



**Mary of Magdala, ECC Sunday Service – August 16, 2020**  
**Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**



**Greeting and Announcements** – *Lector Art Bavoso*

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

**Ave Maria** – *Daniel Kantor*

V1:

Hail Mary full of grace,  
The Lord is with you.  
Blessed are you among all women,  
Blest is the fruit of your womb.

Refrain:

Jesus, formed in your faith,  
Ave Mari-alleluia.  
Jesus, born in your love,

Ave Mari-alleluia.

V2:

Holy Mary mother of God,  
The Lord is with you.  
Pray for us sinners, pray for us sinners,  
Now and at the hour of our death.

Refrain

**Greeting** – *Father Michael*

In the name of the Father, ✠ and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God,

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

**ALL: And also with you**

**Penitential Rite** – *Father Michael*

As we prepare to celebrate the mystery of how God acts in the world through servants meek and lowly,  
yet strong and powerful by virtue of God’s grace, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask Christ for  
pardon and peace.

Lord Jesus, death is a reality in our world, but,  
acknowledging our less than life-giving choices,  
we pray, Lord, have mercy.

**ALL: Lord, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, in you death has no sting, the grave  
no victory, yet there are times when our  
troubles obscure our hope. In such times,  
Christ, have mercy.

**ALL: Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, your Mother said “yes” and was  
used to fulfill your plan. For the times we fail to  
hear your word to us, Lord, have mercy

**ALL: Lord, have mercy**

May God Ever-faithful have mercy on us, ✠  
forgive us our sins,  
and bring us to life everlasting.

**ALL: Amen**



## **Gloria** – *Deacon Rosean*

Renewed by grace, we are bold to proclaim:

**ALL: Glory to God in the highest and peace to God's people on earth.**

**Father/Mother God, heavenly Sovereign, Almighty and Self-emptying, we worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father/Mother, Lord God, Lamb of God, You**

**take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.**

**You are seated at the right hand of the Majesty, receive our prayer.**

**For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord, You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in the glory of our Father/Mother God. Amen**

## **Opening Prayer** – *Father Michael*

Let us pray...

Eternal One, recalling the day when Mary, the Mother of your Son, fell asleep, we thank you for the great things you have done for her and through her.

Use us as well and, when our own way comes to an end, receive us into the fulfillment of

your promise, that, in communion with Mary, we may praise and magnify you through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who in the unity of the Holy Spirit lives and works with you, now and forever.

**ALL: AMEN**

## **Liturgy of the Word** – *Lector Art Bavoso*

### **1st Reading: "The Dormition of the Mother of God"**

*~ a reflection by Mirabai Starr in MOTHER OF GOD SIMILAR TO FIRE*

Blessed Mother,  
God-Bearer,  
who stayed awake scanning the night  
for signs of danger to your children  
while we rested,  
it is your turn to sleep for a while.  
I release you into the arms of your own  
divine child.  
You swaddled and soothed the light of the  
world  
and then accompanied him all the way to the

threshold of death.  
Your time has come to be held by God.  
Let me be brave, Holy Mother, and stand up  
while you rest.  
Help me to be steady and whole  
and ready to carry my share of suffering and  
beauty,  
of radical mystery and unexpected grace.

Words Inspired by God.

**ALL: Thanks be to God**



## Responsorial Psalm – *Lector Art Bavoso*

The responsorial psalm is **Psalm 45:10, 11, 12, 16**

The response is: The queen stands at your right hand, arrayed in gold.

**ALL: The queen stands at your right hand, arrayed in gold.**

The queen takes her place at your right hand in gold of Ophir.

**ALL: The queen stands at your right hand, arrayed in gold.**

Hear, O daughter, and see; turn your ear, forget your people and your father's house.

**ALL: The queen stands at your right hand, arrayed in gold.**

So shall the king desire your beauty; for he is your lord.

**ALL: The queen stands at your right hand, arrayed in gold.**

They are borne in with gladness and joy; they enter the palace of the king.

**ALL: The queen stands at your right hand, arrayed in gold.**

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 COR 15:20-27 - *Lector Lynne Barnes*

Brothers and sisters:

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through humanity, the resurrection of the dead came also through a human being.

For just as in Adam all die, so too in Christ shall all be brought to life, but each one in proper order:

Christ the first-fruits; then, at his coming, those who belong to Christ; then comes the end, when he hands over the Kin-dom to his

Amma/Abba God, when he has destroyed every sovereignty and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet.

The last enemy to be destroyed is death, for "he subjected everything under his feet."

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

### VERSE:

Speak, O Lord, your servant is list'ning; you have the words of everlasting life..

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**Gospel: LK 1:39-56** ~ with Magnificat from THE INCLUSIVE NEW TESTAMENT

Deacon Rosean

The Lord is with you.

A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke.

Mary set out and traveled to the hill country in haste to a town of Judah, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled."

And Mary prayed: "My soul proclaims your greatness, O God, and my spirit rejoices in you, my Savior.

For you have looked with favor upon your lowly servant, and from this day forward all generations will call me blessed.

For you, the Almighty, have done great things for me, and Holy is your Name.

Your mercy reaches from age to age for those who fear you.

**ALL: And also with you.**

**ALL: Glory to you, O Christ.**

You have shown strength with your arm, you have scattered the proud in their conceit, you have deposed the mighty from their thrones and raised the lowly to high places. You have filled the hungry with good things, while you have sent the rich away empty. You have come to the aid of Israel your servant, mindful of your mercy- the promise you made to our ancestors to Sarah and Abraham and their descendants forever."

Mary remained with Elizabeth about three months and then returned to her home.

*(pause)*

**Holding and held**—blessed are you.

*(pause)*

"Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled." The Good News of Salvation of Jesus, our Christ.

**ALL: Glory and praise to our Redeemer, Jesus, our Christ**

*(A brief period of reflection)*

**Homily** – *Father Michael*



## Our Truth - Fr. Michael J. Nicosia © 2020

The hope that is ours in the love and mercy of God is celebrated when we articulate our faith. Let us join in affirmation...

**ALL: We believe in God, our Mother out-pouring, our Father uniting, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is seen and yet to be revealed.**

We believe in Jesus Christ, the Word eternally spoken by God, our brother and teacher, through whom all things were made and hold together. By the power of the Holy Spirit he was born of the Virgin Mary and became fully human.

For the sake of the truth he suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; and on the third day rose from the dead.

He ascended into heaven yet remains active in our midst.

He will come again in glory to unite the living and the dead, and our communion with him will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the spirit of truth and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son as the dynamic expression of their relationship and channel of their love.

With the Father and the Son, She is worshiped and glorified.

We believe in the ways She unites us: through her prophetic challenge, through the Body of Christ, the Church, in our shared baptism, in our sacrifices on behalf of others, in our hope in the resurrection, and in the fulfillment of God's promise in eternity. **AMEN**

## Prayers of the People - Father Michael

Letting go of our assumptions about what others need, of even what we ourselves truly need, let us place our concerns for the church and the world at the foot of God's heavenly throne.,

Lector Lynne Barnes

The response for the "Prayers of the People" will be: Mary, Mother of God, pray for us.

**ALL: Mary, Mother of God, pray for us.**

For all activists that peaceful protests will cause changes in all aspects of society, government, institutions, businesses, we pray, **Response: Mary, Mother of God, pray for us.**

For wildfire fighters that they may remain safe as they do their work to save forests and homes and for rain to help with the dry conditions, we pray **Response: Mary, Mother of God, pray for us.**

For all caregivers—parents, nurses, doctors, ministers, home health workers—that they may be supported in their work especially as the Covid 19 pandemic calls them to be constantly present, we pray, **Response: Mary, Mother of God, pray for us.**

For all those on our prayer list and their families, that they may return to wholeness in body, mind and spirit, we pray, **Response: Mary, Mother of God, pray for us.**



Now I 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.

(Lynne to read each prayer on “chat”) .....we pray **Response: Mary, Mother of God, pray for us.**

And for all the prayers we hold in the privacy of our hearts, we pray. **Response: Mary, Mother of God, pray for us.**

## **Regional Prayer for Calling a Bishop** – *Father Michael*

Let us pray our Regional Prayer

**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**

## **Sign of Peace**

*Father Michael*

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

**All: And, also with you**

*Deacon Rosean*

Let us all go to “gallery view” on our screens and share with one another the sign of Christ’s peace. (*All are unmuted to share a sign of peace.*)

## **Preparation of our Tables** – *Father Michael*

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  
**ALL: AMEN**



## Offertory – Father Michael

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.  
We set before you this humble food  
which earth has given and human hands have  
made.

A simple teenaged girl realized long ago

that You use such simple things for your  
blesséd purpose.

Through them we realize once again that we  
are used by you. **ALL: Blessed be God forever.**

## Prayer over the Gifts

Great God, we bring our gifts before you and praise your mercy.  
Show strength with your arm and fill the hungry with your gifts through Christ, our brother.

The Lord be with you  
Lift up your hearts.  
Let us give thanks to our God.

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

God of the Promise, though separated by time  
and space our souls magnify Your Holy Name  
and our spirits marvel at Your saving grace,  
for You have lifted up our lowliness and used  
us in Your plan of salvation.

From ancient of days You have done great  
things for your people; in particular we  
celebrate this day how the Virgin Mother of  
your Son was assumed into heaven as a sign of  
sure hope and comfort to all who live and die  
and are destined to live again.

Death had no victory over her; You would not  
allow her to see the corruption of the grave,  
for from her own body she nurtured and  
brought forth the Author of Life.

For this same reason the promise is ours as  
well, for even now Life becomes incarnate  
through our loving care and our actions on  
behalf of justice done in Your Name.  
And so, with all the saints here and in glory,  
we praise You, and with joy we proclaim:

**ALL: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and  
might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who**

**comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the  
highest.**

We commit ourselves to the community of  
faith in which this song resonates, calling upon  
You, most merciful God, to send your Holy  
Spirit upon us and upon the offerings we have  
set before You in our homes.

Bless ✠ these gifts that we may experience our  
life and unity in Christ. Nurtured by hope and  
love and faith may our sharing be a sign that  
You are truly present and that we are truly  
united in You.

Though now gathered in separate locations  
we remember what your Son did at table and  
in life, foreshadowing the self-gift that was his  
death.

Jesus took bread, made from the grain grown  
among the weeds of life; he gave You thanks  
and praise, broke the bread, and gave it to the  
disciples saying:



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

When the supper was ended, he took the cup of wine. Again he gave You thanks and praise, gave the cup to the disciples, and 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.**

Loving God, we celebrate the memory of Christ, your Son, all that he did and continues to do to bring your blessings to the whole of your Creation.

Lord, while we ask you to remember all our sisters and brothers of many faiths and spiritual paths, who each bring their own insights and blessings to our world, remember, too, your Church, united across the miles.

Make us grow in love, together with all who hold and spread the hope handed down to us from the Apostles.

Continue to empower us as laypersons, deacons and priests for the special ministry given to the Body of Christ, praying especially for its local incarnation, in union with our bishops, Francis and Denise.

May your grace pierce the veils that separate us, may the inspiration of your Spirit make us one, and may the brilliant light of Christ lead us to discover your love in every human heart.

Remember, Lord, all who have fallen asleep, especially those who died not knowing the hope we have received.

Welcome them into your eternal home with Mary, your Mother, her cousin Elizabeth, our patron Mary of Magdala, your apostles and martyrs, and all the saints who now know that our hope is justified through Christ, with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father/Mother, forever and ever.

**ALL: Amen.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER** *(all together on mute)*

*Father Michael* - Let us pray in the words our Savior gave us

**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.**

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:



## The Shared Table – Father Michael

As we partake of the sustenance laid before us, let us affirm together:  
In this we are a Eucharistic People,

**ALL: the Body of Christ incarnate,  
the Blood of Christ poured out for the life  
of the world.**

## Communion Song --(please join in while muted)

### Holy is His Name – Evening Gospel Canticle John Michael Talbot

Verses

1. My soul \_ pro-claims the great-ness of the Lord, \_ He  
2. He has mer-cy \_\_\_\_\_ in ev - 'ry gen-er - a - tion.

1. and my spir-it \_\_\_ ex-ults in God my Sav - ior. For he has  
2. has \_\_\_ re-vealed \_\_\_ his pow-er and his glo - ry. He has cast

1. looked with mer-cy on my low-li - ness, and my name \_ will be for-  
2. down the might-y in their ar-ro-gance, and has lift - ed up \_\_\_ the

1. ev - er ex - alt - ed. For the might - y God has done great  
2. meek and the low - ly. He has come to help his ser - vant

1. things for me, and his mer-cy \_\_\_ will reach from age to  
2. Is - ra - el; he \_\_\_ re-mem - bers \_\_\_ his prom - ise to our

Refrain

1. age. \_\_\_ And ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is his name.  
2. fa - thers.

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### **Prayer After the Meal** – *Father Michael*

Let us pray

God, our souls magnify your Holy Name and our spirits rejoice with the Mother of our Savior and with all those who say “yes” to your call to be channels of your grace. Continue to empower us by the holy communion we live into as your church,

until we, with our Blessed Mother, celebrate the fulfillment of our hope in heaven through Christ our Lord.

**ALL: Amen**

### **Blessing** – *Father Michael*

The Lord is with you.

**ALL: And also with you.**

May almighty God bless you: the Source of All-Being, the Eternal Word ✠ and the Holy Spirit.

**ALL: Amen**

### **Dismissal** – *Deacon Rosean*

Our celebration is ended, let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord and one another.

**ALL: Thanks be to God**

### **Closing Song** – *please remain muted*

**Immaculate Mary** - LOURDES HYMN Arranged by Josh Blakesley

1. Immaculate Mary, your praises we sing.  
You reign now in heaven with Jesus our King.

Refrain  
Ave, Ave, Ave, Maria!  
Ave, Ave, Maria!

2. In heaven the blessed your glory  
proclaim; On earth we your children invoke  
your fair name.

3. We pray for our Mother, the Church  
upon earth,  
And bless, Holy Mary, the land of our birth.

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