



Mary of Magdala, ECC – September 21, 2025 md

Celebrating the 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time—Together

Wherever We Are

Mother Rosean Amaral Presiding

Welcome and Announcements *Lector Cindy Cloyd*

Entrance Song My Soul Is Thirsty (R; V1; R; V3; R)

Greeting:

Let us continue as one expression of God's people in the name of Creator God, the Risen Son, and the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen

May the love of God, the peace of our brother Jesus, and the communion and friendship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

Mother Rosean Welcomes All...

Let us turn to our God with humble hearts...

Penitential Rite

God of all souls,

Continue to give us the grace to treasure each other with all of our differences as we minister to the diversity of your people. God, have mercy. **All: God, have mercy.**

Brother Jesus,

Thank you, for calling us through the Gospel, to work together, and for each other. Jesus, have mercy. **All: Jesus, have mercy.**



Holy Spirit,

Be in our every thought and word; in every intention and motive. Holy Spirit have mercy. **All: Holy Spirit have mercy.**

Loving God, renew us by your nurture and blessing, forgive us our failings, and bring us to life everlasting. (adapted from a prayer written by Sarah Dylan Breuer)

All: Amen.

And now let us lift our voices in joyful praise to our God!

Gloria: Glory To God (Mass Of A Joyful heart)

Opening Prayer

Let us pray...

God of the rich and the poor, God of the high and the lowly, God of all people, we pray today that you would stir in all of our hearts the desire to see your kin-dom come in the relationships between us. May we responsibly address the disparities that we see and seek the restoration of all who are marginalized. (Sojourners Magazine)

For Jesus' sake,

All: Amen

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Let us listen to the Word of God in our midst.

First Reading *Lector Cindy Cloyd*

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Amos 8:4-7, 9-10

God spoke to Amos, saying, "Tell the people: Hear this, those of you who trample on the needy and destroy the poor of the land. You ask, 'When will the New Moon festival be over so that we can sell grain? When will the Sabbath be over so that we can open the grain



bins for business, business as usual, diminishing the ephah (that is, the measure), adding to the shekel to boost the price, and fixing our scales to cheat the buyer. We will purchase the destitute for silver and the poor for a pair of sandals. We'll even sell worthless grain.””
God has sworn by the Glory and Pride of Jacob, Rachel, and Leah,
"I will never forget any of these deeds. On that day, I will make the sun set at midday; in broad daylight, I will cover the land in gloom. I will turn your festivals into mourning and your songs into dirges. I will cover your loins with sackcloth and make every head bald. I will make it like the time of mourning for an only child and its outcome like a day of bitter weeping."

The Word of an Ancient Judean Prophet, prophesying in Israel.

All: Thanks be to God.

PSALM To You O God (R-Cantor; R-All; V1-Cantor; R-All; V2-Cantor; V2-All)

SECOND READING *Lector David Cloyd*

Reading from the First Letter to Timothy 6:7-11

We brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. If we have food and clothing, we will be content with that.

Those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge others into ruin and



destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil.

Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs. Instead, you who love God, pursue righteousness, devotion, faith, love, patience, and gentleness.

The Word of an Early Church Pastor.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation (MOJH)

Gospel

The Word of God be with you. **All: And also with you.**

A Proclamation of the Gospel attributed to **Luke 16:1-13.**

All: Glory to you, O God.

GOSPEL

Jesus told his disciples a parable:

There was a very wealthy landowner who, having received reports of a steward squandering the property, called the steward in and asked, "What is this I hear about you? Give a full accounting of all your management to date, because you cannot be my steward any longer."

The steward thought, "What should I do now? My boss is taking away my job. I'm not strong enough to dig, and I'm ashamed to beg. (pause) I know what I'll do so that when I am dismissed as



steward, people will welcome me into their homes."

Summoning each of the landowner's debtors one by one, the steward asked the first, "How much do you owe my employer?"

"A hundred jugs of olive oil."

The steward said, "Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty."

Then the steward asked the second debtor, "And how much do you owe?"

Then the steward asked the second debtor, "And how much do you owe?" "A hundred containers of wheat."

The steward said, "Take your bill and make it eighty."

Upon hearing this, the owner commended the dishonest steward because he had acted shrewdly. For marketplace-minded people are more astute in dealing with their own kind than are people who are just and kind. So, I tell you, use wealth for good.

When wealth is gone, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings.

Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much. So, if you have not been trustworthy in handling unrighteous wealth, who will trust you with true riches? And if you have not been trustworthy with someone else's property, who will give you a place to live of your own?

No servant can serve two leaders. You will hate the one and love the other or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You



cannot serve both God and Wealth.

The Good News of Jesus our Christ.

All: Praise to You, Jesus our Christ.

Homily: Mother Rosean

Prayers of the People

Let us bring forth our prayers for all of Creation..

Lector David Cloyd

Our response is: Loving God, receive our prayers.

All: Loving God, receive our prayers.

In the celebration of this creation month, we ask for courage to be the bringers of peace and forgiveness to our families, we pray.

All: Loving God, receive our prayers.

For our increasing awareness and support of the dignity and well-being of Mother Earth and all upon her, we pray.

All: Loving God, receive our prayers.

For the planners and volunteers and participants in our Regional Synod as we learn about each other, our ECC identity, and where the Spirit is calling us, we pray.

All: Loving God, receive our prayers.

Read the prayers from the Sanctuary . . . , we pray.

All: Loving God, receive our prayers.

Are there prayers from our zoom attendees? . . . , we pray.

All: Loving God, receive our prayers.



For those on our Prayer List and those held in the quiet of our hearts, we pray.

All: Loving God, receive our prayers.

Creator God, knowing you have heard our prayers and confident in your love, we abide in your mercy. In Jesus' name we pray. **All: Amen**

The Peace

Celebrating God's endless faithfulness, may the peace of Christ be with you always. **All: And also with you.**

Let us share with one another a sign of Christ's peace, first with our siblings at home and then here in the sanctuary.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

As we prepare our tables, offering food and drink here and in our homes, 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 able.

Let us sing together...

Procession of the Gifts

Offertory Purify My Heart (V1; R; V2; R)

Preparation of the Gifts (During Offertory Song)

Blessed are You, Loving God of all Creation, through Your goodness we have this bread to place on Your table. Work of earth and human hands. May it become our spiritual food. **All: Blessed be God forever.**

Blessed are You, Loving God of all Creation, through Your goodness we have this wine to place on Your table. Work of earth and human hands. May it become our spiritual drink. **All: 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.



Wash away my iniquity, cleanse me of my sin.

Prayer over the Gifts

Pray my siblings in Christ, that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God, our Mother and Father.

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.

Eucharistic Prayer

The Risen Christ is with you. **All: And also with you.**

Let us open up our hearts. **All: We open them up to God.**

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

It is truly right to give You thanks, merciful and faithful God. It is fitting that we offer You praise. You sent Jesus Christ Your Son among us as our redeemer. He was moved with compassion for the poor and the powerless, for the sick and the sinner. He made himself neighbor to the oppressed. By His words and actions He proclaimed to the world that You care for us as a parent for their children. And so, with all the angels and saints, we sing the joyful hymn of Your praise:

Holy (MOJH)

We bless You, God of holiness:

You accompany us with love as we journey through life. Blessed too is Your Son, Jesus Christ, who is present among us and whose love gathers us together. Great and merciful God, we ask You to send down Your Holy Spirit to hallow these gifts of bread and wine, that they may become for us the **Body + and Blood of our brother, Jesus, the Christ.**

On the eve of his passion and death, when at table with those He loved He took bread and gave You thanks: He broke the bread, gave it to all, 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 all, He 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 (MOJH)

And so, Creator most holy, we celebrate the memory of Christ, Your Son, we proclaim the work of Your love, and we offer You the bread of life and the cup of eternal blessing. Through the power of Your Spirit of love, include us now and forever among the members of Your Son, whose body and blood we share.

Loving God, perfect Your church in faith and love together with Leo, a sign of the worldwide Catholic tradition, Kae and Pablo our Bishops, our 301 Faith Partnership and all those Your Son has gained for You.

Be mindful of our siblings who have fallen asleep in the peace of Christ, (pause) and all the dead whose faith only You can know. Lead them to the fullness of the resurrection and gladden them with the light of your face.

When our pilgrimage on earth is complete, welcome us into Your heavenly home, where we shall dwell with You forever. There, with Mary, the Mother of God, with the apostles, the martyrs, and all the saints, we shall praise You and give You glory through Jesus Christ Your Son.

Together now, we say...

All: Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are Yours, self-emptying, life- giving God, forever and ever.

Amen (MOJH)



The Prayer of Jesus

Let us turn to the camera and pray with the words that Jesus taught us:

All: Amma/Abba God 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

The Shared Table

Lamb of God (MOJH)

This is the Living God, the Body and Blood of Christ. This is the One who transforms the world. Happy are we who are called to this meal.

All: Jesus, I am ready to receive You and by Your invitation I am here.

Invitation to Communion

As we partake of the sustenance laid before us, let us affirm together:

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.

An open invitation awaits all of you at this table where Jesus is the host. An invitation to be fed and to be loved without measure. Each one of you is a precious child of God. All are welcome, no exceptions.

(gluten free hosts in center. Both red wine and white grape juice are available in the metal cups)

Communion Song Open My Eyes (V1; V2; V3; B; V4)

Prayer after Communion Followed by Slide Show

Let us pray...



Thank You, Brother Jesus, for this meal of remembrance. We come before You with open hearts, yearning to deepen our connection with You.

That we can glimpse you
within creation is a beautiful thought
and also tells us
that you desire to be seen,
to be found and known.
Open our eyes, God
as we walk through this world
feel the wind and sunshine
see the majesty of creation unfolding before our eyes
Help us to see you.

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All: Amen

Blessing for Dori Healy and Jim Berry

Gracious and Loving God, we raise our hands, hearts, and voices to bless Dori and Jim as they continue the journey of discernment toward ordained ministry with Mary of Magdala. Enliven them with clarity of vision and insight, guide them to willingly accept what unfolds for them. May our blessing help sustain their journey in Christ. May it be so.

Concluding Rite and Dismissal

The Love of God be with you. **All: And also with you.**
Let us open our hearts to receive God's blessing...

May God the Creator reshape your hearts;
May Christ Jesus, the bread of life, sustain you always;
and may the Holy Spirit unite you in the bond of peace.



In the name of Christ Jesus

All: Amen.

We are the Body of Christ. Let us go out from here and live lives worthy of the one calling which we all share.

All: Thanks be to God.

Closing Sweet Redeemer (V1; R; V2; R)