



Mary of Magdala, ECC – Sept 4, 2022

Celebrating the 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time — Together Wherever We Are  
Father Teri Harroun Presiding

Welcome and Announcements  
Social Justice Reflection:

*Lector Lynne Barnes*

*Tom Moos, Chair Social Justice Ministry*

Entrance Song  
Here at This Table

Refrain  
Come and be filled here at this table.  
Food for all who hunger  
and drink for all who thirst.  
Drink of his love, wine of salvation.  
You shall live forever in Jesus Christ the Lord.

1. You who labor for justice,  
you who labor for peace,  
you who steady the plow

in the field of the Lord,

3. Children of ev'ry color  
in ev'ry land,  
you are his own,  
he gathers you gently.  
Don't you grow weary,  
for when you run,  
you run with the Lord!.

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Greeting and Welcome

Let us continue as one expression of God's  
people. + Father, Son, Holy Spirit. **All: Amen.**

May the Love of God, the care and compassion of  
the Incarnation, and the Fire of the Holy Spirit be  
with you all. **All: And also with you**

Penitential Rite

Let us remember our God of all creation.....

God, you create all people in your image  
including mothers and fathers and all parents,  
God have mercy on us all **All: God have mercy on  
us all.**

Jesus, You showed us the love of Abba God,  
Christ have mercy on us all. **All: Christ have  
mercy on us all.**

Spirit of God, you are mindful of all of us, and  
dream of universal flourishing, Spirit have mercy  
on us all **All: Spirit have mercy on us all.**

May our loving God shower us with grace, be  
forever present to us, forgive our sins, and bring  
us to everlasting joy and light.  
**All: Amen.**

Let us sing our praises to our God

Gloria: Glory to God – *Mass of Mary Magdalene*



Refrain  
Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to all people here on earth.

1. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you,  
we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great  
glory,

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## Opening Prayer

Let us pray...

God, your first commandment is that we love  
you. It is with delight that we love you, and it is  
also a challenge. We get distracted. Help us to  
never settle. Never settle for anything less than

waking each day with love for you beating in our  
hearts. Help us also see the abundance of love.  
When we love you, our love for others increases  
as well. In Jesus' name we pray:

**All: Amen.**

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

Let us joyfully listen to the Word of God, the good news in our midst.

### First Reading from the Book of Wisdom 9:9-18 *Lector Lynne Barnes*

Wisdom is with You, O God. She knows Your  
works, for You made the Cosmos with Her.  
She understands what is pleasing in Your sight  
and what is good and right.

Send Her forth from the holy heavens!  
From the dwelling place of Your glory, send Her  
to work at my side that I may learn what is  
pleasing to You.

For She knows and understands all things.  
She will guide me wisely in my actions and guard  
me with Her glory. Then my works will be  
acceptable. Then I shall judge Your people justly.  
Then I shall be worthy of representing You, O  
God.

For what human being can know the mind of  
God?

Who can discern the desires of the Holy One?  
The reasoning of the human mind is inadequate.  
Our designs often fail. A perishable body has  
limits.

The human mind is charged with the many cares  
of this earthly tent. We only guess at the  
mysteries of Earth, and it is our home!  
Even what is within our grasp we find with  
difficulty. Who, then, has traced out the fullness  
of the Universe? Who has discerned Your  
intentions unless You have given them Wisdom  
and sent Your Holy Spirit?

Thus the paths of those on Earth will be made  
holy: Wisdom will teach us what pleases You.  
We will be made whole by Wisdom.

The Word of God .

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### Responsorial Psalm 40 *Lector Lynne Barnes*

Our Psalm Response is: Awaken us O Holy One.  
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Beloved You gather those who love You as  
Friends returning from a long journey,



Giving rest to their souls.  
You anoint them with the balm of understanding,  
Healing wounds of the past.

**Response: Awaken us O Holy One.**

For our days on Earth are a mystery,  
A searching for You,  
A yearning for the great Mystery to make itself  
known.

The years pass and soon the harvest is at hand.

**Response: Awaken us O Holy One.**

Teach us, O Beloved, to honor each day  
That we may have a heart of wisdom.  
Awaken us O Holy One!

Too long have we been asleep!

**Response: Awaken us O Holy One.**

Let your Love be known to the nations,  
Your glory to our children's children.  
Increase the Light within us—O Beloved, hear our  
prayer!

**Response: Awaken us O Holy One.**

## Second Reading: From a Letter of Paul to Philemon 1-2, 9-10, 12-19a -

*Lector Linda Joyce*

### A Reading from a Letter of Paul to Philemon

Paul, a prisoner of Jesus the Christ, and Timothy  
our brother; to Philemon our dear friend and co-  
worker, to Apphia our sister, and to Archippus, a  
soldier among us, and to the church in your  
house:

I appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul,  
do this as an old man, and also as a prisoner for  
the sake of Jesus the Christ. I appeal now to you  
for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have  
become during my imprisonment. I am sending  
him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I would  
like to keep him with me, to serve to me in your  
place during my imprisonment for the gospel. I  
write this appeal to you because I prefer to do  
nothing without your consent, so that your good  
deed might be voluntary and not something  
forced.

Perhaps the reason Onesimus was separated  
from you for a while is so that you might have  
him back forever, no longer as a slave but as  
more than a slave, as beloved kin. He has been  
family, especially to me, but how much more to  
you, both in the flesh and in Jesus the Christ. So,  
if you consider me your partner, welcome him as  
you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in  
any way, or owes you anything, charge that to  
my account. I, Paul, am writing this with my own  
hand: I will repay it.

The Word of the Apostle Paul.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation *Mass of Mary Magdalene*

*Refrain:*

**Alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

Open our hearts O God, to listen to the words of  
your Son.

*Refrain*

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## Gospel Reading: Luke (14:25-33)

The Word of Christ be with you all.  
A Proclamation of the Gospel according to Luke.

My siblings in Christ,

Large crowds gathered around Jesus. Turning to them he said: "If anyone comes to me and is not prepared to lose father and mother, spouse and children, siblings — yes, even one's own life— this person cannot be my disciple. Those who do not carry their cross and follow me cannot be my disciples.

"Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Will you not first sit down and estimate the cost to see if you have enough money to complete it? If you lay the foundation and are not able to finish it, everyone who sees it will jeer at you, saying, 'There goes the one who began to build and was not able to finish.'

**All: and also with you.**  
**All: Glory to You, O God.**

"Or suppose a ruler is about to go to war against another ruler. Will the ruler not first sit down and consider whether it is possible, with an army of ten thousand, to oppose the enemy coming against them with twenty thousand? If it is not possible, the ruler will send a delegation while the other is still a long way off and will ask for terms of peace.

"In the same way, none of you can be my disciple if you do not let go of all that you have."  
The Good News of Salvation of Jesus the Christ.

**All: Praise to You, Jesus the Christ.**

**Homily:** *Father Teri Harroun*

## Prayers of the People

*Father Teri Harroun*  
Let us bring forth our prayers for all of Creation.

*Lector Linda Joyce*

**Our response is:** Loving God, receive our prayers.  
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For all people of faith, their leaders, their clergy to continue to reach out in love to all people that the outpouring of love will reach the leaders of countries who perpetrate war and violence, we pray, **Response: Loving God, receive our prayers.**

For migrants searching for a better way of life, that our country and all countries will receive

them and allow them to simply live without fear, we pray, **Response: Loving God, receive our prayers.**

For all people who are in prisons or jails, that they may be treated with respect and be allowed to learn ways to improve themselves in order to return to society with the tools to make good decisions, we pray, **Response: Loving God, receive our prayers..**

I will now read the prayers requested from those in the sanctuary... .. We pray....**Response: Loving God, receive our prayers.**



For those on zoom, please unmute and speak your prayer so all may pray with you, .....**Response: Loving God, receive our prayers.**

And for all those on our prayer list and the prayers you hold in your hearts, we pray, **Response: Loving God, receive our prayers.**

*Father Teri Harroun will close the Prayers of the People....*

**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 that peace, both virtually and in the sanctuary.

## LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

### Offertory Song

#### In Every Age

1. Long before the mountains came to be  
and the land and sea and stars of the night,  
through the endless seasons of all time,  
you have always been,  
you will always be.

Refrain

In ev'ry age, O God,  
you have been our refuge.  
In ev'ry age, O God,  
you have been our hope.

2. Destiny is cast, and at your silent word

we return to dust and scatter to the wind.  
A thousand years are like a single moment gone,  
as the light that fades  
at the end of day.

3. Teach us to make use of the time we have.  
Teach us to be patient even as we wait.  
Teach us to embrace our ev'ry joy and pain.  
To sleep peacefully,  
and to rise up strong.

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### Preparation of the Gifts (During Offertory Song)

Blessed are you, Loving God of all Creation,  
through your goodness we have these gifts to  
place on your table. They represent our entire  
lives, and all that we have to offer. May they  
become the Light of Christ in your world.

**All: Blessed be God forever.**

Blessed are you, Loving God of all Creation,  
through your goodness we have this bread and  
this wine to place on your table. Work of earth  
and human hands. May it become our spiritual  
food and drink.

**All: Blessed be God forever.**

Wash away my iniquity, cleanse me.

### Prayer over the Gifts



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 that these our gifts, our lives, may continue to be blessed by our Loving God.

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

**All: 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 creation.**

## Eucharistic Prayer

Based on the work of <http://www.diarmuid13.com/eucharistic-prayers>

The peace of our God be with you all.  
Let us open our hearts.  
Let us give thanks to our loving God.

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

God of life, you nurture and sustain your people.  
You bless us with abundance; you gift us with your graciousness; you know our every need.

In the birthing forth of creation you call us into being.  
You gift us with holiness and wholeness; you sustain our every endeavor. You feed your hungering people.

You plunge us deep into the waters of Baptism, immersing us in your love, and then call us to work for justice, to share our table with all creation, to feed the needy at our door, to see nobody left in need.

For the blessing of your gifts, and the challenge of your call to us, we lift our voices now with those who are blessed; with the hungry and those who are fed and those who feed others, with the choirs of angels and all of creation, we are glad to sing you praise:

### **Holy** (Sung)

*Mass of Mary Magdalene*

**Ho -- ly, Ho -- ly, 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.**

*Mass of Mary Magdalene -- Sarah Hart*

God, Goodness of the World, you prepare tables before us. Send your Holy Spirit upon us

gathered around tables throughout your world and gathered as your Body that we may become signs of your love and transforming work in the world. + Let also your Spirit come upon these gifts of bread and wine to make them holy so that they may become for us the Body and Blood of our brother, Jesus the Christ.

Today, we gather to remember that on the night before he died, Jesus ate with his followers and his friends. We recall how he took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it, he broke it, and gave it to them saying:

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

We remember also, that on the night before Jesus died, He took the cup filled with wine, and after giving thanks, passed it to his friends, saying:

**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 our faith

### **Memorial Acclamation:** (Sung)

*Mass of Mary Magdalene*



**When we eat this bread and drink this cup, We proclaim your death, O Christ, Until you come again.**

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Beloved God, Creator of all, You have invited each of us here today, and so we gather at many tables. But we are confident that all Tables are Your Table, O God. We remember all those who have been made in your image, every person in this world. We ask that you draw us together in peace and flourishing, as you draw us all closer to you. We especially remember our chosen shepherds, Bishop Francis and Bishop Kae. May they know the presence of You and Your grace in their lives each day.

We are confident, God, that you remember also our ancestors, who have fallen asleep in the hope of the resurrection. Welcome them to gaze upon Your Face and enjoy your eternal embrace.

Shower us all with grace, along with all of creation.

God, like all the holy ones before us, we live and die and are raised as One in you. May our experience in you bring forth your Reign and universal flourishing forever.

Together now, we say...

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

**Amen** (Sung) Mass of Mary Magdalene

**Amen. Amen.  
Amen. Amen. Amen.**

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## The Prayer of Jesus

Let us join hearts together, a symbol of how God is circling the world right now and prayer words that have been prayed for centuries.

**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

**Lamb of God** (Sung) Mass of Mary Magdalene

**Lamb of God you take away The sins of the world, Have mercy, mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God you take away The sins of the world, Have mercy, mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God you take away The sins of the world, Grant us, grant us peace.**

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This is the Body and Blood of Christ. This is the one who transforms the world. Blessed 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 share in the sustenance here 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.**

May the mystery of our participation in the sacred mystery, enliven our faith, inspire our

service, and incarnate God's compassionate love where-ever we may be.

Whether partaking here, or at our home tables, this food from God is offered to the people of God, without exception. All are welcome at the banquet of Christ's kin-dom

## Communion Song Revive Us, O God

Refrain  
Revive us, O God,  
breathe into us  
the way of your wisdom,  
the depth of your trust.  
You are our hope,  
you are our light, O God.  
1. Weary from the burden of ignorance grown,

trembling in terror, can hearts be transformed?  
Longing for you to draw near,  
before we cry out you already hear. And  
2. Weakened by judgment, where is our strength?  
Confined by confusion, our spirits are spent.  
But this sickness no longer can hide;  
when we choose your way, choose your truth,  
when we choose life, you.

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## Prayer after Communion

Let us pray...

God at the center of all circles:  
May this meal we share feed us, and bring us as  
One into the Body of Christ. May this sacrament

fill us with the Love of God, the three in One. May we love God well, as God loves us. In Jesus' name we pray. **All: Amen.**

## Concluding Rite and Dismissal –

The Love of God be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Let us open our hearts and ask for God's blessing.

Be blessed as one who loves God. Be blessed as one who is loved by God. Be blessed to see the image of God in all. Receive this blessing now,

...in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **All: Amen.**

We are the Body of Christ. Let us go forth as such, loving and serving God as we get to love and serve in God's world.

**All: Thanks be to God.**





## Closing Song

### Fish With Me

1. Jesus saw them fishing by the shore of Galilee,  
casting out their nets into the sea.  
Simon Peter, Andrew and the sons of Zebedee,  
waiting in their boats so patiently.  
And Jesus said,

#### Refrain

“Oh, come and follow me.  
Oh, leave behind your nets. I call you.  
Oh, come and fish with me,  
and your life will never be the same again.”

2. A rich young person came to Jesus looking for  
advice.  
“How can I obtain eternal life?”  
Jesus told him, “Honor the commandments of  
the Lord.  
Then sell off all your riches for the poor.”

And Jesus said,  
**(to Refrain)**

3. “If you want to follow me, deny your very self.  
Take up your cross and walk the walk with me.  
This might seem a hardship, an impossibility,  
but nothing is impossible with God.”  
And Jesus said,

#### Final Refrain

“Oh, come and follow me.  
Oh, leave behind your nets. I call you.  
Oh, come and fish with me,  
and your life will never be the same again.”  
Yes, your life will never be the same again.  
Oh, your life will never be the same.

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