**Mary of Magdala, May 10, 2026**
**6th Sunday in Eastertide —All Together Everywhere, ALLELUIA!!!!**
**Presider: Rev. Jane Reina**
**Homilist: Linda Joyce, Scientist Emeritus, U.S. Forest Service**

**Welcome and Announcements** *Lector Deb Klein*

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

**Entrance Song -** May Your Kin-dom Come (V1; R; V2; R)

**Greeting Rev. Jane Reina**

Welcome to the 6th Sunday in the Easter Season, also known as The Great 50 Days, and in anticipation of Pentecost in 2 weeks.

In today's readings we hear Jesus again helping the disciples transition from the pre-Jesus in-the-flesh to Jesus as-a-presence within.
In the 1st reading, *Blessing the Mothers*, you may hear Jesus as mother "and so they spin them [the stories] in celebration of what abides and benediction on what remains;"
and in the 2nd reading and the Gospel "…Jesus is helping the disciples transition from trauma and fear to cherished belonging in Christ, ever-present with them. Jesus is helping the disciples to transition. We are disciples of Christ in a community known as disciples, such is our entanglement.

Please feel free to sit or stand as together, here and at home, we take a deep breath and relax. I have introduced this because it is well established that we hold stress and anxiety in our bodies. Beautiful Bodies. Here, when we notice how we are feeling today, and enter into the presence of that Holy Mystery to which Jesus belongs, who loves us infinitely and unconditionally, we can surrender that stress even as we are challenged by the Gospel.

Welcoming the peace Jesus offers into our hearts we pray:

+ In the name of the Creative Mystery we call God, Jesus -- our Christ, and the Holy Spirit -- Sophia.

**Alleluia**

**Penitential Rite**

In humble gratitude for your durable heart that never fails to love us, we pray:

**All: Together, we turn back to you, O Risen Jesus, knowing you accept us even in the midst of our turning, just by our yearning to return to you. Bless us with both *knowledge* and *experience of you* as we turn with deep longing and open hearts for the peace you offer. We come in fragility and vulnerability recognizing the disturbing violence in our own hearts.**

***Rev. Jane.*** We turn back to you, Jesus our Christ, when we re-awaken to your presence within us and are again active and engaged with our interior life.

**All: We thank you, Jesus our Christ, for your Presence.**

We turn back to you, O God, when we encounter our fear and turn it over to you.
**All: We thank you, O God, for your faithfulness.**

We turn back to you, Holy Spirit, when we realize that Jesus is calling us to a transformation within community.
**All: We thank you, Holy Spirit, as we are transformed together into the Breath of God.**

***Rev. Jane:***

Jesus, you abandoned your Christ God-ness to became one of us. Now as Christ, you call us to find our peace in you when you say, "I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you."

**All: Amen**

**Gloria: (**MOJH)

**Opening Prayer**
God, the blessed Holy Three, is within you

**All: And also within you**.

Let us pray:
God of the Incarnation, God of The Way, God of the Crucifixion, God of the Resurrection, God of the Ascension you are faithful to your promise to be always with us; we believe your word not to leave us orphans. Open our hearts to that which you continually set before us -- your illumined Presence. Give us a deep sense of the meaning of your Easter Light within.

**All:** Amen. Alleluia.

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

May we breathe the Light of the Risen Christ into our hearts as we sit to hear the inspired Word of God.
**First Reading** *Lector Deb Klein*

*Blessing The Mothers*, by Jan Richardson, from **How The Stars Get In Your Bones.**

Who are our
first sanctuary.
Who fashion
a space of blessing
with their own being;

with the belly,
the bone,
and the blood—
or,
if not with these,

then with the
durable heart
that offers itself
to break
and grow wide,
to gather itself
around another
as refuge,
as home.
Who lean into
the wonder and terror
of loving what
they can hold
but cannot contain,
Who remain
in some part of themselves
always awake,
a corner of consciousness
keeping perpetual vigil.
Who know
that a story
is what endures,
is what binds us,
is what runs deeper
even than blood,
and so they spin them
in celebration
of what abides
and benediction on what remains:

The inspired word of God. **All: Thanks be to God.**

**Responsorial Psalm** Sung - Let All The Earth Cry Out (R: V1; V2; R; V3; R)

Wisdom of Sirach 1:1-10

**Our response is: All Wisdom is from God.**

All Wisdom is from God.
She dwells with God forever.
Sands of the sea, drops of rain, days of eternity,
—who can count them?
The reaches of the Cosmos, the mysteries of Earth,
the depths of life beyond the grave,
who can know them completely?
Only Wisdom.

**Response: All Wisdom is from God.**

Wisdom existed before all other things,

judicious understanding from before time.

The root of Wisdom, to whom has it been revealed?

Her subtleties and resilience, who knows them?

There is but One who is wise, and truly awesome,

the Judge of All, revealed in all Creation.

**Response: All Wisdom is from God.**

Wisdom is of God, and is God's word.

God saw Her and realized Her consequence.

God poured Her out upon all God's holy works,

upon every living thing, as a gift.

God lavished Her upon those who love.

**Response: All Wisdom is from God.**

**Second Reading 1 Peter** 3:13-18 *Lector Jim Berry*

Who is going to harm you if your goal is to do good? But
even if you should suffer for what is right, you are
blessed. Do not fear what others fear. Do not be afraid.
In your hearts revere Jesus as holy. Make the Christ your
center. Always be prepared to give an answer to
everyone who asks you to explain the hope that you have;
but, do this with gentleness and respect, keeping a clear
conscience, so that the very words of those who speak
maliciously against you will be their shame. If suffering
must be, it is better to suffer for doing good than for doing
evil. For Jesus the Messiah, the Christ, who was a
righteous person, also suffered because of injustice. He
did this to show you the way to God. Jesus was put to

death in the body but brought to life in the Spirit.

Listen to the Spirit speaking to God's people.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Proclamation** Alleluia (MOJH)
**Gospel**

Our Loving God is within you.
**All: And also within you.**
A proclamation of the Gospel according to **John** 14:18-21
**All: Glory to you O God.**

"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a

little while the world will no longer see me, but you will

see me. Because I live, you also will live. On that day,

you will know that I am in our Loving God. And You are

in me, and I am in you.

Whoever has my commandments

and observes them loves me; and those who love me will

be loved by our Loving God.

I will love them and reveal

myself to them."

The Good News of Jesus our Christ.

**All: Praise to you Jesus our Christ.**

**Homily** **Linda Joyce, scientist emeritus, US Forest Service**

**Rev. Jane** ***With a durable heart that offers itself to break and grow wide, to gather itself around another as refuge, as home,***
***all with durable, motherly hearts, come and get a flower.***

**Rev. Jane Let us profess a belief in God together:**

**All: We believe in one God, one human family, one planetary community, one body, one love, uniting all in beauty, for God's infinite love is infinite, fecund and beautiful.**
**We believe we are entangled with all earth life and all living creatures,**
**We believe this future is the relational unity of all living things in God.**
**We believe this earth has a future entangled with God.**
**We believe the heart of God is love. Amen.** *A Profession of Faith, from Christogenesis*

*Rev. Jane:* Let us bring our petitions to the Christ within us, so we pray…

**Prayers of the People** *Lector Jim Berry*

**Our Response is: Beloved God, receive our prayers.**

God, today, we celebrate mothers, but the truth is, we ought to celebrate them every day.

Their love manifests in small, subtle ways each day–in the mundane that sometimes we

can take for granted. We thank you for their sacrificial love and ask you to uplift them

today. Thank you for the gift they are in our lives, we pray,

**Response: Beloved God, receive our prayers.**

May we each find ways to do some good in this world, whether those acts of good be

small or large. In our world, acts of good are needed. May these acts feel like light from

heaven to others, we pray,

**Response: Beloved God, receive our prayers.**

May we see that our family and our community are important on Mother's Day, we pray.

**Response: Beloved God, receive our prayers.**

We pray that we can work on treating them with gentleness and respect as Christ taught us, we pray,

**Response: Beloved God, receive our prayers.**

May those who feel orphaned or alone come to accept God's love and guidance so that they come to know that they are truly loved, we pray,

**Response: Beloved God, receive our prayers.**

The prayers from the sanctuary are: . . . We pray

**Response: Beloved God, receive our prayers.**

Are there prayers from our members on zoom? We pray
**Response: Beloved God, receive our prayers.**
And for all the prayers we hold in our hearts… We pray
**Response: Beloved God, receive our prayers.**

Rev. Jane O Holy Mystery, hear our prayers joined with all the prayers world-wide to awaken to our own power from you to unite through nonviolence, justice and reconciliation.

**All: Amen**

**The Peace**
Jesus, you said to your apostles: "Peace be with you." May the Peace of Christ be in all of you.
**All: And also within you.**

Please turn toward the camera to offer a sign of peace to our siblings online, and then toward each other.

## LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

As we prepare our tables with whatever 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.
Let us sing together. . .

**Offertory Song -** Awake O Sleeper (V1; V2; R; V3; R) No Bridge

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

*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 source of forgetfulness of ourselves as we join in the humility of God. {**All: Blessed be God forever.**}*

*By the mystery of this water and wine, the co-mingling of humanity and divinity in Jesus, may we come to understand that Jesus brings us to wholeness through the eternal humbling of Christ. {**All: Blessed be God forever.**}*

*O God, wash away my fear and ambivalence, cleanse my heart to love more.*

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

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

**Eucharistic Prayer**

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.**

Blessed are you, compassionate and faithful God—to you we offer thanks and praise everywhere and always. All that exists has its origin in you. You, O God, are creation's eternal fulfillment. We thank you for our planetary home and our living cosmos beyond our understanding, all holy and sacred.

We thank you for emptying Yourself into time through Jesus.
For the life of Jesus—compassionate, nonviolent, forgiving, healing, and eternally present—transforms our living. The life of Jesus calls us to a deeper humanity by recognizing the inherent goodness and worth of every person on our planet.

We praise you, O Holy Mystery, as we gladly join our voices praising you with the entire cosmos, the whole of creation:

**Holy** (MOJH)

Flowing from the Exquisite Love visible and invisible throughout the entire cosmos, send your Holy Spirit to heal us and our home planet, Earth.

Please join us in raising your hands over the gifts:

Holy Spirit, come, sanctify these gifts of the earth, bread and wine ++, that they may become the Body and Blood of Jesus our Christ.

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 and gave you thanks. He broke the bread, gave it to

his disciples, and said:

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

When supper was ended, he took the cup; again he gave you thanks and, handing the cup to his disciples, 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 all so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in memory of me.**

Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith.

**Memorial Acclamation -** When We Eat (MOJH)

God of 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 your love convert us from the pattern of this passing world, and conform us to the pattern of the Eternal Christ.

Remember, O Holy Mystery, all those who have died. *(pause)* 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…

**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** (MOJH)

**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 – Eucharistic Ministers divide the bread, place the wine on the stands.*

**Lamb of God -** Instrumental music

Rev. Jane  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.**

**Invitation To Communion**
As we celebrate this abiding living sacrament, 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. All are called to the experience of our own inherent goodness and beloved-ness within God..

**Communion –** One Bread One Cup (V1; R; V2; R)

**Prayer after Communion  --  If you are able, please stand.**

*Rev Jane:*
Let us pray. . .Loving and generous God, we thank you for gathering us together to proclaim your love to our world, a world yet unknown as sacred and holy.  May this sacred celebration of abiding life renew our commitment to heal our planet and to overcome fear with sincere and genuine kindness to all. In gratitude to you, O Sacred One. **All: Amen**

**Blessing and Dismissal**

The Peace of God is within you.  **All:  And also within you.**

**Blessing of Mothers**

In the name of the Sacred Un-nameable, the Eternal Christ, and the Wisdom Spirit, Sophia.
**All: ALLELUIA**

Let us walk the earth with healing grace toward all that exists.

**All: Thanks be to God.  ALLELUIA!!!**

**Closing Song -** We are the Light (R; V1; R; V2; R; V3; R)