



Mary of Magdala, ECC — October 4, 2026

Celebrating the Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time --

Together Wherever We Are

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Welcome and Announcements: *Lector Kathie Wilson*

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Entrance Song: Table of Plenty (R; V1; R; V2; R)

Greeting

Let us continue as one expression of God's people, in the name of Amma/Abba
God, our brother Jesus, and the Holy Spirit Sophia.

All: Amen

May the grace of Jesus Christ, the Love of God, and the communion of the Holy
Spirit, be with you all.

All: And also with you.

Good afternoon and welcome! Thank you for coming to worship with us today. We
are blessed by your presence among us.



Today is the feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi, patron saint of animals, the environment/ecology, and peace. It also marks the final day of our Season of Creation. Our Gospel today, finds us in the vineyard again, just as it did on the first Sunday of the Season of Creation. If the vineyard is seen as our world, God designed humans to be guests here on this Earth. As the current tenants of this planet, are we tending to the vineyard and sharing the abundance of God's creation, or are we trying to seize control of it? Let us listen to the call to abandon the illusion of possession and practice radical sharing.

And now let us remember the Author of all Creation...

Penitential Act

God of all Creation,

You have gifted us with land and trees, animals and all living creatures on the earth. Help your people to sustain your creation.

All: Help your people to sustain your creation.

Brother Jesus, Giver of Living Water,

We have been given the wonders of the ocean, the fish, shells, reefs, whales, waves, and corals. Help your people to sustain them.

All: Help your people to sustain them.



Creator Spirit,

You created Mother Earth, our common home, who sustains us. Help your people to sustain Her.

All: Help your people to sustain Her.

God of light and life, help us to care for the beauty of your creation, renew us by your nurture and blessing, and bring us to life everlasting.

All: Amen.

And now let us sing our praises to God...

Gloria (MoMM)

Opening Prayer

Let us pray...

Source of All Life,

You have planted a beautiful creation and invited us into a sacred partnership to tend, cultivate, and protect it. You supply the soil, the sun, and the rain, dreaming of a world where all your children can thrive in safety and abundance.

We come together today recognizing the deep responsibility of our interconnectedness. Keep us mindful of how easily we can reject the truths that



challenge our comfort. Help us to examine the systems we build and ensure that Christ, our shared cornerstone, remains the foundation of our radical hospitality and love.

Open our hearts to welcome the marginalized, the seeker, and the truth-teller.

Empower this community to be a fertile ground where love takes root, justice flows, and a harvest of peace is shared equally by all.

In the name of the One who teaches us to love without borders,

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Liturgy of the Word

Let us joyfully listen to the Word of God, the good news in our midst.

First Reading Isaiah 5: 1-7 *Lector Artie Bavoso*

I will sing for the One I love a song about a vineyard:

My Beloved had a vineyard on a very fruitful hill.

My love, with love, tilled the soil, cleared it of stones,

planted it with choice vines. built a watchtower in it,

and cut out a wine press as well.

My Beloved looked for a crop of vintage grapes,



but it yielded only bad fruit.

The Beloved speaks:

“You dwellers in the land and people called “chosen”,

judge between Me and My vineyard.

What more could I have been done for My vineyard than I did?

When I looked for good grapes, why did it yield only bitter grapes?...

Now, I will tell You what I am going to do to My vineyard:

I will take away its hedge, and it will be eaten up.

I will break down its wall, and it will be trampled.

I will make it a wasteland, neither pruned nor tilled,

and briars and thorns will grow there.

I will command the clouds not to rain on it.”

You are the vineyard that was meant to be a holy vineyard.

You were the Beloved’s delight.

The Beloved looked for justice but saw only bloodshed;

for righteousness but heard only cries of distress.

The Word of the Prophet Isaiah.



All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Remain In Me I Am The Vine (R; V1; R; V2; R; V3; R)

Second Reading Philippians 4: 6-9 *Lector Lynne Barnes*

Beloved, do not be anxious about anything. In everything, pray. Let petitions and thanksgiving transform your worry into prayer. Let the Beloved know all your concerns. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will come, and calm your hearts and minds, which is the yield from life in Jesus the Christ.

Finally, my loved ones, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is authentic and pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious— if anything is excellent or praiseworthy— think on such things. Keep doing what you have learned and received and heard and seen in me. Then the God of peace will be



with you.

Listen to the Spirit speaking to God's people.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation (MoMM V3)

Mother Rosean Blesses Tom

Gospel: Tom Moos

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

A Proclamation of the Holy Gospel attributed to Matthew 21:33-46

All: Glory to You, O God.

Jesus continued to teach in the Temple: "Listen to another parable."

"There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a wall around it, dug a wine press in it, built a tower, rented it out to vine-growers, and went on a journey.

"When harvest time approached, the owner sent servants to the vine-growers to collect the fruit. The vine-growers beat one servant, killed another, and stoned a third. Again, the owner



sent another group of servants, larger than the first. They did the same thing to them.

Afterwards the owner thought, ‘They will respect my progeny,’ and sent The family’s own child to them;

but when the vine-growers saw the heir coming, they said among themselves, ‘This is the one who stands in our way of everything. Come, let’s kill the heir and seize the inheritance.’

With that they took and threw the heir out of the vineyard, where they killed the owner’s own child. Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will be done to those vine-growers?”

The chief priests and elders who heard Jesus replied, “The landowner will bring those wretches to a wretched end and rent out the vineyard to other vine-growers, who will pay the fair share of the crop at the proper seasons.”

Jesus said to them, “Did you never read in the Scriptures, ‘The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. God has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes’.

Therefore, understand this: The reign of God will be taken away



from you and given to people who will produce its fruit.

“Anyone who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces and anyone on whom it falls will be crushed.”

When some of the chief priests and Pharisees heard Jesus’ parables, they understood that he was speaking about them. They sought a way to seize him; but they feared the people because they held him to be a prophet.

The Good News of Jesus our Christ.

All: Praise to you Jesus our Christ.

Homily: Tom Moos

Prayers of the People: *Lector Lynne Barnes*

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

Our response is: Creator God, receive our prayers.

For leaders of all countries that they may listen and respect the voices of their people and enact measures to help all live complete lives, we pray,



Response: Creator God, receive our prayers.

For Mother Earth, especially the waters who give us life, that we may protect and keep clean the waters, soil, air, environment, and our natural resources for our children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren—for all time we pray,

Response: Creator God, receive our prayers.

For our 301 Fath Partners, all churches and faith traditions that they may be places that offer God's love and healing graces to seekers, we pray,

Response: Creator God, receive our prayers.

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

Response: Creator God, receive our prayers.

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

Response: Creator God, receive our prayers.

And for healing into wholeness for the people on our prayer list, and the prayers we hold sacred in our hearts, we pray,

Response: Creator God, receive our prayers.



Mother Rosean: God of all that was, is, and shall be, 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.

All: Amen

The Peace:

Jesus, you said to your apostles: “I leave you my peace, my peace I give you.”

May the Peace of Christ be within you all.

All: And also within you.

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

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.

Let us sing together...

Offertory Benediction (V1; V2; V3; V4)



Preparation of the Gifts (During Offertory Song)

Blessed are You, Loving God of all Creation, through Your goodness we have this bread to place on Your table. Work of earth and human hands. May it become our spiritual food.

All: Blessed be God forever.

Blessed are You, Loving God of all Creation, through Your goodness we have this wine to place on Your table. Work of earth and human hands. May it become our spiritual drink.

All: Blessed be God forever.

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.

Wash away my iniquity, cleanse me of my sin.

Prayer over the Gifts

Pray my siblings in Christ, that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God, our Mother and Father.

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.



Eucharistic Prayer for the Season of Creation from the Episcopal Church in Wyoming.

May The Beauty of God's Creation be with you. **All: And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **All: We lift them up to God.**

Let us give thanks to our Loving God.

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

We thank you, Creator God, that we live in a place where the glorious revelation of yourself is all around us. The prairie bursts with song from wind and birds and waving grasses. The abundance of animals roaming freely reminds us of our own freedom, and the many ways you provide sustenance in your kingdom.

From the depths of the ocean floor you lifted your massive mountains and pointed them toward the heavens. We, like your Son, are called to these high places to get away and rest in communion with you.

We marvel as we wander through stately pines and twirling aspens along the creeks, where trout dance on their tails above the rocks, and deer and elk sip from the water's edge: and we remember that you have given us the Living Water to quench our thirst. Our spirit is refreshed and our strength renewed.



We welcome the passing of seasons in broad circles of time, with anticipation of new things to come, and we recognize that same feeling of hope that encircles our faith.

Our lives are lived between sunrises and sunsets and brilliant colors. But at night the limitless stars have a way of pushing back the boundaries of our lives and we dream of the heavens and your wonder.

And with all these blessings of your creation around us, O God, we come together in communities on the prairie, by rivers and streams, on mountain tops, and in their shadows in the valley, to receive your Word, which has been sown in rich soil and grown into a fruitful crop in the Body of Christ.

And so we join with saints and angels in proclaiming your glory as we sing...

Holy (MoMM)

As we gather to praise your name, we see your greatest glory, Jesus, reflected in each other's faces, and we know the magnitude of your love for us and ours for you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, gave it to all, and said:

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



As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, and gave it to 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.

Memorial Acclamation (MoMM. When We Eat)

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, who lived and died as one of us, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

++ Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Jesus, the Christ.

Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made. In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Together now we say...



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, forever and ever.

Great Amen (MoMM)

The Prayer of Jesus

Please turn again to the camera to pray with our siblings at home...

Now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

All: Amma/Abba God, who are 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 and the power and the glory are Yours now and forever. Amen

THE SHARED TABLE

Lamb of God (MoMM)

This is the Living God, the Body and Blood of Christ. This is the One whose LOVE transforms the world. Happy 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 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.

An open invitation awaits all of you at this table where Jesus Christ is the host. An invitation to be fed and to be loved without measure. Each one of you is a precious child of God. All are welcome, no exceptions.

(gluten free in center, red wine and white grape juice in the metal cups)

Communion Song Do this In Memory Of Me (V1; R; V2; R)

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray...

Living God, you have planted us as branches of the true vine and fed us at your holy table. By the power of this Holy Communion, transform us into faithful tenants of your creation. Help us to yield a harvest of righteousness, justice, and love, to the glory of your name; through Jesus Christ, the cornerstone of our faith.

All: Amen.



Blessing of the Animals/Pets

Blessing

May the love of the Risen Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

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

May our hearts feel the song of the meadowlark, our minds the clearness of the mountain air, and our souls the freedom of the soaring eagle. May our faith be renewed as the creek in spring, and may we always feel the love of the community of Christ.

May the blessing of God, the Author of Creation, Jesus, the Living Water, and the Holy Spirit, Giver of Life, be upon you and remain with you always.

All: Amen

Dismissal

We are the stewards of Mother Earth. May we go forth to protect her in all our actions and decisions.

All: Thanks be to God.

Closing Song A Rightful Place (R; V1; R; V2; R)

