



Mary of Magdala, ECC— August 17, 2025
20th Sunday in Ordinary Time and remembering the Feast
of the Assumption of Mary
The Kin-dom of God – All Together Everywhere
Reverend Jane Reina Presiding

Welcome and Announcements *Lector Lynne Barnes*

Special Announcement on homilists *Tom Moos*

Entrance Song **Immaculate Mary** (V1; R; V2; R)

Greeting

Welcome to our Mass on the 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Today's Gospel reading shows us Jesus in his humanness. He is on fire with a job to do. The heat in his belly won't be contained any longer and he is pushing his disciples to move on, to grow, to evolve, to understand what he brings for their growth in God.

Also, remembering that Friday was the feast of the Assumption of Mary, we can imagine that in her lifetime she was full of the same Spirit fire. After all, she conceived by the Holy Spirit and birthed, and suffered with her son. She needed that fire.

So, let us face those fears and anxieties that are in the 1st reading Macrina Wiederkehr so eloquently displays, that in the 2nd reading



undergirds Paul's message, and then stand with Jesus in the Gospel's fire.

Let us continue in yearning and in wonderment as one expression of God's presence:

+In the name of the Creating Mystery, our Cosmic Christ, and the Holy Spirit of Wisdom, Sophia. **All: Amen.**

Penitential Rite

Rev. Jane

Recognizing God's unconditional love for us, we humbly pray:

All: Together, we turn back to you, O Christ, knowing you welcome us even in the midst of our turning, just by our yearning to return. Bless us with an *experience* of you as we turn with deep longing and open hearts. We come in fragility and vulnerability to know you and love you.

Christ, you, yourself are the Sacrament of the Incarnate God, teaching us to see yesterday as proof of your faithful presence, and tomorrow with hope of a full life. You are our true security in the



present. Grant us the blessings of ethical resolve in a world full of error, pain and grief.

When we recognize that we are captured by the illusion of safety, and still need to stand up for the stranger, the widow, and the orphan, we humbly return to you.

All: Jesus, grant us Holy Wisdom.

Christ, you are the life force in all creation. Help us turn again to you, together, when releasing the prideful illusion that we are self-sustaining.

All: Christ, grant us Holy Wisdom.

Source of firey Love, we are a community of pilgrims stumbling along your Way. Help us to see ourselves, as divine and human, as you see us. With hearts burning, may we grow more deeply in love with you, unveiling the kin-dom of God within ourselves.

For Holy Wisdom, we give you thanks.

All: Amen.

In thanksgiving for an unquenchable hunger, let us lift our voices in praise and sing glory of God!



Glory to God *MOFSMM*

Opening Prayer Let us pray:

God of Love, we hunger for your Word. We hunger for your Wisdom. Give us the Grace to hear your Word that frees us. Give us the Holy Wisdom to find our true selves that radiates your Love. Speak to us for we are among those journeying with Jesus to Jerusalem.

All: Amen

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please be seated as the Word of God speaks to us.

First Reading **First Reading** *Fire on the Earth*, by Macrina

Wiederkehr, from **Seasons Of Your Heart**. *Lector Lynne Barnes*

One of the powerful symbols of our Christian heritage is fire. The Spirit of Jesus came upon the disciples in tongues of fire. Fire burns and purifies. It destroys. It warms, and it transforms. This transforming fire that Jesus wants to cast upon the earth cannot be received without pain. Whatever God's fire touches will be changed. I long for the fire of God as much as I dread it. Who can bear such



transformation? who can be satisfied with trivia after being burned
with this baptism of fire?

I have come to light a fire
on the earth
Oh how I wish
the flames
were already leaping.

Yes, there is a Baptism
awaiting me
How distressed I feel
until it is accomplished.

After a statement like that
from. a Person like that
I still allow the fire of my life
to be a simple glimmer
instead of a flame.

That Baptism he struggled with. . .
I, too, walk around it
instead of *into it*
into the flame
where death



waits for me,
only, to show me
the face of life.

Jesus wrestled with the fire
but he didn't walk around the flames
He plunged into the fire
 into the flames
 into the death
When he came out
it was Resurrection
and his anguish turned to joy.

I am called to the same vocation
the same bath of fire waits for me,
the same God calls out to me:

 I placed you here
 to light a fire on the earth
 Oh how I wish the flames
 were already leaping
 But you have a baptism
 to receive
 and like me
 you'll be restless
 until it's over.



Words Inspired by God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm **Here Am I God** (RAll; V1C; RA; V2C; RA;
V3C; RA)

Second Reading

Lector Art Bavoso

A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews 12:1-3

Since we are surrounded by so a great a cloud of witnesses, let us cast aside everything that hinders us, all that so easily entangles us! Let us persevere in running the race that lies before us, fixing our eyes on Jesus the Christ, the Leader and Fulfillment of our faith!

In anticipation of the joy that awaited, Jesus endured the cross, scorning its shame. As the Christ, Jesus now lives, glorified, with God. Consider the extreme opposition Jesus endured, that you also may not grow weary and lose heart.

Listen to the Spirit speaking to God's people.

All: Thanks be to God



Gospel Acclamation Alleluia *MofSMM*

Gospel Luke

Christ is within you all. **All: And also within you.**

A Proclamation of the Holy Gospel attributed to Luke.

All: Glory to you, O God.

While speaking many things to the disciples and the crowds, Jesus said:

“I have come to bring fire on the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! But I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what constraint I am under until it is completed!

Do you think I came to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but division!

From now on there will be five in one family divided against each other, three against two and two against three. They will be divided father against son and son against father, mother against daughter



and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law
and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.”

The Good News of Jesus, our Christ.

All: Praise to You, Jesus, our Christ.

Homily Pastor Jane

Prayers of the People

You, Holy One, who are here, you know our needs even before we
know them.

Lector Art Bavoso **Our response is: Loving God, receive our
prayers.**

For all churches and faith traditions that they may continue to
extend Christs love to all people and create welcoming refuges to
those in need, we pray, **Response: Loving God, receive our prayers.**

For our elected representatives and leaders that they may all be
prayed for whether or not we agree with their actions, and that our



prayers may touch their hearts and hands, we pray, **Response:**
Loving God, receive our prayers.

For the firefighters and first responders working to control the many, many fires, that they may have the tools they need, the refreshment of good sleep to do their work, and rain, blessed rain, we pray, **Response: Loving God, receive our prayers.**

The prayers from the sanctuary are: 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 the people on our prayer list and those we hold in our heart, we pray, **Response: Loving God, receive our prayers.**



Rev. Jane... O Compassionate God, hear our prayers to heal, to put an end to violence, and to love one another as you love. May these prayers of our hearts praise and glorify you. **All: Amen.**

The Peace

Jesus said to his disciples, "Peace be with you. My peace I give you." May the peace of Christ, not of this world, be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Please turn and share a sign of peace with our siblings here virtually and then turn to share with one another.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

As we prepare our tables with the food we have, here and at home, 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 called and able.

Let us sing together.

Offertory Song I Will Choose Christ (R; V2; R; V3; R)

Preparation of the Gifts



Procession of the Bread and Wine by Eucharistic Ministers

(During Offertory Song) Blessed are you, God of all Creation, through your goodness we have this bread and wine. All creation originated as star dust and now star dust has evolved into wheat and grapes grown from the earth. From the fruit of the earth, our hands have made bread and wine. May this bread and wine become for us the sacred nourishment we seek. **All: Blessed be God forever.**

By the mystery of this water and wine, we share in the divinity of Christ, who graced us by sharing in our humanity. **All: Blessed be God forever.**

Wash hands of presider.

Prayer over the Gifts

Pray, my siblings, that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God.

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.

Christ is within You.

All: And also within You.



Let us open our hearts.

All: We open our hearts to God.

Let us give thanks to our Loving God. **All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Amma/Abba God, loving source and destiny of all life, we praise you and thank you through Jesus our Christ. Jesus, you bring us peace not of this world as we act justly through the Kin-dom of God.

Through self-emptying love, Jesus transforms our swords into plowshares, our hostility into reconciliation, our alienation into community, and our hatred into forgiveness of our enemies. For this and many more gifts, we never cease to thank and praise you, and joining with the choirs of the cosmos as we sing to your glory:

Holy, Holy, Holy

MofSMM

Eucharistic Prayer

Blessed are you, compassionate and faithful God. With loving tenderness, you have gathered us and filled us with a longing for justice and peace that will last. Through countless generations, we hungered for the bread of freedom. For them and us, you raised up



Jesus, the living Bread, in whom our ancient hungers are satisfied. Jesus the Christ is the Word that liberates us from injustice and violence. Jesus the Christ is the hand you, O Mystery of Love, stretch out to the sick, the poor, and the oppressed. Jesus the Christ is the Way that leads to peace. PAUSE

Flowing from the Exquisite Love visible and invisible throughout the entire cosmos, send your Holy Spirit to heal our lives. With our hands outstretched over the bread and wine we pray together: O Holiness, make these gifts of bread and wine ++holy, that they may become the Body and Blood of Jesus our Christ.

While he was at supper on the night before he died, He took bread and gave you thanks. He broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said:

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 cup. Again, he praised you for your goodness, gave the cup to his disciples, 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.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

Memorial Acclamation *MofSMM*

Loving God, with gratitude we remember the passion of Jesus, his suffering at the hands of a broken humanity confused by violence and enmity. He died loving his enemies and forgiving his persecutors. Together then with people of every faith and no faith, we remember that LOVE is our salvation, not our possession.

Remember, O Christ, those who have died (silent remembering) and welcome them into your all-embracing love, where you gather all people into yourself.

Setting our wills and words aside, emptying our hearts and bringing nothing in our hands, we proclaim,



All: Through Christ, with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, life-giving God now and forever.

Amen MofSMM

The Prayer of Jesus

Please turn to the camera and let us join our hearts together as we pray the words that Jesus gave us...

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 – Meditation song while bread is broken

This is the Living God. This is the one who transforms us and our world. Blessed are we who are called out of ourselves and into this Love.



All: Jesus, I am ready to receive you because by your invitation I am here.

Invitation to Communion

As we rejoice in our coming together in this transforming energy, let us affirm:

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. Whether sharing this meal here or at home, we are all are invited to consume what heals us. All are welcome to this feast of unrestricted and unconditional Love.

(remind about gluten-free hosts)

Communion Song Above All (V1; V2; R; V2; R)

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray... Christ of all life, we thank you for your gifts of the Bread of Peace and the Cup of Blessing. We look forward to the day when hope becomes reality: when our swords are melted into plowshares and “...no harm is done along the Holy Mountain.” **All: Amen**



Prayer to Mary, Mother of our faith* (adapted)

Mother, help our faith!

Open our ears to hear God's word and to recognize God's voice and call.

Awaken in us a desire to follow in the footsteps of Jesus.

Help us to be touched by Christ's love, that we may touch Christ in faith.

Help us to entrust ourselves fully to Christ and to believe in Christ's faithful love, especially at times of trial, beneath the shadow of the cross, when our faith is called to mature.

Sow in our faith the joy of the Risen One.

Remind us that we who believe are never alone.

Teach us to see all things with the eyes of Jesus, that Jesus our Christ may light our path. And may this light of faith always increase in us, until the dawn of that undying day which is Christ himself!

*[Prayer to Mary at the conclusion of the Encyclical *Lumen Fidei* \(29 June 2013\)](https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/prayers/documents/papa-francesco-preghiere_20130629_maria-lumen-fidei.html)
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Blessing for Mother Rosean and Laurie

All: (Tom to put on slide)



Concluding Rite and Dismissal

The peace of our God is within you. **All: And also within you.**

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

May the Mystery of Love, who is always with you, bless you to abide in your own agency and by your own conscience as a priestly people.

In the name of Amma/Abba God, Jesus the Christ, and the Holy Spirit, Sophia. **All: Amen.**

Dismissal: Go now out into the world seeing Christ everywhere and be free.

All: Thanks be to God.

Closing Song Jesus I Trust In You (R; V1; R; V2; R)