Mary of Magdala, ECC – October 5, 2025

Celebrating the 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time -- Together Wherever We Are **Mother Rosean Amaral Presiding**

Welcome and Announcements *Lector Lynne Barnes*

Entrance Song Table of Plenty (R; V1, R; V2, 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 grateful hearts...

Penitential Rite

God of Love, You remind us that even small beginnings can lead to great things. God of Love, our hearts are filled with gratitude.
All: God of Love, our hearts are filled with gratitude.

Brother Jesus, You came to show us what the kin-dom of heaven looks like. Brother Jesus, our hearts are filled with gratitude.
All: Brother Jesus, our hearts are filled with gratitude.

Breath of the Spirit, You reveal to us that we belong to each other in love and care. Breath of the Spirit, our hearts are filled with gratitude. **All: Breath of the Spirit, our hearts are filled with gratitude.**

God of all souls, 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!

Glory To God (Mass of the Desert : altered and shortened)

Opening Prayer

Let us pray…

Let us come together with gentleness,
Let us come together with humility,
Let us come together with patience, Let us come together in unity, Let us come together in love. Let us worship the God who has called us together.
(adapted from a prayer by Joanna Harader)

For Jesus' sake, **All: Amen**

LITURGY OF THE WORD

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

First Reading: *A Seeking Heart,* by Joan Chittister, from **Aspects of the Heart.**
Lector Lynne Barnes

The search for God comes one day to the point where we know without a doubt that we are immersed in God. Bringing ourselves to finally recognize that is the essential task of life.

There is no such thing as "getting" God. The fact is that we already have God. God is not somewhere else. God is everywhere. God is here. With me. In me. Now. It is the awareness of that presence which life intends to teach us to cultivate.

To be centered in God alone does not mean to have no interests but God. It means to realize that all other interests are meant to bring us closer to God. They are not meant to take God's place in our lives but to enable God's spirit to enhance the meaning of everything else.

Once we begin to recognize God at work in us, everything in life becomes holy, becomes life-giving. Then God is not an occasional find in life—in church, maybe,



or at a sunset. God is a sense of life now and of life beyond life. God is what calls me to live into the heart of the universe.

Words Inspired by God. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm 119

All: Thy word is a lamp unto my feet ,.. (sung)

Lector Lynne Barnes

Your word, Holy One, is a lamp for our feet,

a light for our path.

To You, we make a solemn vow

to observe Your just judgments.

All: Thy word is a lamp unto my feet ,.. (sung)

O God we are very much afflicted.

Give us life in accord with Your word.

Accept our freely offered praise.

Teach us, O God, Your vision of justice.

All: Thy word is a lamp unto my feet ,.. (sung)

Our lives are always at risk,

but we do not forget Your law.

The wicked set snares for us,

but from Your precepts we do not stray.



All: Thy word is a lamp unto my feet ,.. (sung)

Your testimonies are our heritage forever.

They constitute the joy of our hearts.

Our hearts are set on fulfilling the desire of Your heart for the world, which is our reward forever.

All: Thy word is a lamp unto my feet ,.. (sung)

Second Reading **Timothy** 1:1-9a, 10b-11, 14

Lector Vicki Johnson: A Reading from the Second Letter to Timothy

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by God's choosing, to Timothy, my beloved child in faith: grace, mercy, and peace from the God of all and Jesus the Christ.

I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice, a faith that now lives in you. For this reason, I remind you to keep aflame the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands. Remember, God gave us not a spirit of cowardice, but a spirit of action, love, and self-discipline.

Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony of Jesus who died on the cross, or of me who is in prison for his sake. Rather, join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, who delivered us, freed us, and called us with a holy calling...

For Christ put an end to death and revealed life everlasting through the gospel. For this gospel, I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher...

And you, also, are called. Guard the good treasure entrusted to you. The Holy Spirit, who lives within us, will help you.

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

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia (MOD)

Gospel **Luke** 13:18-21; 17:5-6, 20-25

Our Loving God is within you**.** **All: And also within you.**

A Proclamation of the Gospel attributed to Luke

All: Glory to You, O God.

Jesus said to the crowd, "What is the kin-dom of God like? To what can I compare it? It's like a mustard seed planted in a garden which grew into a large bush, and the birds of the sky dwelt in its branches."

Then he said, “To what else shall I compare the kin-dom of God? It’s like yeast that a woman mixed in three measures of wheat flour until the whole batch of dough was leavened.”

Later, when the apostles asked Jesus to increase their faith, Jesus said: “If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you would say to [this] mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you.”

As Jesus continued on the journey to Jerusalem, the Pharisees questioned him about when the reign of God would come. He answered, “The reign of God is not something that can be observed. Nor will people be able to say, ‘Look, it’s here!’ or, ‘There it is!’ God’s reign, God's kin-dom, is already within you.”

Then he said to his disciples, “The time will come when you will long to see a day of the Chosen One again; but you will not see it. People will say to you, ‘Look over there!’ or ‘Look here!’ But don't go running off after them. For the Chosen One will be like lightning, which flashes and lights up the whole sky from one end to the other. But first it’s necessary that the Chosen One suffer many things and be rejected by this generation.

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 Vicki Johnson

Our response to our prayers today is : Loving God, receive our prayers.

All: Loving God, receive our prayers.

1) For all who have been affected by the government shutdown and for their needs at this time, we pray… **All: Loving God, receive our prayers.**

2) For all who continue to suffer from the cruel and devastating affects of conflict and wars and for cooperation to bring about lasting peace, we pray… **All: Loving God, receive our prayers.**

3) For our Rocky Mountain Regional ECC, that our Synod on Saturday will provide us with opportunities to grow as a community of faith and service and in gratitude for all who have worked so hard to make this regional Synod a meaningful experience for all of us, we pray…

All: Loving God, receive our prayers.

4) For the prayers offered by those with us in the Sanctuary today… (read the prayers from the basket) **All: Loving God, receive our prayers.**

5) Are there prayers from those attending on Zoom? For these prayers, we pray… **All: Loving God, receive our prayers.**

For those on our Prayer Lists and for those prayers we hold in our hearts, we pray… **All: Loving God, receive our prayers.**

M.Rosean: 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 Song Benediction (V1, V2, V3, V4)

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 within you. **All: And also within 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.**

Eternal God, in the abundance of your love

you have caused all things to be;

from dust and spirit

you have woven our humanity;

in all our wanderings

you will never cease to call us to fullness of life.

You gave us Jesus, son of Mary,

the Bread of life broken for the world;

he fed us and feasted with us,

he healed us and suffered for us;

his dying and rising have set us free.

Therefore, with all whom you have made, cherished and called,

with all who hunger for your kingdom

and will not rest until all your children are fed,

we sing the unending song of your praise:

Holy, Holy, Holy (MOD)

We ask that your Holy Spirit

will come upon us and upon these gifts

that these fragile, earthly things

may become the holy Body + and Blood of our brother, Jesus, the Christ;

On the night he was betrayed,

He gathered with his friends for a meal that tasted of freedom.

Calling them, to his table,

He took the 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 praise,

gave the cup to all, 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.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Memorial Acclamation (MOD)

Therefore, in our eating and drinking

we are filled with the life-giving presence of Christ;

we proclaim him as creation's host, and the host of our soul.

In communion with each other, our bishops Pablo and Kae, and our 301 partnership with our Lutheran and Episcopal siblings in Christ,

inspire us with the hope that one day death and greed will be no more

and people without number will come from east and west, north and south

to share the kingdom meal in company with blessed Mary, Saint Francis,

Mary of Magdala and all the saints.

May we praise you in union with them, and give you glory through your

Son, Jesus the Christ. 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.

Great Amen (MOD)

The Prayer of Jesus

Let us turn to the camera and join with our siblings to pray 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 (MOD)

This is the Living God, the Body and Blood of Christ. This is the One who is everywhere and 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 Christ 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 Do This in Memory of Me (V1, R; V2, R)
No Bridge

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray... Thank You, Brother Jesus, for this meal of remembrance. We thank You for Your presence within us, and we yearn to deepen our connection with You.
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 you be blessed to encounter, discover, and experience God, both within and in the ordinary circumstances of your everyday lives.

We ask for this blessing now, in the name of our Loving God, our brother Jesus and the Holy Spirit, Sophia. **All: Amen**

Dismissal

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 Song A Rightful Place (R; V1, R; V2, R)