



## Mary of Magdala, ECC April 25, 2021 Celebrating the 4th Sunday in Easter

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

### Announcements *Lector Ruth Alexander*

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

#### We Belong to You

Refrain

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

1. In the waters of your mercy,  
When the old becomes the new,  
Souls united in the myst'ry:  
We belong to you.

2. Filled with gifts and filled with goodness,  
Spirit breathing life into  
All who seek to find their purpose:  
We belong to you.

3. When we share the bread you've broken  
With the many and the few,  
We are blessed and we are broken;  
We belong to you.

4. 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.

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### Greeting *Co-Pastor Rev. Jane Reina*

In the name of Abba/Amma God, of Jesus our Risen Christ, and of the Holy Spirit, Sophia. **ALL: AMEN.**

May God, the blessed Holy Three, be with you.

**ALL: with Kerrie And also with you.**

Breaking out of winter and into the Beauty of spring –

Earth Day was two days ago. For many of us, we know Earth Day as beginning in the late 60s under the influence of toxic chemicals and Rachel Carson's **Silent Spring**. I dreamt I again was being called a 'bleeding heart' refusing to put more

chemicals into the earth. Truly our hearts are bleeding now with the ecological disaster in all of earth's embodiments, in particular the Native peoples on this continent and the Native people forcibly brought here as slaves from the continent of Africa. Christ, the Omega, calls us as shepherds to help return all to healing and wholeness. Mitakuye Oyasin is a Lakota prayer that all of Creation is family. It means 'all my relations.'

May our trust and hope increase as we follow the Way of the Shepherd, becoming shepherds ourselves in this time of chaos, desecration and transformation. Later, Leslie Black Elk will speak to us.



## Penitential Rite

Co-Pastor Dcn Rosean Amaral:

Let us pray

Co-Pastor Rev. Jane Reina

Oh Spirit of Wisdom, may we welcome this spring  
as sacred. Sophia, guide us.

**ALL with Kerrie Sophia, guide us.**

Oh Christ, may we, women and men, know you  
in the very dirt we try to cleanse ourselves of.  
Christ, have mercy.

**ALL: with Kerrie Christ, have mercy.**

Oh Great Mystery, heal our personal, communal  
and cultural wounds of separation and unite us in  
your Love. O Great Mystery, have mercy.

**ALL: with Kerrie O Great Mystery, have mercy.**

May the Risen Christ who is revealed as the  
timeless answer ✕ bring us to wholeness  
and peace this day. **ALL: with Kerrie Amen**

Co-Pastor Rev. Jane Reina

Renewed by the mystery of an incarnated divinity we proclaim together:

## Gloria to God *(please join in with Bill while muted)*

Refrain: Glory to God in the highest, and on  
earth peace to people of good will. (Amen.)

1. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we  
glorify you, we give you thanks for your great  
glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty  
Father.

2. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,

Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the father, you  
take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the  
world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the  
right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

3. 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 God  
the Father.

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## Opening Prayer - Co-Pastor Rev. Jane Reina

Let us pray: O sacred Mystery, your Spirit  
embraces us in our weaknesses and grants us  
strength, speaks to us the message of hope and  
grants us conviction. Send us out as shepherds

proclaiming your Way guided by our experience  
of your Word and Being.

We ask this through the eternal Christ,

**ALL: with Kerrie Amen**

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

## Liturgy of the Word

**First Reading: Acts 18. 1-4, 18, 24-26** - Lector Ruth Alexander



Paul left Athens and went to Corinth. There he found a Judean Christian named Aquila, a native of Pontus, who had recently come from Italy with his wife Priscilla, because Claudius had ordered all Judeans and Judean Christians to leave Rome. Paul went to see them. Because he was of the same trade, he stayed with them and they worked together. By trade, they were tentmakers. Every Sabbath, Paul would argue in the synagogue and would try to convince Judeans and Greeks. . .

After staying in Corinth a considerable time, Paul said farewell to the believers and sailed for Syria, accompanied by Priscilla and Aquila. When they reached Ephesus, after having visited their synagogue, Paul left Priscilla and Aquila there.

Now there came to Ephesus, a Judean named Apollos, a native of Alexandria. He was in an eloquent person, well-versed in the scriptures. He had been instructed in The Way of Christ. He spoke with burning enthusiasm and taught accurately the things concerning Jesus, though he knew only the baptism of John. He began to speak boldly in the synagogue; but, when Priscilla and Aquila heard him, they took him aside and taught him the rest of the story.

The Word of God

**ALL** with Kerrie **Thanks be to God.**

### **Responsorial Psalm - Psalm: Ute Prayer for Earth Day** *Lector: Ruth Alexander*

The response is: As a child rests in its mother's arms, so will I rest in You

**Res: As a child rests in its mother's arms, so will I rest in You**

Earth teach me quiet as the grasses are still with new light.

Earth teach me suffering as old stones with memory.

Earth teach me humility as blossoms are humble with beginning.

Earth teach me caring as mothers nurture their young.

**Res: As a child rests in its mother's arms, so will I rest in You.**

Earth teach me courage as the tree that stands alone.

Earth teach me limitation as the ant that crawls on the ground.

Earth teach me freedom as the eagle that soars in the sky.

Earth teach me acceptance as the leaves that die each fall.

**Res: As a child rests in its mother's arms, so will I rest in You.**

Earth teach me renewal as the seed that rises in the spring.

Earth teach me to forget myself as melted snow forgets its life.

Earth teach me to remember kindness as dry fields weep with rain.

**Res: As a child rests in its mother's arms, so will I rest in You.**

### **Second Reading – 1 John 3. 1-2** *Lector Art Bavoso*

Sisters and Brothers,  
See what love Amma/Abba God has lavished on us in letting us be called God's children! Yet that in fact is what we are.  
The reason the world does not recognize us is that it never recognized God.

My dear friends, now we are God's children, but it has not been revealed what we are to become in the future. We know that when it comes to light we will be like God, for we will see God as God really is.



All who keep this hope keep themselves pure,  
just as Christ is pure.

Listen to the Spirit speaking to God's people.  
**All: with Kerrie Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia** (*please join in with Bill while muted*)

Refrain  
Alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia.  
Alleluia. Alleluia.

Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life;  
you have the words of everlasting life.

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## Gospel Reading - John 10. 11-18 *Co-Pastor Dcn. Rosean Amaral*

God is with you. **ALL: with Kerrie And also with you.**

A reading from the holy gospel according to John

**ALL: with Kerrie Glory to you, O God.**

Jesus spoke to the disciples,  
“I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd  
would die for the sheep. The hired hand, who is  
neither shepherd nor owner of the sheep,  
catches sight of the wolf coming and runs away,  
leaving the sheep to be scattered or snatched by  
the wolf. That's because the hired hand works  
only for pay and has no concern for the sheep. I  
am the good shepherd. I know my sheep and my  
sheep know me, in the same way Amma/Abba  
God knows me and I know God—and for these  
sheep I will lay down my life.

I have other sheep that don't belong to this  
fold— I must lead them too, and they will hear

my voice. And then there will be one flock, one  
shepherd. This is why Amma/Abba God loves  
me—because I lay down my life, only to take it  
up again. No one takes my life from me; I lay it  
down freely. I have the power to lay it down, and  
I have the power to take it up again. This  
command I received from my Amma/Abba.

The Good News of Salvation of Jesus, our Risen  
Christ.

**All: with Anne Praise to you, O God**

## Homily *Leslie Black Elk*

### Youth Creed

**ALL:** (*Led by Co-Pastor Rev. Jane Reina together on mute*)  
**We believe that everyone is welcome no matter  
gender, race, religion, or sexuality.**  
**We believe that we should make an effort to  
help everyone enjoy their time in the church.**  
**We believe in storytelling.**  
**We believe that we can touch the sky with love.**  
**We believe that our God is not gender specific.**  
**We believe that our God loves everyone.**

**We believe that our God is an environmental  
activist.**  
**We believe that our God is present in our  
togetherness.**  
**We believe that Jesus leads to God.**  
**We believe in the Holy Spirit as much as we do  
Jesus and God.**



Amen

## Prayers of the People -

*Co-Pastor Rev. Jane Reina*

Let us continue as companion travelers and healers of our planet as we pray.

*Lector Art Bavoso*

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

For Mother Earth, that we work together to find solutions for the ecological issues we have caused, and that it will be soon enough, we pray, **Response: Beloved, receive our prayers.**

For all those who are sick or recovering from medical procedures, especially those on our prayer list, that they may be healed to wholeness, we pray, **Response: Beloved, receive our prayers.**

For all those who have been killed, and their families, in the last three months that their

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Christ, hear our prayers that we may grow into more committed shepherds and guardians of

deaths not be in vain but help bring about reconciliation among all humans and created beings. **Response: Beloved, receive our prayers.**

I now invite you to lift up your own prayers either by holding the space bar and speaking them or typing them in the chat, ...we pray, **Response: Beloved, receive our prayers.**

And for all the prayers we hold in our hearts, we pray, **Response Beloved, receive our prayers.**

your creation. We ask this through our Christ. **ALL: with Kerrie Amen.**

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## Sign of Peace

*Co-Pastor Rev. Jane Reina*

Jesus our 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 with Kerrie: Amen.**

The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

**All: with Kerrie: And also with you**

*Co-Pastor Dcn Rosean Amaral*

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

## Liturgy of the Eucharist

### Preparation of the Gifts-

*Co-Pastor Dcn Rosean Amaral*



We invite each of you to stretch out your hands toward this basket.

*Co-Pastor Rev. Jane Reina*

Blessed are you, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have these gifts of our community, of time, talents and treasure to offer, gratefully given, and the work of human hands. May our offerings become instruments of your peace and sustain the mission of God's people. May we continue to give as we are called and able.

**ALL: with Kerrie: Blessed be God forever.**

By the mystery of this water and wine may we come to share in the divinity of Christ, who humbled himself to share in our humanity.

Blessed are you, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this bread and wine to offer which earth has given and human hands

have made. It will become for us the bread of life and our spiritual drink.

**All: with Kerrie: Blessed be God forever**

Gracious God, we ask you to receive us and be pleased with the sacrifice we offer you with humble and contrite hearts.

Holy One, wash away my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.

Pray, my beloved sisters and brothers, that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God, our loving Amma/Abba God.

**All: with Kerrie May God accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of God's name, for our good and the good of all God's Church**

## **Prayers over the Gifts** - *Co-Pastor Rev. Jane Reina*

Jesus, you invite us to share this table as family. May we learn from you to be people of graced-filled will and action, being Shepherds as Christ leads us.

Fill us with your mysterious unconditional Love for all we meet and for all your creation.

We pray in the name of Jesus our Christ.

**ALL: Amen**

## **Eucharistic Prayer** - *Co-Pastor Rev. Jane Reina*

God is with you always.  
Let us lift up our hearts.  
Let us give thanks to our Loving God.

**All with Kerrie: And with your Spirit**

**All with Kerrie: We lift them up to God.**

**All with Kerrie: It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, for you made us, and before us you made the cosmos and world in which we live.

All that is spectacular, all that is plain, have their origin in you; all that is lovely, all who are loving, point to you as fulfillment of their thirst.

And grateful as we are for our planet, Earth, and the universe beyond our understanding, we particularly praise you for coming to earth and entering time in Jesus. For the life of Jesus infuses our living, his compassion, which contradicts our prejudices and generalities, his

disturbing presence, which calls us out of our comfortable existence his innocent suffering and his fearless dying, his rising to defeat death in all its forms.

We praise you, eternal God and gladly join our voices to the song of the church on earth and in heaven:.

**HOLY** *please join in on mute with Bill*

**Holy, Holy, Holy. Lord God of hosts.  
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.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

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Merciful God, send now your Holy Spirit to settle on this bread and wine and fill them with the fullness of Jesus.

Among friends, gathered round a table, 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.**

When supper was ended, he took the cup; again he gave you thanks and, handing 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.**

*Co-Pastor Dcn Rosean Amaral*

Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith.

**All: Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again.**

*Co-Pastor Rev. Jane Reina*

Remember, gracious God, those who have died, particularly Mary Crosby, our family members, friends, those who were alone, and those who were afraid. May they share eternal LOVE with you and all the saints. Amen.

Setting our willfulness, emptying our hearts and bringing nothing in our hands, we yearn for the healing forgiveness that Christ offers us.

May your Holy Spirit rest on us, in communion with Mary, the Mother of God, Mary of Magdala, St. Francis of Assisi, St. Teresa of Calcutta, Dorothy Day and all your saints throughout the ages, together with your servants, our bishops, Francis and Denise.

Convert us, O God, from the patterns of this passing world to those of Jesus whose Body and Blood we now become.

**All: Through Him, with Him and in Him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty God, for ever and ever. Amen**

## **The Prayer of Jesus** - *Co-Pastor Dcn Rosean Amaral*

Knowing that we are in the hands of God and called to be shepherds in the world, we pray with trust the prayer Jesus gave us:

Abba/Amma, God....

**ALL:** *(together on mute:* who are 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

*Co-Pastor Rev. Jane Reina*

Deliver us O God, from anxiety and fear as shepherds of Your truth as we commit ourselves to your work. Fill us with your quiet courage to stand up for the freedom and dignity of all our sisters and brothers in creation. We ask through our Christ. **ALL: with Kerrie Amen.**

## **Breaking of the Bread** - *Co-Pastor Rev. Jane Reina*



Propel us O God into that eternal relationship of Love where all creation is seen as sacred.

**ALL:** *with Kerrie* **Amen**

May this mingling of the Body and Blood of Jesus our Christ bring eternal life to all who receive it.

Behold the Christ, in whom we live and love, in whom God is reconciling all of creation. Happy are we who are called to this table.

Here is the risen Christ whose Spirit gathers us together around this table and empowers us as shepherds. This is, and we are, the Body of Christ.

Joining in the reception of Communion those on zoom – Before we share in the food on our tables

**All:** **Lord, I am worthy to receive you, because you have said the word and I am healed.**

**ALL:** *(together on mute)* **In this we are a Eucharistic People, the Body of Christ incarnate, the Blood of Christ poured out for the life of the world.**

### **Sacred Music** - *Rosanna Bateman*

### **Prayer after Communion** *Co-Pastor Rev. Jane Reina*

Let us pray...

Ever Faithful, Compassionate God, we thank you for your unending gift of yourself. Open our hearts to you. We ask this through our Christ.

**All** *with Kerrie* **Amen**

### **Concluding Rite** – *Co-Pastor Rev. Jane Reina*

Our Christ be with you.

**All** *with Kerrie:* **And also with you.**

In this celebration of Word and Eucharist, Jesus our Christ, our hope, speaks to us in Truth and in Love. Bowing our heads, let us ask for God's

blessing that we may live in sacredness with 'all our relations.'

May almighty God bless you in the name of Amma/Abba God, Jesus the Christ, and the Holy Spirit, Sophia, Amen.

**All:** *with Kerrie Anne* **Amen.**

### **Dismissal** *Co-Pastor Dcn Rosean Amaral*

Go in peace to love and serve with renewed commitment as you are called

**All** *with Kerrie:* **Thanks be to God.**

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

### **Colors of the Wind**

You think you own whatever land you land on  
The Earth is just a dead thing you can claim  
But I know every rock and tree and creature Has  
a life, has a spirit, has a name

You think the only people who are people Are  
the people who look and think like you  
But if you walk the footsteps of a stranger  
You'll learn things you never knew, you never  
knew



**Refrain:**

Have you ever heard the wolf cry to the blue corn moon

Or asked the grinning bobcat why he grinned  
Can you sing with all the voices of the mountains  
Can you paint with all the colors of the wind  
Can you paint with all the colors of the wind

Come run the hidden pine trails of the forest  
Come taste the sun sweet berries of the Earth  
Come roll in all the riches all around you  
And for once, never wonder what they're worth

The rainstorm and the river are my brothers  
The heron and the otter are my friends

And we are all connected to each other In a circle, in a hoop that never ends

**Refrain**

How high will the sycamore grow If you cut it down, then you'll never know  
And you'll never hear the wolf cry to the blue corn moon

For whether we are white or copper skinned  
We need to sing with all the voices of the mountains

We need to paint with all the colors of the wind  
You can own the Earth and still  
All you'll own is Earth until

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