of God,  
fall over us as once you bent over the face of Mary and sow the seed of  
holiness, of justice, and of mercy within us. Whisper of love and truth in our  
waiting hearts. As we have gazed on these faces and forms of light, make  
us icons of your reflection for all the world to see. Mary, you who  
learned the wisdom of mercy and lived in its mystery, share that knowledge  
with us. May we hear again your words to all of us: "Do whatever He tells  
you!" (John 2.5). Give us the courage to walk through the world, intent on  
giving birth to your Word, your hope, and your love, steadfast until we find  
ourselves gathered into you, O Trinity, at home with this woman who



believed, exalting together in the fullness of the freedom of the children of God.

Words Inspired by God.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 7: 13-17 - by Nan C Merrill from *Psalms For Praying***

Lector Art Bavoso

**The response is: Stay near me, heart of my heart.**

Arise, O Beloved, in your steadfast love, shield me from the demons within; Stay near me, heart of my heart, and I shall be strong to face my fears.

**All: Stay near me, heart of my heart.**

Let all the fragmented parts of my being gather around You; help me to face them one by one.

Loves healing presence will mend all that has been broken, and I shall be made whole.

**All: Stay near me, heart of my heart.**

**Second Reading: James 5:14-15**

Lector Ruth Alexander

Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of Christ Jesus. The prayer offered in faith will make them well; Christ will raise them up and all will be well.

The Word of God.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation Alleluia(V2-inclusive)**

**Gospel: Luke 4: 38-40**



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

A Proclamation of the Holy Gospel according to Luke. **All: Glory to You, O God.**

After leaving the synagogue Jesus entered Simon's house... As the sun was setting, all those who knew any who were sick with various kinds of diseases brought them to him; and he laid his hands on each of them and cured them.

This is the Good News of Jesus, Our Christ.

**All: Praise to You, Jesus our Christ.**

### **Homily—Mother Rosean**

**(I will tell the community that they will have 2 minutes after the Homily to write their sorrows, their grief or pain, their guilt or remorse—whatever burdens their hearts--on paper and then when they come forward for communion they are to drop the paper in one of the containers of water and it will dissolve.**

### **Creed**

And now let us profess our faith...

**All: We believe in God,**

**The Creator of all that we see,**

**and all that we do not see.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ,**

**God become flesh;**

**in death the Forgiver of sinners,**

**in rising the Healer of the broken.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,**



**God within us;**

**Comforter, Strenghtener**

**and Friend.**

**This is our profession of faith. Amen**

### **Prayers of the People**

Come to us again, O God.

Fill our prayers with power, and our hearts with faith.

Let us bring forth our prayers for all of Creation...

Lector Ruth Alexander

Our response is: In Your mercy, heal us O God.

**All: In Your mercy, heal us O God.**

We pray for every place in our world where the wounds of war have left their mark.

**All: In Your mercy, heal us O God.**

We pray for every scar of hatred that remains in our nation.

**All: In Your mercy, heal us O God.**

We pray for every person who is sick in body, mind or spirit.

**All: In Your mercy, heal us O God.**

We pray for all who work for the healing of our world.

**All: In Your mercy, heal us O God.**

(Read prayers from sanctuary). . . we pray

**All: In Your mercy, heal us O God.**



Are there prayers from our zoom attendees? , , ,we pray

**All: In Your mercy, heal us O God.**

We pray for all the people on our Prayer List and those we hold in our hearts, we pray.

**All: In Your mercy, heal us O God.**

### **Our Prayer for Synod**

**All: God oh High, the mountains are radiant with your glory.**

**Through your Christ the dawn from on high has broken upon us and lights our way. Bless our preparations for our Holy Synod, that we may be better bearers of the fire that gives light to the world. This we ask and can do, empowered by your Spirit. In Jesus' name. Amen**

Divine Curegiver, hear our prayers and let Your healing energy flow among us and within us. In Jesus' name we pray. **All: Amen.**

### **The Peace**

Celebrating God's endless faithfulness, may the peace of Christ be with you always. **All: And also with you.**

Let us share with one another a sign of Christ's peace, both virtually and in the sanctuary.

### **Liturgy of the Eucharist**

As we prepare our tables, offering food and drink here and in our homes, 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 able that these our gifts, our lives, may continue to be blessed by our Loving God. Let us sing together. . .

**Offertory** Transfigure Us O God (R; V2; R; V3; R)

**Preparation of the Gifts (during the Offertory Song)**



Blessed are You, Loving God of all Creation. Through Your goodness we have this bread and wine to place on our tables. Work of earth and human hands. May these become our spiritual food and drink. **All: Blessed is God forever.**

Wash away my iniquity, cleanse me. Pray my siblings in Christ that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God, our Almighty Mother and Father.

**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.**

May the Love of God be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Let us open up our hearts.

**All: We open them up to God.**

Let us give thanks to our Loving God.

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

### **Eucharistic Prayer**

Jesus came to seek the lost, to heal the sick,  
to free the captive, and restore the broken.

We give thanks for His unfailing love.

Creator God, who makes all things new,

We thank You for coming to us,

becoming one of us,

carrying our sin and our pain,

and opening the way to life.

We lift up our hearts to honor You,

and to give You thanks. With all the angels and saints we sing your praise...



## **Holy (MOD)**

As part of His work of healing, Jesus left us this sacrament, to remind us of His love, to invite us into His grace, and to extend to us His renewal.

God of healing, send your Holy Spirit upon us gathered around tables throughout your world and gathered as one Body that we may become signs of your love and transforming work in the world. + Let also your Spirit come upon these gifts of bread and wine before us to make them holy so that they may become for us the Body and Blood of our brother, Jesus the Christ.

We remember, at His last meal with His friends before He died, Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it, and then shared it with all, saying,

**All: Take this all of you and eat it. This is my body which will be given up for you.**

After they had eaten, He took wine, blessed it and shared it with all saying,

**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 faith. (sung)

## **Memorial Acclamation (MOD Save Us Savior)**

And so we eat and drink with thanks, and we remember the sacrifice of Jesus which makes us whole.

Send upon us, and upon all your creation, the life-giving Spirit who first moved upon the waters of the deep. Awaken this spirit in our chosen bishops, especially Bishop Kae and Bishop Paul, and in our 301 Faith Partnership with our Lutheran and Episcopal siblings in Christ.

As we gather in diversity, unite us with you through the body and blood of your Eternal Son, your Word made flesh. Remember all who have died, yet remain one with this Body in eternal love. (Especially Kelly Cahill, friend of Ruth Alexander)



May we live fully in the present, in love, and with love, delighting in our dance with the Holy Three in One.

Together now, we say...

**All: Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for all glory and honor is yours self-emptying/life-giving God, forever and ever.**

**Amen (MOD)**

### **The Prayer of Jesus**

Please turn to the cameras and let us join our hearts together to pray the words that our Savior has taught us...

**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 (MOD)**

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, because by your invitation, I am here.**

### **Invitation to Communion**

As we partake of the sustenance laid before us, let us affirm 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.**

Whether partaking here, or at our home tables, this food from God is offered to the people of God, without exception. You are each a precious child of God, and All are welcome at this table where Christ is the host!



**(Remind all to place their paper into the water and let it dissolve.)**

**Communion** Bread for the World (R; V1; R; V2; R)

Bless each person as they receive communion making the sign of the cross on their forehead and saying, “May God heal you and restore you to wholeness.”

**Prayer after Communion**

Let us pray...

We thank You, God,  
that You have fed us with Your life,  
embraced us with Your love,  
touched us with Your healing  
and filled us with Your Spirit.

**All: Amen.**

**Blessing of Jim Berry**

**All: In the name of God, we bless you, Jim. May you receive the gifts of wisdom and insight, compassion and understanding, growth and discernment throughout this ordination process. We bless you, Jim, as you bless us. Under the loving eyes of the Sacred Three in One we pray. Amen**

The Love of God be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

**Concluding Rite and Dismissal**

Let us open our hearts as we ask for God’s blessing.



Touched by God's grace, let us take God's grace into the world. Healed by God's love, let us take God's love into the world. Renewed by God's Spirit, let us go in the Spirit's power to be agents of God's healing, and let us be blessed to be a blessing, in the name of Amma/Abba God, our brother Jesus, and the Holy Spirit, Sophia.

**All: Amen**

This Mass continues in each of us. Let's carry the healing presence of Jesus to all God's people

**All: Thanks be to God**

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**Closing** Bless the Lord (R; V1; R; V2; R; V3; R)