



Mary of Magdala, ECC – January 14, 2024
First Sunday in Ordinary Time – Together Wherever We Are
Mother Rosean Amaral presiding

Welcome and Announcements – *Lector Lynne Barnes*
Social Justice Reflection – *Tom Moos*

Entrance Song – Fish With Me (V1; R; V2; R)

Greetings and Welcome

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 God, and
the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

Mother Rosean Welcomes... (Ad Lib)

Penitential Rite

Let us humbly turn to our God, ready to receive
God's mercy and be transformed...
God of all names, make us yearn for true greatness
in our midst—for those who serve your kin-dom
with all their hearts. God have mercy.

All: God have mercy.

Brother Jesus, help us to care as much about the
poor and disenfranchised as you did. Christ have
mercy.

All: Christ have mercy.

Holy Spirit, be in us all to teach us truth and not
error, love and not hate. Holy Spirit have mercy.

All: Holy Spirit have mercy.

May our compassionate God have mercy on us,
forgive us our missteps, and bring us to life
everlasting.

All: Amen

With joyful hearts let us sing our praises to God...

Glory to God *Mass of Mary Magdalene*

Opening Prayer

Let us pray...

God of relationship, in the ordinary moments of
our lives, when thoughts, distractions, and
busyness might keep us apart, open our hearts to
let you in. When you stand before us, as angel or
stranger, and whisper softly to our soul, open our
hearts in obedience to you. In Jesus' name we pray.

All: Amen

LITURGY OF THE WORD

And now let us listen to the inspired Word of God
in our midst.

**First Reading— A Reading from the First Book of
Samuel 3:1-10, 19** *Lector Lynne Barnes*

Hannah's child, Samuel, was ministering to the
Holy One under Eli. The word of God was rare in
those days. Visions were not widespread.
One night, Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow
dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his
usual place. The lamp of God had not yet gone out,
and Samuel was lying down in the Tabernacle of
God, where the Ark of the Covenant was. Then God
called, "Samuel! Samuel!" who responded, "Here I
am!" Samuel ran to Eli, and said, "You called me?
Here I am." But Eli said, "I did not call you. Go back
to bed." So, Samuel went and lay down. God called
again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli,
and said, "You called me. Here I am." But Eli said, "I
did not call, my child. Go back to bed." Now Samuel
did not yet know God, and the word of God had
not yet been revealed to him. God called Samuel
again, a third time. He got up and went to Eli, and
said, "You called me. Here I am." Then Eli perceived
that God was calling Samuel. Therefore, Eli said to
Samuel, "Go. Lie down. If you hear God's voice
again, say, 'Speak, Holy One. Your servant is



listening.” So, Samuel went and lay down in his place.

Then God came and stood there, calling as before, “Samuel! Samuel!” And Samuel said, “Speak. Your servant is listening.” As Samuel grew up, God was with him and let none of Samuel’s words fall to the ground.

The Word of An Israelite Court Historian.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm—Psalm 40 (R; R; V1; R; V2; R; V3; R; R) *sung*

Second Reading *Lector Ruth Alexander*

Excerpt from Martin Luther King Jr's speech "I've Been to the Mountaintop." Dr. King delivered this last speech the day before he was assassinated.

When I got to Memphis, some began to talk about the threats that were out. What would happen to me? Well, I don't know what will happen now. We've got some difficult days ahead. But it doesn't matter with me now. Because I've been to the mountaintop. And I don't mind. Like anybody, I would like to live a long life. Longevity has its place. But I'm not concerned about that now. I just want to do God's will. And He's allowed me to go up to the mountain. And I've looked over. And I've seen the promised land. I may not get there with you. But I want you to know tonight, that we, as a people, will get to the promised land. And I'm happy tonight. I'm not worried about anything. I'm not fearing any man. Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord.

Words Inspired by God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation *Mass of Mary Magdalene*

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Open our hearts O God,

Gospel **John 1:35-49.**

The Word of Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

A Proclamation of the Gospel attributed to John 1:35-49

All: Glory to you, O God.

My siblings in Christ,
John the Baptizer was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, “Look, the Lamb of God!” The two disciples heard this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he asked them, “What are you looking for?” They replied, “Rabbi” (which translated means Teacher), “where are you staying?” Jesus said to them, “Come and see!” They went and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon.

One of the two who heard John speak and followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother and say to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which translated means “Anointed One” or “the Christ”). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, “You are Simon, son of John. You are to be called Cephas (which is translated, Peter).

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, “Follow me.” Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, “We have found the one about whom Moses in the Law and the Prophets wrote: Jesus, son of Joseph, from Nazareth!” Nathanael said to him, “Nazareth? Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” Philip said to him, “Come and see.”

When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, “Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit.” Nathanael asked, “How do you know me?” Jesus answered, “I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.” Nathanael replied, “Rabbi, you are one born of God! You are the Servant Leader of Israel!”

The Good News of Jesus, our Christ.

All: Praise to you, Jesus, our Christ.

Homily — *Mother Rosean Amaral*



Prayers of the People: *Lector Ruth Alexander*

M. Rosean: Let us bring forth our prayers for all of Creation...

Our response is: Loving God, receive our prayers.

For open ears and hearts to hear God's call to do what can be done to make all of creation loved and whole, including ourselves, we pray, **Response: Loving God, receive our prayers.**

For all people who are unhoused, especially new immigrants, during this time of winter cold, that they may find places to be warm and safe, we pray, **Response: Loving God, receive our prayers.**

For our country to truly believe all people are created equal and ensure that all people have access to the resources they need to thrive, **Response: Loving God, receive our prayers.**

I will now read the prayers from the sanctuary...we pray, **Response: Loving God, receive our prayers.**

Are there prayers from those on zoom?we pray, **Response: Loving God, receive our prayers.**

And for all those on our prayer list and the prayers we hold in our hearts, we pray, **Response: Loving God, receive our prayers.**

M. Rosean: Loving God, hear the prayers of your people--those we have spoken and those still deep within our hearts--through Christ in whose 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 that peace, with our siblings at home turning to the camera 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. . .

Procession of the Bread and Wine

Offertory Song – I Will Choose Christ (R; V1; R; V2; R)

Preparation of the Gifts (*During Offertory Song*)

Blessed are you, Loving God of all Creation, through your goodness we have this bread and this wine to place on your table. Work of earth and human hands. May it become our spiritual food and drink. **All: Blessed be God forever.**

Wash away my iniquity, cleanse me.

Prayer over the Gifts

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

All: May our 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

The peace of our God be with you all.

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.



It is right and just God, Our Parent, loving Source and Destiny of all life.

We praise you and thank you through Jesus, the Christ. He is your faithful servant, our brother, who brings peace to our broken world through his new commandment of love and his confrontation with the powers of evil and injustice. Through his self-emptying love, he transforms our swords into plowshares, our hostility into reconciliation, our alienation into community, and our hatred into forgiveness of our enemies.

The Spirit of the Nonviolent Christ is at work when understanding puts an end to strife, when hatred is overcome by compassion, when vengeance gives way to forgiveness. For the gift of this transforming love, we never cease to thank and praise you. We join with all the choirs of heaven and with all the earth to proclaim your glory:

Holy Holy Holy

Blessed are you compassionate and faithful God. We do well always and everywhere to give you thanks.

You have no need of our praise, yet our desire to thank you is itself your gift. With loving tenderness, you have gathered your people and filled us with a longing for peace that would last and for justice that would never fail.

Through countless generations, your people hungered for the bread of freedom. From them you raised up Jesus, the Living Bread, in whom ancient hungers were satisfied.

Jesus is the Word that brings liberation from injustice and violence. Jesus is the hand you stretch out to the sick, the poor and the oppressed. Jesus is the way that leads to peace.

On the night before he went forth to his life-giving death, rejecting violence, loving his enemies, and praying for his persecutors, he gave his disciples a

new commandment: 'Love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another.'

With a love stronger than death, he opened his arms wide and surrendered his Spirit in suffering service.

Loving God, send your Spirit to heal our lives and to make holy these gifts of bread and wine, that they may become the +Body and Blood of Jesus, the Christ.

While he was at supper on the night before he laid down his life for us all, He took bread in his hands and gave you thanks and praise. He broke the bread and gave it to his disciples, saying:

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 chalice. Again, he praised you for your goodness and gave it to his disciples, 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 When We Eat...

Loving God, with gratitude we call to mind the passion of your Son, Jesus. We remember his suffering at the hands of a broken humanity, filled with the spirit of violence and enmity. We remember that he endured his torture and crucifixion with a love free of retaliation, revenge, and retribution. We celebrate that you raised him on the third day as your vindication of his love for his siblings in the human community and for all of creation.



Therefore, we ask you, God, to accept us, together with your Son. Fill us with his Spirit through our sharing in this meal.

May his Spirit of peace take away all that divides us. May this same Holy Spirit keep us always in communion with our Bishops Pablo and Kae together with all our siblings in Christ, living and deceased. We especially remember Sharon Lee Six, mother of Michael Six.

Loving God, make your church throughout the world a sign of unity and an instrument of your peace. You have gathered us here around the table of your Son, in fellowship with Mary, the Mother of God, with Joseph, her spouse, with St. Mary of Magdala and all the saints.

In that new creation where the fullness of your peace will be revealed, gather people of every race, language, religion, and way of life to share in the one eternal banquet with Jesus our Christ.

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

The Prayer of Jesus

(Turn to the cameras and) Let us join hearts together and pray the words that have been prayed for centuries.)

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 (Sung)

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.

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.

May the mystery of our participation in the sacred mystery, enliven our faith, inspire our service, and incarnate God's compassionate love where-ever we may be.

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. All are welcome at the banquet of Christ's kin-dom. (remind about gluten free hosts)

Communion Song – Pescador de Hombres (V1; R; V2; R; V3; R; V4; R) (all verses in English; All Refrains in Spanish)

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray....

We have a call!

To be loved
and to love.

To be shown mercy
and to show mercy.

To be forgiven
and to forgive.

To receive hope
and to offer hope.

To know joy
and share joy.



To feel peace
and bring peace.
To be made whole
and offer wholeness.
We have a call
Listen...
Listen...
Do you hear?
In the name of Christ,
All: Amen

Prayer for 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
watchful eyes of the Sacred Three in One we pray.
Amen**

Concluding Rite and Dismissal

Let us open our hearts and ask for God's blessing...

May you know your path.
not by how it shines
before you
but by how it burns
within you,
leaving you whole
as you go from here
blazing with
your inarticulate,
your inescapable
yes. —Jan Richardson
May this blessing be yours in the name of
Abba/Amma God, Jesus our brother, and the Holy
Spirit Sophia.
All: Amen

This Mass continues in each one of us. Let us go
forth to listen, follow, and love others as God loves
us.

All: Thanks be to God.

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