



Mary of Magdala, ECC Sunday Service – Sept 20, 2020
3rd Sunday in the Season of Creation/25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Black Lives Matter

Announcements – *Lector David Cloyd*

Opening Song (*please join in while muted*)

Gracious God

1. Lead us, Lord, into the desert;
lead us through the wilderness.
Through this journey we will follow,
for we long to see your face.

2. In this time of sacred struggle,
in this time of sacrifice,
we rejoice, for we remember
that you lead us into life.

Refrain
Gracious God, mercy is your name.
Redeeming Love, you give your life away.
Gracious God, we bless your holy name.

Receiving love, we give our lives away.

3. Lord, we hunger for your presence;
Lord, we're thirsting for your grace.
When consuming all but you, Lord,
all we gain is emptiness.

4. Teach us, Lord: who is our neighbor?
Is it friend, or enemy?
When we welcome or condemn them,
it is you, O let us see.

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Greeting – *Father Teri*

And Let us begin as one expression of God's people.
+ Father, Son, Holy Spirit. Amen

May the Holy Kiss of God, the tender care of the One who washes feet, and the passion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **All: And also with you.**

Penitential Rite – *Father Teri*

Let us remember our God

God, you dance throughout creation and make
it holy, Lord have mercy
All: Lord have mercy

God, you call us all your beloved children, and
breathe life into a kin relationship throughout
humanity, Christ have mercy
All: Christ have mercy

God, you dream of universal flourishing, Lord
have mercy
All: Lord have mercy

May our loving God shower us with grace, be
forever present to us, forgive our sins, and
bring us to everlasting joy and light.



All: Amen

Opening Prayer – *Father Teri*

God, blessed are you who made the earth and all the people in it. Blessed are you who lavishes us with blessing and grace. Blessed are you who sees beyond, yet is always present. Blessed are you who dwells in each of us and throughout the life of this world, and

loves us forever. In the name of the Incarnation we pray.

All: Amen

Liturgy of the Word

Father Teri –

Let us listen to God speaking in our world today through Scripture, poetry, and prayer

1st Reading: – *Lector David Cloyd*

Eagle Poem —BY JOY HARJO

To pray you open your whole self
To sky, to earth, to sun, to moon
To one whole voice that is you.
And know there is more
That you can't see, can't hear;
Can't know except in moments
Steadily growing, and in languages
That aren't always sound but other
Circles of motion.
Like eagle that Sunday morning
Over Salt River. Circled in blue sky
In wind, swept our hearts clean
With sacred wings.
We see you, see ourselves and know
That we must take the utmost care
And kindness in all things.

Breathe in, knowing we are made of
All this, and breathe, knowing
We are truly blessed because we
Were born, and die soon within a
True circle of motion,
Like eagle rounding out the morning
Inside us.
We pray that it will be done
In beauty.
In beauty.

Words inspired by God.

ALL: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm – Litany “Colorado is On Fire” – adapted from a prayer published by the local

Episcopal diocese in 2012 *Lector David Cloyd*

Our response today: Our God is in the water of life.

Our God is in the water of life.

Holy God, in the wake of fires that devour and consume,
Refresh us with the water of life.
In the barren places of ash and dust,
Restore us with the water of life.

When all we can see is devastation and despair,
Renew us with the water of life.

Our God is in the water of life.

When those whose vocations are to protect



the property of others are tired and weary,
Renew them with the water of life.
When the creatures of the forest are
frightened, displaced, or injured,
Renew them with the water of life.
When the fires have ceased, the cycle of
renewal begins, and the plants and animals
return,
Renew them with the water of life.
Our God is in the water of life.

In Christ, We are refreshed.
In Christ, We are restored.
In Christ, We are renewed.
May we dance in the fountain of life.
Our God is in the water of life.

Litany "Colorado is On Fire" – adapted from a prayer published by the local Episcopal diocese in 2012.

2nd Reading: Philippians 1. 20-24, 27 – Lector Kerrie Anderson

Sisters and Brothers,
I firmly trust and anticipate
that I will never be put to shame for my hopes;
I have full confidence that, now as always,
Christ will be exalted through me,
whether I live or die.

For to me, "life" means Christ;
hence dying is only so much gain.
If on the other hand,
I am to continue living on earth,
that means productive toil for me—
and I honestly do not know which I prefer.
I am strongly attracted to both:
I long to be freed from this life
and to be with Christ,
for that is the far better thing;

yet, it's more urgent that I remain alive
for your sakes.

Conduct yourselves, then, in a way worthy
of the Gospel of Christ. If you do,
whether I come and see you myself
or hear about
your behavior from a distance,
it will be clear that you are standing firm
in unity of spirit, and exerting yourselves
with one accord
for the faith of the Gospel.

The Word of God
ALL: Thanks be to God

'Alleluia' - Mass of Renewal

Sung by Bill Smith (please join in while muted)

Refrain

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.
Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia

I call you my friends, says the Lord,
for I have made known to you all that the Father
has told me

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Father Teri blesses Deacon Rosean

Gospel: Matthew 20. 1-16 – Deacon Rosean

The Risen Christ be with you all.
A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew

ALL: And also with you.
ALL: Glory to you, O God.

Jesus said to the disciples:
“The kingdom of God is like the owner of an estate who went out at dawn to hire workers for the vineyard. After reaching an agreement with them for the usual daily wage, the owner sent them out to the vineyard.

“About mid-morning, the owner came out and saw others standing around the marketplace without work, and said to them, ‘You go along to my vineyard and I will pay you what is fair.’ At that, they left.

“Around noon and again in the mid-afternoon, the owner came out and did the same. Finally, going out late in the afternoon, the owner found still others standing around, and said to them, ‘Why have you been standing here idle all day?’

‘No one has hired us,’ they replied.

The owner said, ‘You go to my vineyard, too.’

“When evening came, the owner said to the overseer, ‘Call the workers and give them their pay, but begin with the last group and end with

the first.’ When those hired late in the afternoon came up, they received a full day’s pay, and when the first group appeared they assumed they would get more. Yet, they received the same daily wage.

“Thereupon they complained to the owner, ‘This last group did only an hour’s work, but you have put them on the same basis as those who have worked a full day in the scorching heat.’

“My friends,’ said to the owner to those who voiced this complaint, ‘I do you no injustice. You agreed on the usual wage, didn’t you? Take your pay and go home. I intend to give this worker who was hired last the same pay as you. I am free to do as I please with my money. Or are you envious because I am generous?’

“Thus the last will be first and the first will be last.”

The Good News of Salvation of Jesus our Christ
ALL: Glory and Praise to our Savior Jesus Christ!

Homily – Deacon Rosean

Creed/Affirmation of Faith

(Please rise as you are able or desire to profess our faith.)

Deacon Rosean

We gather in this assembly as a community of faith. A community made up of all sorts of creatures.
(Led by Deacon Rosean - together on mute)



ALL: We believe in God the creator, a real God, always present with us, a God who fashioned and made us, breathed life into us, and gave us stewardship over all creation. A responsibility to take care of waterways and deserts, flowers and mountains, animal and fellow human beings. To reduce our negative impact on the environment so that all creatures coming after us may be able to enjoy the beauty and majesty of this universe, as we have had the chance.

We believe in Jesus of Nazareth, son of God, born in Bethlehem, surrounded by brays and neighs, moos and baas of this world. A man who related to animals, spoke of sparrows and foxes, rode a donkey, pulled a coin from the mouth of a fish, and welcomed us as sheep of his own flock. The proclaimed

Lamb of God, who died and rose, to take away the sin of the world.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the wind and whisper of God, that moves in and through creation, pushing us, and guiding us to act with justice and peace, loving creation as ourselves. A dove that comes to comfort us, or brings a vision from God that all animals have been made clean. A promise that one day the lion and the lamb will lay down together, as this divisive world ends and unity is restored. The hope of God that each part of creation is loved, valued, and honored.

Amen

By Pastor Rick Reiten

Prayers of the People –

Lector Kerrie Anderson

The response for the “Prayers of the People” is: Beloved, drench us with your water of life and Love

All: Beloved, drench us with your water of life and Love

Creator God, All creation is groaning with wounds: fires, floods, hurricanes, excessive heat. Teach us to care for Mother Earth as we care for all who are in need.

For all firefighters, their families, and first responders as they work to contain fires and preserve forests, and aid people in need that they may be safe in their work, and sustained in body and soul, we pray, **Response: Beloved, drench us with your water of life and Love.**

For leaders and elected officials of all countries, especially our own America, to learn more about climate change and take

actions to make a difference for future generations, we pray, Response: Beloved, drench us with your water of life and Love.

For all those who are sensitive to the smoke filled air in areas of many wildfires, that they may be patient until the air clears to go outdoors, we pray, **Response: Beloved, drench us with your water of life and Love.**

For students, teachers, and parents who are yearning to connect in person and also innovating during these challenging times, we pray, **Response: Beloved drench us with your water of life and Love.**

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.



(Kerrie to read each prayer on “chat”)we pray **Response: Beloved drench us with your water of life and Love.**

And for all the prayers we hold in the privacy of our hearts, we pray. **Response: Beloved drench us with your water of life and Love.**

Father Teri (Closing of the Prayers of the People)

Sign of Peace

Deacon Rosean

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles: I leave you peace, my peace I give you. Accept our failings and doubts, as you accept the faith of your Church, and grant us the peace and unity

of your kin-dom where you live for ever and ever. **ALL: AMEN**

The Peace of the Lord be with you always.
All: And also with you

Let us all go to “gallery view” and please unmute yourself by holding down your space bar so all can hear you offering a sign of Christ’s peace.

Regional Prayer for Calling a Bishop –

Father Teri

Let us all pray our Regional Prayer for calling a Bishop

**ALL: Holy One,
Enlivening Spirit,
In the wilderness of new,**

**root the Body of Christ
fully into our "Yes,"
blooming in Your Holy Season. Amen**

Our Celebration of Food – *Father Teri*

The Love of God be with you all.
Lift up your hearts.
Let us give thanks.

**All: And, also with you.
All: We lift them up to God.
All: 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. I remind you of the theology of Ronald Rolheiser, a modern Catholic theologian who said, “The incarnation began with Jesus and it has never stopped . . . God takes on flesh so that every home becomes a church, every child becomes the Christ-child, and all food and drink become a sacrament. God’s many faces are now everywhere, in

flesh, tempered and turned down, so that our human eyes can see him.”

So...let our homes and our hearts be a dwelling place for God. May we see the Christ-child in one another, identifying us as kin together in God’s family. And may we trust that the food before us is sacrament. God is present to each of us, and God’s grace is abundant and in our midst.



Blessed are you, Loving God of all Creation, through your goodness we have this food before us. May we offer our gratitude for all the ways you nurture us, body, mind and spirit. We bless you God, with our gratitude.

We give you thanks for the myriad of ways you show up in our lives as both Creator and Creation. We thank you for all that is, and for the Breath of Life that is You throughout the cosmos. We see You in one another, and throughout creation. We share your Breath with one another, with our ancestors, and with all those yet to be. Even in these new and challenging times, You are bringing to birth through us a new heaven joined with a new earth, and like the early followers of Jesus, we gather together as family and kin.

Holy Breath of God, the One who blesses us and calls us Beloved, Send your Holy Spirit upon us gathered around tables throughout your world and gathered as one in You that we may become visible signs of Your love in the world.

Today we remember a story of your Eternal Son, Jesus, who on the night before he died gathered at a table with his family and friends. That night he took bread, he took wine, for they were the food and drink on the table before him. He blessed them and shared them with all those who were present. He told them that his love for them was boundless because your love for creation is boundless. Let us take the food before us, and let us be confident that you have blessed this food as well. May it be a blessing to our bodies, that our bodies may be a blessing to your world.

God of Kinship, You have made this food which feeds us. May we be open to the ways you connect to us in relationship and your holy dance with us. In Jesus' name we pray.

All: Amen

The Lord's Prayer *(all together on mute)*

Father Teri

Let us open our hearts and our hands in prayer, knowing that in this prayer we both give to and receive from our God

ALL: Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kin-dom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who

trespass against us, and let us not enter into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For the kin-dom and the power and the glory are Yours now and forever. Amen.

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Reception for Spiritual Communion

Father Teri –

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.

Our homes and our hearts are a dwelling place for God. The Christ-child is in each of us. The food before us is sacrament, and God's grace is abundant and in our midst. Please spend a moment now, receiving God's grace as you eat and drink what is on your table.

Communion Song --(please join in while muted)

FILL ME, O GOD

1, 5. Fill me, O God.
Fill me, O God.
Pour out your holy love
and fill me, O God.

2. Reach me, O God.
Reach me, O God.
Pour out your holy love
and reach me, O God.

Refrain
Let my heart be yours.
Let my heart be yours.

3. Change me, O God.

Change me, O God.
Pour out your holy love
and change me, O God.
(to Verse 4)

4. Lift me, O God.
Lift me, O God.
Pour out your holy love
and lift me, O God.

Refrain
Let my life be yours.
Let my life be yours. (to Verse 5)

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Prayer After the Meal – *Father Teri*

Let us pray

Let us pray... God of all Goodness,
May this meal we share feed us, and bring us
as One into the Body of Christ, one family,
one kin-dom. May this sacrament fill us with

the Love of God, the three in One. In Jesus'
name we pray. **Amen**

Blessing – *Father Teri* (Blessing adapted from Earth Day blessing by Tatiana Valdez, McCormick Theological Seminary)

The Lord be with you.

ALL: And also with you.



Please open your hearts as we ask for God's blessing.

God's Earth is our home.
We live in God's World; we are not alone.
We share this life with the heavens and the earth,

With the waters and the land,
With trees and grasses,
With fish, birds, and animals,
With minerals and creatures of every form,
With water and with dirt,

And with all our brothers and sisters, all God's children.
God is good and everything God makes is good.

May we continue to be blessed by God's goodness.

We ask for this blessing now, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit

ALL: Amen

Dismissal – *Deacon Rosean*

We are the Body of Christ. As that Body, may we feed our neighbors as God has fed us, love our neighbors as God has loved us.

May we love and serve God, as love and serve in all of God's creation.

ALL: Thanks be to God

Closing Song – *join in singing on mute*

MALO! MALO! THANKS BE TO GOD

Refrain: *Cantor intones each phrase; All repeat*

Malo! Malo! Thanks be to God!
Obrigado! Alleluia!
;Gracias! Kam sa ham ni da!
Malo! Malo! Thanks be to God!
Verses: *Cantor intones each phrase; All repeat*

1. Si Yu'us maa'se!
Terima kasih!

Maraming salamat!
Danke schön! Dzie(kuje(!
We thank you, Lord!

2. Mèsi bokou!
Xie xie! Arigato-!
Grazie! Cám o)n!
We thank you, Lord!

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