



Mary of Magdala ECC July 26th, 2026

17th Sunday of Ordinary Time—Together Wherever We Are

"The Treasure of a Listening Heart"

Presider: Mother Alice Bradley Homilist: Kerrie Anderson

Welcome and Announcements: *Lector Jim Berry*

Social Justice Reflection: *Tom Moos*

Entrance **Come To Our God. (V1; R; V2; R)**

Greeting **Mth. Alice**

In the name of our Creator,

who plants the Divine Seed within every human heart;

of Jesus our brother,

who reveals the hidden treasure of God's Kingdom;

and of the Holy Spirit,

whose breath awakens wisdom, compassion, and peace.

Amen.

The grace of our Loving God, the peace of Christ,



and the companionship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

Introduction by the Celebrant

Good morning, everyone.

It is a blessing to gather with you today around Christ's table.

Today's readings invite us to look beyond what the world often values and discover something far more precious. Solomon asks not for riches or power but for a discerning heart and Jesus tells us that God's Kin-dom is like a hidden treasure worth everything.

Perhaps the greatest surprise of all is this:

the treasure we seek is already growing within us.

As we gather in prayer and around this Eucharistic table, may our hearts become rich soil where God's love continues to take root and flourish.

Penitential Act

Before we celebrate these sacred mysteries, let us quietly open our hearts to God's transforming mercy.

(Pause)

Loving God, You have planted your Divine Seed within every heart, yet we sometimes



fail to trust the goodness you have begun in us.

God, have mercy. **All: God, have mercy**

Christ Jesus, You invite us to become living treasures of compassion, yet too often we close our hearts to the needs of others.

Christ, have mercy. **All: Christ, have mercy.**

Holy Spirit, You continue to breathe compassion into our hearts, yet we sometimes choose fear instead of understanding.

Sophia Spirit, have mercy. **All: Spirit have mercy.**

May our gracious God forgive our failures, nourish the Divine Seed within us, and bring us to everlasting life. Amen.

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

Gloria *MOR*

Opening Prayer

Let Us Pray, God of Wisdom,

You have planted within every human heart the Divine Seed of your own life. Give us discerning hearts like Solomon, gentle spirits that recognize your hidden treasures, and courageous faith that continues to grow through every season of our lives. May we become people who pour love like water upon one another, bringing healing where there



is hurt, hope where there is discouragement, and peace where there is division. We ask this through Jesus the Christ, who reveals your Kindom among us, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.

Let us Joyfully listen to the Word of God, the good news in our midst. Some stories today will be from the Scriptures and some will acknowledge that God speaks into the world through other voices as well.

Presider moves from the altar to the side chair and sits.

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading 1Kings 3: 5, 7-12 *Lector Jim Berry*

At Gideon, God appeared in a dream to the ruler during the night, saying,

“Ask what you would like me to give you.”

Solomon replied,

“Now, Yahweh my God, you have continued tis kindness to David’s successor to sit on the judgment seat this very day. Here I am in the midst of our chosen people, a people so numerous they cannot be counted. Give me, your servant, a discerning heart, so that I may distinguish good from evil and govern your people with wisdom.”



The Word of an Israelite historian.

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm My Soul Is Thirsting. (R; V1; V2; R; V3; R)

Second Reading: *As We Move Deeper*, by Mark Nepo, from *The Way Under The Way*.
Lector Linda Joyce

into this mysterious river, I pray

we don't turn every thing

we touch into us.

that we help each other listen more

deeply than we have ever listened.

that we baptize each other

with what we find there

that we heal each other's

blindnesses by pouring love like



water on each other's eyes

and that waking in this way

we make the unseen breath of God

visible, the way wind can only lift

a tree that has grown in the open.

Words Inspired by God.

All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation *MOR*

Gospel *Kerrie Anderson*

Our Loving God is within you. **All: And also within you.**

A Proclamation of the gospel attributed to Matthew. 13: 44-52

All: Glory to you, O God.



Jesus spoke to the disciples: “The kin-dom of heaven is like a buried treasure found in a field. The ones who discovered it hid it again, and, rejoicing at the discovery, went and sold all their possessions and bought that field.

Or again, the kin-dom of heaven is like a merchant’s search for fine pearls. When one pearl of great value was found, the merchant went back and sold everything else and bought it.

Have you understood all this?”

“Yes,” they answered.

To this Jesus replied, “Every religious scholar who has become a student of the kin-dom of heaven is like the head of a household who can bring from the storeroom both the new and the old.”

The Good News of Jesus, our Christ.

All: Praise to you, Jesus our Christ.

Homily *Kerrie Anderson*



Prayers of the People

Mth.Alice: With trusting hearts, let us bring our prayers before our Loving God, confident that the One who knows our deepest hopes hears every prayer, we now pray for the needs of our community and our world.

Prayers of the People

Lector Linda Joyce

Our response is: Beloved, teach us to heal each other.

For the 301 Faith Partners to continue to reach out to the community of people who are immigrants, and those who are housing insecure, food insecure, and medically insecure, we pray,

Response: Beloved, teach us to heal each other.

For world leaders to hear the people they serve and put in place those programs that will enable the citizens to simply live in dignity, we pray,

Response: Beloved, teach us to heal each other.

For Mother Earth as wildfires, floods, drought, and extreme heat continue to be issues that people may come together globally to help each other with these challenges, we pray,



Response: Beloved, teach us to heal each other.

The prayers from the sanctuary are ... we pray,

Response: Beloved, teach us to heal each other.

Are there prayers from our members on zoom....we pray,

Response: Beloved teach us to heal each other.

And for all the prayers we hold sacred in our hearts, we pray,

Response: Beloved teach us to heal each other.

Mth. Alice: God of Wisdom, you never cease inviting us to discover the treasure of your love. Hear the prayers we have spoken, the hopes we carry quietly within our hearts,

and grant them according to your wisdom,

through Jesus the Christ and in the power of your Holy Spirit.

Amen.



The Peace

The peace of Christ is born from the communion of divine love. As
members of one family, held within the same sacred circle,
let us offer one another a sign of peace.

The Peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

*Please turn to the camera and offer a sign of peace to our members on zoom
before offering peace to our members in the sanctuary.*

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Mth Alice **As we prepare our tables with what food we have, 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 called and
able. Eucharistic Ministers set the table with the corporal and purificator
and place bread and wine for distribution onto the altar.**



Mth Alice goes to the front of the altar to receive the gifts and places them on the altar and begins preparation of the gifts .

Offertory Song Many And One. (R; V1; R; V3; R)

Preparation of the Gifts (quietly during Offertory song)

Pour wine and a little water into the chalice, saying:

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.

Raise the paten and chalice slightly:

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 Foundation of our life. All: Blessed be God forever.

The EM will pour water over presider's hands while she says:

O God, wash away my iniquity and ambivalence, cleanse my heart and soul.

Extend arms in invitation to prayer:

Pray, my beloved siblings, that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God.



All: May God accept our sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of God's name for our good and the good of all God's creation.

Prayer Over the Gifts *Extend arms in prayer*

Blessed are you, God of love and communion,
for through your goodness we bring before you these gifts: bread and wine,
fruit of the earth and work of human hands. As these gifts are gathered,
gather us also into deeper unity with one another. Transform our fears into
trust, our divisions into reconciliation, and our lives into offerings of
compassion.

May this table remind us that there is room for all within the embrace of
divine love through Christ our Beloved.

All: Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer

Extend arms toward community:

Christ is within you. **All: And also within you.**

Let us open our hearts. **All: We open them up to God.**

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



It is truly right that we give you thanks,
Loving and Faithful God, always and everywhere.
For you are the Giver of every good gift,
yet your greatest gift is not found in riches or power,
but in hearts awakened to your loving presence.
You planted the Divine Seed within every human soul,
trusting that, in your time, it would take root,
grow in wisdom, and bear the fruits
of compassion, justice, and peace.
There, often unnoticed, your grace is already at work,
drawing us toward the fullness of life.
When Solomon sought your blessing,
he asked not for greatness, but for a discerning heart.
You continue to answer that same prayer
in all who listen for your voice
and open themselves to the quiet work of your Spirit.
Your Beloved Child, Jesus, revealed that your Kin-dom
is like a hidden treasure, waiting to be discovered
in ordinary fields, within ordinary lives,



and in every human heart. You call us
not only to seek that treasure, but to become it—
living signs of your mercy, pouring love like water
upon one another's eyes, until your unseen breath
becomes visible in the world.

Therefore, with all who have recognized
the pearl of great price, with saints and seekers,
with all creation that sings of your glory,
we join our voices forever, proclaiming:

Holy MOR

Please join us in raising your hands over the gifts:

Send your Spirit upon these gifts and upon us, your people, that this bread
and wine may become the Body and Blood of Christ, ✠ and that we may
become one body, one spirit in your love.

Extend arms in prayer:



Together, we, the Body of Christ, remember what Jesus did at table and in life. Who, on the night before he was betrayed, and among friends, He took bread *pick up the bread* and gave you thanks. He broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said:

Raise the bread saying:

All: Take this all of you, and eat it: this is my Body, which will be given up for you. (*Profound bow*)

When supper was ended, he took the cup; (*pick up the chalice*) again he gave you thanks and, handing the cup to his disciples, said: (*Raise the chalice 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 all so that sins may be forgiven.

Do this in memory of me. *Profound bow*

Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith.

Memorial Acclamation MOR



Extend arms in prayer:

God of Love and Peace, through Jesus our Christ you have entrusted us with this Passover meal, this pledge of Love.

Together then with your servants of the Ecumenical Catholic Communion, and people of every faith and no faith,

we remember that your Love is our salvation not our possession. May this love convert us from the pattern of this passing world and conform us to the pattern of Christ.

Remember, O Holy Mystery, all those who have died.

Welcome them into your all-embracing Love

where you gather all people into yourself.

Setting our wisdom, our own wills, our words aside,

emptying our hearts and bringing nothing in our hands,

we yearn to unite with the Love Christ offers our world as together now we say...

Fully raise the paten and chalice through the Great Amen.



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

Amen MOR

The Prayer of Jesus

Please turn to those of us at home. Joining together we pray the words that Jesus gave 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 (MOR) Fractioning Rite



(Presider holds up whole consecrated bread and visibly and reverently divides it in two and the Eucharistic Ministers continue to prepare the bread during song

Hold consecrated host over chalice)

This is the living God. This is the One who transforms us and our world. Blessed are we who are called to this Meal.

All: Jesus, I am ready to receive you, and by your invitation I am here.

(Return the host and chalice to altar)

Invitation To Communion

As we share in this living sacrament of power and vulnerability, of community and individuality, of pain and joy, let us proclaim 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.

This sacred meal is offered for all of us to share, without exception. Coming to this table, Christ calls us to a deeper kinship than we can imagine. This is



the table of grace, the table of welcome, the table of communion. Here, and at home,

we remember that we are beloved participants in the life of divine love.

Communion Song On Eagles Wings. (V!; R; V2; R)

Distribute communion, 3 bread Ministers, one gluten free in middle. Two cup ministers. Afterwards offer communion to the ministers saying The Body of Christ; The Blood of Christ and clear the altar. After a moment of silent prayer the presider continues:

Prayer after Communion

God of hidden treasures, in this holy meal you have nourished the Divine Life already growing within us. May the Bread we have shared continue to strengthen our faith, expand our compassion, and deepen our wisdom. Send us now into the world to become living signs of your Kin-dom—people who heal with kindness, listen with discerning hearts, and pour love like water upon one another's eyes. May others discover in us the treasure you have planted there since the beginning through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Blessing

*Please open your hearts for a final blessing- responding to each with a big
AMEN...*

May the God who planted the Divine Seed within you continue to nurture its growth. **All: Amen**

May Christ, the hidden Treasure of every human heart, walk beside you and reveal new wonders along your journey. **All: Amen**

May the Holy Spirit give you discerning hearts, gentle hands, and eyes that recognize God's presence in every person you meet. **All: Amen**

And may Almighty God, Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit, bless you, keep you in peace, and bring your lives to abundant harvest. **All: Amen.**

Go in peace, to love, to listen deeply, and to become the treasure God has planted in the world.

All: Thanks be to God.

Closing Song **Benedictus (R; V1; R; V2; R; V3; R)**