



Mary of Magdala, ECC March 7, 2021
Celebrating the 3rd Sunday in Lent

Participants may wish to prepare their home altars with a lit candle, and the food and drink to be remotely shared.

Announcements *Lector Art Bavoso*

Social Justice Reflections *David Cloyd, co-chair Social Justice Ministry*
Pause to hold this message in our hearts.

Entrance Opening Song *(please join in with Bill while muted)*

Healing Waters

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Healing waters, flow over me.
Mercy's water, renewing me.
Mercy's ocean, transforming me.
Healing water, renew me.

1. Renew my heart, O God,
come change my hardened heart,
come fill my hardened heart with mercy.
You are the water of life.
You are the breath of heaven,

come fill my hardened heart with mercy, Lord.

2. Wash me in waters of love;
cleanse me and purify me,
for only you can cleanse me, Lord.
Wash over me, O Lord.
Refresh my thirsty soul
for you alone can make me holy, Lord.

Refrain

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Greeting *Father Teri Harroun*

May the Divine Presence of God, the New Light of the Incarnation, and the passion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **ALL: with Kerrie And also with you.**

God's mercy in our midst *Father Teri Harroun*

Let us remember our God

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God, you bless us through your Guiding Hand in
Creation, Lord have mercy....**All: with Kerrie God
have mercy**

God, you are present to all of humanity, Christ
have mercy.... **All: with Kerrie Christ have mercy**

God, you bring healing and peace, Lord have
mercy....**All: with Kerrie God have mercy**

May our loving God shower us with grace, be
forever present to us, assure us of the forgiveness
of our sins, and bring us all to everlasting joy and
life. **All: with Kerrie Amen**

Opening Prayer - *Father Teri Harroun*

Let us pray



God, you are our Sacred Mother and Holy Father,
the Author of the Cosmos. You burst forth into
our awareness sharing grace and tender care.
Awaken in us an awareness of you in new ways,

that we may be open to your Guiding Hand of
Transformation this Lenten Season. In Jesus'
name we pray
ALL: with Kerrie AMEN

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

Liturgy of the Word Lector Art Bavoso

1st Reading: Psalm 8

O Love, my Beloved,
How powerful is your Name in all the earth!
You, whose glory is sung in heaven by the angels
and saints,
Who with the innocence and spontaneity of a
child,
Confound those who are mighty and proud,
You comfort the unloving and fearful.

When I look up at the heavens,
at the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars that you have established;
at the infinite variety of your Plan,
What is woman that You rejoice in her,
And man that You do delight in him?
You have made us in your image,

You fill us with you Love;
You have made us co-creators of the earth!
guardians of the planet!
to care for all your creatures,
to tend the land, the sea, and the air we breathe;
all that You have made,
You have placed in our hands.

O Love, my Beloved,
How powerful is your Name in all the earth

The Word of God
ALL: with Kerrie Thanks be to God

Psalm - Psalm Chant for Lent:

O Dios, Crea en Mi un Corazon/Create in me a Pure Heart, O God sung by Bill Smith and Lynne Barnes

2nd Reading – Lector Ruth Alexander

The Home of Transformation, by Joyce Rupp from Prayer Seeds.

When the heart slowly sinks
into the mire of unhappiness,
when the mind insistently whispers
about could, must, should and ought,
when the voice of the less-than-whole-self
grows irritable and impatient
with the way people are, or are not,
and with the way I am, or am not,
let it all be. Move away. Step aside.
Go to the inner dwelling place
where the Christ-light flames endlessly.
Stand in the center of that Love,
untouched by ego-demands, societal failures,

shattered hopes and unfulfilled yearnings.

Walk past all that hinders kindheartedness
from glowing steadily in my daily routines.
Move into the home of transformation,
into that grace-filled, spacious vessel.
Be restored, repaired, renewed, regenerated.
Come forth with germinating hope, start again
with less control, fewer anticipations,
and more peaceful receptivity
in the container of mind and heart.
Welcome the weak, the hardened, the haughty,
the wounded, the burdened, the pained;



for each and every one of these persons bears the reflection of my shadowed self, my own glimpse of what is yet to be purified in the golden sphere of Christ's love.

Words Inspired by God.

All: with Kerrie Thanks be to God.

Lenten Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia – Mass of the Desert *(please join in with Bill while muted)*

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Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ.

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,

so (that) everyone who believes in him might have eternal life.

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*Mass of the Desert
Tom Booth*

Gospel Reading - Mark 11:12-21 - Co-Pastor Dcn. Rosean Amaral

God is with you.

All: with Kerrie And also with you.

A reading from the holy gospel according to Mark **All: with Kerrie Glory to you, O God.**

Sisters and Brothers,
As Jesus and the disciples were leaving Bethany on their way up to Jerusalem, Jesus felt hungry. Seeing a fig tree some distance away, he went to see if he could find fruit on it, but when he reached it he found nothing but leaves, for it was not the season for figs. So, Jesus spoke to the tree, "May no one ever eat your fruit again." the disciples heard this.

Then they reached Jerusalem. Jesus entered the temple and began to drive out those who were selling and those who were buying in the temple. He upset the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who were selling doves. He prevented anyone from carrying goods through the temple. At the same time, he taught them,

"Doesn't scripture say, 'My house will be called a house of prayer for all peoples'? You have turned it into 'a den of thieves'."

News of this made it to the chief priests and the scribes. They kept looking for a way to kill him, but they were afraid of him because the crowds were amazed by his teaching. When evening came, Jesus left Jerusalem.

The next morning as they passed by the fig tree they saw it withered to its roots. Peter remembered, "Look, Rabbi!" he said, "the fig tree you cursed has withered!"

The Good News of Salvation of Jesus Christ.
All: with Kerrie Thanks be to Jesus our Christ.

Homily *Father Teri Harroun*

Look what God can do with Dust (stardust)

Regional Prayer for Calling a Bishop - Co-Pastor Dcn. Rosean Amaral

Let us join together in our Regional Prayer for Calling a Bishop

(All to Join in on mute)



ALL: Holy One, Enlivening Spirit, In the wilderness of new, root the Body of Christ fully into our “Yes,”

blooming in Your Holy Season. Together. Amen

Prayers of the People

Father Teri Harroun

As we focus on our interconnectedness with God and with one another, let us affirm our commitment to right relationship by interceding for the needs of the Church and the world.

Lector Ruth Alexander

The response is: Beloved, receive our prayers **ALL: Beloved, receive our prayers**

For our nation and our community that leaders and volunteers may reach out to the strangers among us and have the funding needed to assist those people who are immigrants, marginalized, or those people unable to care for themselves, we pray, **Response: Beloved, receive our prayers.**

For our Mother Earth as we move from Winter into Spring that the natural storms of snow and rain may resuscitate the land giving us hope for new life within us, we pray, **Response: Beloved, receive our prayers.**

I now invite you to share your prayers so that we may pray in community with you. If you feel comfortable, you could press the space bar and say your prayer, OR you could type the prayer into the chat box.

(Lector to read each prayer on “chat”)we pray **Response: Beloved, receive our prayers.**

And for those on our Prayer List and all the prayers we hold in the privacy of our hearts, we pray: **Beloved, receive our prayers.**

Father Teri Harroun

Closing of Prayers of the People.

All: with Kerrie Amen

Sign of Peace

Co-Pastor Dcn Rosean Amaral

Celebrating the power of mercy and love, may the peace of Christ be with you always.

All: with Kerrie And also with you.

Let us all unmute and go to gallery view, that we might share with one another a sign of Christ's peace.

Offertory Meditation *(please join in with Bill while muted)*

You Stand Knocking

1. You spoke my name,
and took my hand,
and called me friend.
Such faithful love,

so undeserved,
a heart transformed.
Though I wandered
and have strayed,



still your mercy reigns.

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You were broken for me,
arms wide open on a tree.
You stand knocking at the door,
off'ring all I'm hoping for.

2. To those in dark
the Lord cries out,
"Come and be saved."
Along the way
we shall find rest,
the Lord is good.

For God comforts well his own,
we are his alone.

Bridge

You are mine,
I am yours, Lord.
I am yours,
you are mine and I am yours. **(repeat)**
Though I wandered
and have strayed,
still your mercy reigns. **(to Refrain)**

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Our Celebration at the Table, for all tables are God's Table

Co-Pastor Dcn. Rosean Amaral

As we prepare our tables, offering food and drink
from our cupboards, we are reminded that our
offerings of time, talent and treasure sustain the

mission of God's Church. Continue to give as you
are called and able.

Father Teri Harroun

The Love of God be with you all.
Open your hearts.
Let us give thanks to our Loving God.

All: with Kerrie And also with you.
All : with Kerrie We lift them up to God.
All: with Kerrie It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Let us welcome God and God's creative spirit.
God has called us to gather around these tables
this evening, knowing that all tables are God's
table. So....God, welcome in!

all of creation now, with the voices of the angels
and shepherds, let us sing of God's holiness:

Blessed are you, O Holy God, Breath and Life of
the world. Worship and praise belong to you, God
our maker. You are God who creates and who
flutters. Out of nothing, you called all worlds into
being creating stars and humanity and all kinds of
sacredness from dust.

Holy *(please join in with Bill while muted)*
Mass of the Desert Tom Booth

**All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God,
Lord God, Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

In Jesus, your Word became flesh and dwelt
among us and walked on Your streets; swaddled
in flesh in bones, your love was made manifest in a
new way. Filled with the Spirit who continues to
create and flutter with and within us, we await
with joy the fulfilment of your new Creation. With

Tonight, we tell the story, and remember, that our
brother Jesus took bread, blessed it and broke it



and shared it with all saying “Take and eat. This is my own body shared with you.” Then he took a cup of wine, he blessed it as well and said, “Take and drink. This is my blood. This is the beginning of a new covenant. A covenant that I share generously with you.”

My sisters and brothers, my family, Christ has come among us. Blesses food with us today.

Christ is here now, coming to all of us in the gifts of bread and wine and other sacred food and drink which God has provided. And Christ will come again to make all things new. May we look for Christ in one another and in all those yet to be.

In Jesus’ name, together let us pray. **All:** with Kerrie **Amen**

The Prayer of Jesus

Father Teri Harroun

Let us join hearts together as part of God holding the world in love, and let us trust in prayer as we pray together:

(All to Join in on mute)

Our Amma/Abba God in heaven, holy be your name, your kin-dom come, your will be done, on earth as 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.

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Reception for Spiritual Communion - *Father Teri Harroun*

Before we share in eating the food on our tables, I’d like to remind you that God invited you here today. Where-ever you are on your journey, God is with you.

Let us share together these words of celebration of God with the food God has provided:

ALL: Jesus, our hearts are Your Tabernacle. You live in us. You love in us. Come now, and visit us with Your grace. Make us to be more like You. May we receive Your fullness in this food as You desire. May we become Your Body in the world today. Amen

Please spend a moment now, receiving God’s grace as you eat and drink what is on your table

Sacred Music *Bill Smith*

Prayer after the Meal *Father Teri Harroun*

Let us pray...

You call the stars together into one cosmos, and you have called us to this meal together. May this food and drink unite us as the Body of Christ, the hands and feet and heartbeat of the Christ in the

universe. We ask this in the name of Jesus our brother and friend. In Jesus’ name we pray.

All: with Kerrie Amen

Blessing *Father Teri Harroun*



The Love of God be with you. **All: with Kerrie And also with you.**
Let us open our hearts as we ask for God's blessing.

Receive the blessing of the stars. This is the blessing that reminds you of what God can do with dust. Remember, that you are made of dust, animated by the breath of God, and to God you shall return. The entire universe is blessed

because of you. We ask for this blessing now, in the name of our the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **All: with Kerrie Amen**

Dismissal *Co-Pastor Dcn Rosean Amaral*

We are the Body of Christ. May we go forth now to love and serve God as we get to love and serve in God's world. **ALL: with Kerrie Thanks be to God**

Closing Song - *(please join in with Bill while muted)*

We Belong to You

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We belong to you, O Lord of our longing,
We belong to you.
In our daily living, dying and rising
We belong to you.

In the waters of your mercy,
When the old becomes the new,
Souls united in the myst'ry:
We belong to you.
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Filled with gifts and filled with goodness,
Spirit breathing life into
All who seek to find their purpose:
We belong to you.
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We are called to share your word, Lord,
In all we say and all we do.
As our journey moves us onward,
We belong to you.
Refrain

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