



Mary of Magdala, ECC— August 24, 2025

Celebrating the 21st Sunday of Ordinary Time

The Kin-dom of God – All Together Everywhere

Reverend Jane Reina Presiding

Welcome and Announcements *Lector Deb Klein*

Social Justice Reflection *David Cloyd*

Entrance Song Healing Waters (R; V1; R; V2; R)

Greeting Welcome to our Mass on the 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time. Today's

Gospel reading we hear a discussion of showing compassion when it can mean 'breaking the law.'

Let us continue in yearning and in wonderment as one expression of God's presence:

+In the name of the Creating Mystery, our Cosmic Christ, and the Holy Spirit of

Wisdom, Sophia. **All: Amen.**

PENITENTIAL RITE

Recognizing God's unconditional love for us, we humbly pray:

All: Together, we turn back to you, O Christ, knowing you welcome us even in the midst of our turning, just by our yearning to return. Bless us with an *experience* of



you as we turn with deep longing and open hearts. We come in fragility and vulnerability to know you and love you.

Christ, you, yourself are the Sacrament of the Incarnate God in all creation. Grant us the blessings of ethical reconciliation for our world full of error, pain and grief even when it means accepting the consequences.

When we recognize that we are captured by the illusion of safety, and still need to stand up for the stranger, the widow and the orphan, we humbly return to you. **All: Jesus, grant us Holy Wisdom.**

Christ, you are the life force in all creation. Help us turn again to you, together, when we live under the prideful illusion that we are self-sustaining.

All: Christ, grant us Holy Wisdom.

Source of deepest compassion, we are a community of pilgrims stumbling along your Way. By your grace may we grow more deeply in love with you, then we might know that the kin-dom of God is within here and now.

For Holy Wisdom, we give you thanks.

All: Amen.

In thanksgiving for endless Love, let us lift our voices in praise and glory of God!

Glory to God (Mass of the Desert)

Opening Prayer Let us pray:



God of Compassionate Love, we hunger for your Word. We hunger for your Grace. Give us the Grace to hear your Word that frees us to do what is right action. Give us Holy Wisdom to go inward until our true selves and you are one, emanating your Love. Speak to us now, for we are among those who need your healing.

All: Amen

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please be seated as the Word of God speaks to us.

First Reading *Lector Deb Klein*

A Reading from **Deuteronomy 5:12-15**

Observe the Sabbath day. Keep it holy, as God has commanded you. Six days you will labor and do all your work. But the seventh day is a Sabbath, a day of rest, to your God. You will do no work that day: neither you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your male or female worker, nor your ox, nor your donkey or any of your animals, nor any foreigner or undocumented person residing among you. Your servants, male, female, regardless of gender, will rest, as you do. Remember, you were slaves in Egypt and God brought you out from there with a strong hand and an outstretched arm. This is why God has commanded you to observe the Sabbath day.

The Word of Ancient Israelite Lawmaker.

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm 92:2-5; 13-14; 15-16 *Lector Deb Klein*



Our response is: We proclaim your love at daybreak, your faithfulness at night.*

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What a beautiful thing to declare Your love in the morning,
and Your faithfulness every night
to the music of a ten-stringed harp,
to the sounding chords of the lyre!
You, O God, have brought us joy.

We sing in gladness at what Your hands have done.

Response: We proclaim your love at daybreak, your faithfulness at night.

All who live justly shall flourish like the palm tree,
grow like a cedar of Lebanon.

Planted in the house of the Holy One,
we will flourish in the courtyard of God.

Response: We proclaim your love at daybreak, your faithfulness at night.

We will still bear fruit in old age.

We will stay green and full of sap.

We will sing of God's unfailing nourishment.

"God is upright, our sure foundation,
in God, there is no wrong."

Response: We proclaim your love at daybreak, your faithfulness at night.

*Instead of a spoken psalm, a congregation might use the Schutte Version of this psalm, "Like Cedars They Shall Stand". Or, the psalm might be read with the Like Cedars chorus used as a sung refrain with the spoken psalm.



Second Reading *Lector Linda Joyce*

A Reading from the Letter to the **Hebrews 12:14, 18-19, 22-24**

Pursue peace with everyone. Pursue holiness without which no one can see God.

It is not to the tangible, blazing fire of Mount Sinai that you have come. You have not come to Mount Sinai's gloomy darkness and ominous cloud. You have not come to its storm. You have not come to its trumpet-sound, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them.

No. You have come to the "mountain" of God, to the city of the living God, the heavenly Dwelling, to countless angels in festal gathering. You have come to the assembly of the first-born enrolled in the cosmic splendor! You have come to God, the gracious judge of all, and to the souls of the just who have been birthed into wholeness. You have come to Jesus, the embodiment of a new covenant, whose shed blood speaks more eloquently than Abel's.

Listen to the Spirit speaking to God's people.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia (MOD) **Gospel**

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

A proclamation of the Holy Gospel attributed **to Luke. 13: 10-17; 14: 1-6**

All: Glory to you, O God!



One Sabbath, Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues. There was a woman present who, for eighteen years, had an ailment caused by a spirit.

She was bent over double, incapable of standing up straight.

When Jesus saw her, he called her over to him and said, “Woman, you are set free of your infirmity.” He laid his hands on her; and, immediately, she stood up straight and began praising God.

The leader of the synagogue, indignant that Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, said to the congregation, “There are six days for working. Come on those days to be healed, not on the Sabbath.”

Jesus replied, “You hypocrites! Does not each one of you untie your ox or your donkey from the manger on the Sabbath to water it? Shouldn't this daughter of Sarah and Abraham, whom Satan has kept bound for eighteen long years, be loosed from her bond on the Sabbath day?” At these words, Jesus’ adversaries were humiliated. The whole crowd, by contrast, rejoiced at all the splendid deeds Jesus was doing.

On yet another Sabbath, Jesus went to dine at the home of a leading Pharisee. Those gathered there were observing him carefully. There was a foreman present who was suffering from dropsy. Jesus spoke to the scholars of the law and to the Pharisees, asking, “Is it lawful to cure on the Sabbath or not?”; but they kept silent and did not respond. After Jesus healed the man, he sent him away. Then Jesus said to the Pharisees, “Who among you, if your child, or even your ox, falls into a cistern, would not immediately pull them out on the Sabbath day?” Again, they were silent. They were unable to answer his question.

The Good News of Jesus our Christ.



All: Praise to You, Jesus, our Christ.

Homily Pastor Jane

Prayers of the People

Rev. Jane: You, Compassionate One, who are here, you know our needs even before we know them.

Linda Joyce Lector

Our response is: Compassionate God, we trust in your love and assistance.

All: Compassionate God we trust in your love and assistance.

Guides us to words and actions that acknowledge the dignity of each person, and support respectful and just treatment of all peoples within the United States. We pray

All: Compassionate God, we trust in your love and assistance.

May we embrace Jesus' greeting, "Peace be to you", as we connect with others of different backgrounds to find peaceful ways to live together. We pray

All: Compassionate God, we trust in your love and assistance.

For wisdom, grace and gratitude to keep Mother Earth healthy and happy as she feeds and sustains us and future generations. We pray

All: Compassionate God, we trust in your love and assistance.

Read the prayers from the Sanctuary . . . , we pray.

All: Compassionate God, we trust in your love and assistance.

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

All: Compassionate God, we trust in your love and assistance.



We pray for those on our Prayer List and those held in the quiet of our hearts, we pray.

All: Compassionate God, we trust in your love and assistance.

Rev. Jane...O Compassionate God, we have raised up our needs to you. We have faith that you will answer us and then with full hearts we say with the psalmist, “We proclaim your love at daybreak, your faithfulness at night.” **All: Amen.**

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The Peace

Jesus said to his disciples, “Peace be with you. My peace I give you.” May the peace of Christ, not of this world, be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Please turn and share a sign of peace with our siblings here virtually and then turn to share with one another.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

As we prepare our tables with the food we have, here and at home, 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 Benediction (V1; V2; V3; V4)

Procession of the Bread and Wine by Eucharistic Ministers



Preparation of the Gifts (*During Offertory Song*) Blessed are you, God of all Creation, through your goodness we have this bread and wine. All creation originated as star dust and star dust has evolved into wheat and grapes from the soil of the earth. We, too evolving from stardust, have made bread and wine. May this bread and wine become for us the sacred nourishment we seek. **All: Blessed be God forever.**

By the mystery of this water and wine, we share in the divinity of Christ who emptied himself sharing in our humanity. **All: Blessed be God forever.**

Prayer over the Gifts

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

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

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

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

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

Amma/Abba God, source and destiny of all life, we praise you and thank you through Jesus our Christ. Jesus, who brings us a peace not of this world as we follow his example here today as living into the Kin-dom of God in eternity.

Through self-emptying love of Jesus, we may be transformed as we follow The Way exemplified by Jesus our Christ. Compassion opens our hearts to this transformation. For



this and many more gifts, we never cease to thank and praise you, and joining with the choirs of the cosmos as we sing to your glory:

Holy (MOD)

Eucharistic Prayer

Blessed are you, compassionate and faithful God. Our hearts naturally sing your praise. With loving tenderness, you have gathered us and filled us with a longing for your justice that will never fail and your peace that will last. Through countless generations, your people hungered for the bread of freedom. From them, you raised up Jesus, the living Bread, in whom our ancient hungers are satisfied, the Word that liberates us from injustice and violence, the hand you stretch out to the sick, the poor, and the oppressed.

Jesus the Christ is the Way that leads to peace.

Flowing from this Exquisite Love visible and invisible throughout the entire cosmos, send your Holy Spirit to heal our lives. You are invited to stretch out your hand over these gifts and pray: O Holiness, make these gifts of bread and wine ++holy, that they may become the Body and Blood of Jesus our Christ.

While he was at supper on the night before he died, 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.

At the end of the meal, he took the cup. Again, he praised you for your goodness, gave 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 you and for all so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in memory of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

Memorial Acclamation Save Us Savior (MOD)

Loving God, with gratitude we remember the passion of Jesus, his suffering at the hands of a broken humanity filled with violence and enmity. He endured all this with a love free of retaliation, revenge and retribution. He died loving his enemies and forgiving his persecutors. Together then with people of every faith and no faith, we remember that LOVE is our salvation, not our possession.

Remember, O Christ, those who have died and welcome them into your all-embracing love, where you gather all people into yourself.

Setting our wills and words aside, emptying our hearts and bringing nothing in our hands, we proclaim,

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



Amen (MOD)

The Prayer of Jesus

Please turn to the camera and let us join our hearts together as 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 – Meditation song while bread is broken

This is the Living God. This is the one who transforms us and our world. Blessed are we who are called out of ourselves and into this Love.

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

Invitation to Communion

As we rejoice in our coming together in this transforming energy, let us affirm:

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 sharing this meal here or at home, all are called to consume what heals us. All are welcome to this feast of unrestricted and unconditional Love.

(remind about gluten-free hosts)

Communion We Come To You (V1; R; V2; R)

PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray... We proclaim your love at daybreak and your faithfulness at night.

Christ of all life, we thank you for your gifts of the Bread of Peace and the Cup of Blessing. We look forward to the day when hope becomes reality: when our swords are melted into plowshares and "...no harm is done along the Holy Mountain." **All: Amen**

Blessing for Dori Healy and Jim Berry

All: Gracious and Loving God, we raise our hands and hearts to bless Dori and Jim as they continue the journey of discernment toward ordained ministry with Mary of Magdala. Enliven them with clarity of vision and insight, and guide them to willingly accept what unfolds for them. May our blessing help sustain their journey in Christ. May it be so.

CONCLUDING RITE AND DISMISSAL

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

Let us open our hearts and receive God's blessing...



May the All-Compassionate God bless you to abide in your own agency and by your own conscience as a priestly people.

In the name of Amma/Abba God, Jesus the Christ, and the Holy Spirit, Sophia.

All: Amen.

Dismissal: Go now out into the world seeing Christ everywhere. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Closing Bless The Lord (R; V1; R; V2; R; V3)