



Mary of Magdala, ECC Sunday Service – July 19, 2020 16th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Greeting and Announcements – Lector Pedro Engel

Opening Song (*please, join in while muted*)

Shout to the Lord

My Jesus, my Savior;
Lord, there is none like you.
All of my days I want to praise
the wonders of your mighty love.

My comfort, my shelter,
tower of refuge and strength;
let ev'ry breath, all that I am,
never cease to worship you.

Refrain

Shout to the Lord, all the earth; let us sing
power and majesty, praise to the king.
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar
at the sound of your name.

I sing for joy at the work of your hands.
Forever I'll love you, forever I'll stand.
Nothing compares to the promise I have in you.

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Greeting – Fr Michael

In the name of the Father, ✠ and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

ALL: Amen.

The grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God, and the communion of the
Holy Spirit be with you all.

ALL And also with you

Penitential Rite – Father Michael

As we prepare to celebrate the mystery of
Christ's love, let us acknowledge our failures
and ask the Lord for patience and pardon.

Lord Jesus, you care for all people. Lord, have
mercy.

ALL: Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you do not judge unjustly. Christ,
have mercy.

ALL: Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you fill the children of God with
good hope. Lord, have mercy.

ALL: Lord have mercy.

May God the Beloved have mercy on us, ✠ forgive us our sins,
and bring us to life everlasting. **ALL: Amen**

(Pastor Jane – reads the Gloria)

Renewed by grace, we are bold to proclaim together

**ALL: Glory to God in the highest and peace to
God's people on earth. Lord God, Heavenly**



King, Almighty God and Father, we worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father, receive our prayer.

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. Amen.

Opening Prayer *Father Michael*

Loving God, your world is filled with wheat and weeds; Both are nourished by the rains and the warmth of the sun, for you care for every living thing.

Let our reflections on the bounty of your grace and mercy bring hope 'mid the entanglements of our lives, that all might reap the blessings revealed

through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and sustains us, now and forever.

All: Amen

Liturgy of the Word

1st Reading Wisdom 12. 13, 16-19 - Lector Pedro Engel

A reading from the book of Wisdom.

There is no God, other than You, Beloved,
You who cares for every living thing,
Never have You condemned unjustly,
and there are none to whom You have to prove it.

Nor can any king or prince confront you
on behalf of those you have punished.
But as you are righteous, you govern all things
righteously;

You regard it as unworthy of your power
to punish one who has incurred no blame.
For Your strength is the source of justice;
Your command over all makes You lenient to all,
for You show Your strength

when the perfection of Your power is
disbelieved.

In those who know You, you rebuke insolence;
but disposing of such strength,
You are mild in judgment.
You govern us with great lenience,
for You have only to will, and Your power is
there.

You have taught Your people, by these deeds,
that those who are just must be kind;
and You gave Your children good ground for
hope that You would permit repentance for their
sins.

The Word of God

All: Thanks be to God



Responsorial Psalm 103— (sung together on mute)

The Lord Is Kind and Merciful

Refrain

The Lord is kind and merciful.

The Lord is kind and merciful.

1. Bless the LORD, O my soul;
and all my being, bless his holy name.
Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits.

2. He pardons all your iniquities,
heals all your ills.
He redeems your life from destruction,

crowns you with kindness and compassion.

3. Merciful and gracious is the LORD,
slow to anger and abounding in kindness.
Not according to our sins does he deal with us,
nor does he requite us according to our crimes.

4. As far as the east is from the west,
so far has he put our transgressions from us.
As a father has compassion on his children,
so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him

2nd Reading: *The Rising, by Macrina Wiederkehr* - Lector Art Bavoso

It is becoming clear to me that Christians are meant to be **a leaven for our society**. We are called to rise in all directions with the healing presence of our lives. Part of the noble task of our vocation is to help people discover the **hint of eternity** that flows through the inner rivers of their beings. *Father Michael Father Michael*

This hint of eternity will nurture their hope.
Hope is contagious.

Hope is like yeast and baking powder. It has an **energy that makes things rise**. If you want to know if you are good for others, ask yourself how much hope you've given them. It is there you will find your answer.

Words inspired by God
ALL: Thanks be to God

The 'Alleluia' – Sung (please join in while muted)

Refrain

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Alleluia. Alleluia

VERSE:

Speak, O Lord, your servant is list'ning; you have the words of everlasting life

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Gospel: Matthew 13. 24-43– Pastor Jane

The Lord be with you.
A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew

All: And also with you
All: Glory to you, O God



Sisters and Brothers,
Jesus presented another parable to those gathered: “The kin-dom of heaven is like a farmer who sowed good seed in a field. While everyone was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and then made off. When the crop began to mature and yield grain, the weeds became evident as well.

“The farmer’s workers came and asked, ‘Did you not sow good seed in your field? Where are the weeds coming from?’

“The farmer replied, ‘I see an enemy’s hand in this.’ “They in turn asked, ‘Do you want us to go out and pull them up?’ ‘No,’ replied the farmer, ‘if you pull up the weeds, you might take the wheat along with them. Let them grow together until the harvest, then at harvest time I will order the harvesters to first collect the weeds and bundle them up to burn, then to gather the wheat into my barn.’”

Jesus presented another parable to the crowds, “The kin-dom of Heaven is like the mustard seed that a farmer sowed in a field. It is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown, it is the biggest shrub of all—it becomes a tree so that the birds of the air come to perch in its branches.

Jesus offered them still another parable: “The kindom of heaven is like the yeast a baker took and mixed in with three measures of flour until it was leavened all through.”

Jesus spoke all these things to the crowd in parables. He spoke to them in parables only, to fulfill what had been said through the prophet: “I will open my mouth in parables, I will announce things hidden since the creation of the world.”

Then Jesus left the crowd and went into the house. The disciples also came in and said, “Explain the parable about the weeds in the field.”

Jesus answered, “The farmer sowing the good seed is the Chosen One, the field is the world, and the good seed, the citizens of the kin-dom. The weeds are the followers of the Evil One, and the enemy who sowed them is the Devil. the harvest is the end of the world, while the harvesters are the angels. Just as weeds are collected and burned, so it will be at the end of the age.

The Chosen One will send the angels who will weed out the kin-dom of everything that causes sin and all who act lawlessly. The angels will throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. But those who are just will shine like the sun in the kin-dom of their Amma/Abba God. Let those of you who have ears to hear, hear this.!”

The Good News of Salvation of Jesus, our Christ.

All: Glory to you, O Beloved

Homily – Father Michael

“Allowed to Grow”

Regional Prayer for Calling a Bishop – Father Michael

**ALL: Holy One,
Enlivening Spirit,
In the wilderness of new,
root the Body of Christ**

**fully into our "Yes,"
blooming in Your Holy Season.
Together.
Amen.**



Pastor Jane- The hope that is ours in the love and mercy of God is celebrated when we articulate our faith. Let us join in affirmation.

Our Truth- *Father Michael will read*

ALL: We believe in God, our Mother out-pouring, our Father uniting, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is seen and yet to be revealed.
We believe in Jesus Christ, the Word eternally spoken by God, our brother and teacher, through whom all things were made and hold together. By the power of the Holy Spirit he was born of the Virgin Mary, and became fully human. For the sake of the truth he suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; and on the third day rose from the dead. He ascended into heaven yet remains active in our midst. He will come again in glory to unite the living and the dead,

and our communion with him will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the spirit of truth and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son as the dynamic expression of their relationship and channel of their love. With the Father and the Son, She is worshiped and glorified. We believe in the ways She unites us: through her prophetic challenge, through the Body of Christ, the Church, in our shared baptism, in our sacrifices on behalf of others, in our hope in the resurrection, and in the fulfillment of God’s promise in eternity. Amen

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Prayers of the People

Father Michael: - Our prayers have the power to make us aware of the things that influence our choices and perceived needs. May the Spirit inspire us, that our ways may be God’s ways

Lector Art Bavoso –

The response for the “Prayers of the People” will be: Help us give hope, with our bread.

ALL: Help us give hope, with our bread.

Loving and Hope-giving Creator, We turn to you with our prayers, knowing you offer us the bread of life and hope also. We lift up our prayers so that you may touch those who are in need,

For all churches and faith traditions to find a way to work together to engender real change in anti-racist policies for governments, institutions, police units, and businesses, we

pray, **Response: Help us give hope, with our bread.**

For people who are unemployed, underemployed, or cast aside as unacceptable, that they may find and access the resources they need to simply live, and have hope for doing better, we pray, **Response; Help us give hope, with our bread.**



For all doctors, nurses, medical staff, and caregivers, that they may be given the strength and courage they need to continue helping those who are sick, and that they may remain healthy, we pray, **Response: Help us give hope, with our bread.**

For all farmers, ranchers, food-workers, truck drivers who grow, harvest, and get the food to our stores, that they may continue to be

healthy and safe in their duties, we pray,
Response: Help us give hope, with our bread.

Now I invite you to share your prayers so that we may pray in community with you. If you feel comfortable, you could press the space bar and say your prayer, OR you could type the prayer into the chat box

(Art will read each prayer on “chat”)we pray,
Response: Help us give hope, with our bread.

And for all the prayers we hold in the privacy of our hearts, we pray.
Response: Help us give hope, with our bread.

Father Michael—
Loving God, you care for every living thing and prove your love in so many ways.
Be patient and merciful toward us,
and hear the prayers of your servants,

that hope may blossom and bear the fruits of your kin-dom.

In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen
All: Amen.

Sign of Peace

Father Michael - Celebrating the power of mercy and love, may the peace of Christ be with you always
All: And, also with you

Pastor Jane – Let us all go to “gallery view” on our screens and share with one another the sign of Christ’s peace. (All are unmuted to share a sign of peace.)

Preparation of our Tables – *Father Michael*

As we prepare our tables,
offering food and drink from our cupboards,
we are reminded that our offerings of time, talent and treasure sustain the mission of God’s Church.
Continue to give as you are called and able.



Offertory

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.
We set before you this humble food
which earth has given and human hands have made.
Symbols of the sustenance we share from your hand,
in the sharing of this experience
we realize once again that we are one in you.
All: Blessed be God forever.

Prayer over the Gifts

Amma/Abba God, joined with your Son and his self-gift may we be one in him and become the hope for the world. This we ask through the same, Christ, our Lord. **ALL: AMEN**

Para-Liturgical Blessing for Remote Celebrations

Invited into fullness

The Lord be with you
Lift up your hearts.
Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

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

Across the miles that separate us
we praise you, Father/Mother God,
having been graced with every spiritual
blessing.
For you chose us in Christ before the creation of
the world
to be holy and blameless in your sight.
And this was your purpose: that when the time is
ripe
you would gather us all together
from wherever we are—in heaven or on
earth—
to be with you in Christ forever.
Indeed, now is that time, now is the day!
The promise of this sweet communion
became our reality
when we heard the message of truth, the
gospel of our salvation.
When we believed, we were marked in him with a
seal,
his Advocate, the Spirit of wisdom and truth,
so that we might come to know you better,
know ourselves better,
opening our eyes and hearts to embrace
the hope to which we have been called.

In awe of so great a mystery,
we join the angels and saints in their unending
song of praise:

**ALL: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and
might, 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**

We commit ourselves to the community of faith
in which this song resonates,
calling upon You, most merciful God,
to send your Holy Spirit upon us
and upon the offerings we have set before
You in our homes.
Bless ✠ these gifts that we may experience our life
and unity in Christ.
Nurtured by hope and love and faith
may our sharing be a sign that You are truly
present
and that we are truly united in You.
Though now gathered in separate locations
we remember what your Son did at table and
in life, foreshadowing the self-gift that was his
death.



Jesus took bread, made from the grain grown
among the weeds of life;
he gave You thanks and praise,
broke the bread, and gave it to the disciples
saying:

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

When the supper was ended, he took the cup of
wine. Again he gave You thanks and praise,
gave the cup to the disciples, 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.**

Loving God, we celebrate the memory of Christ,
your Son, all that he did and continues to do
to bring your blessings to the whole of your
Creation.

(Pastor Jane)

Remember, Lord, all of our deceased loved ones
and those who have died in our care.
We especially lift up any who, but for your
abiding presence, have died alone.

(Fr. Michael)

May the mystery of our participation in this sacred mystery
enliven our faith, inspire our service,
and incarnate your love wherever we may be.

Through Christ, with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father/Mother, forever and ever.

ALL: Amen.

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THE LORD'S PRAYER *(all together on mute)*

Father Micheal – Let us pray in the words our Savior gave us

Lord, while we ask you to remember
all our sisters and brothers of many faiths and
spiritual paths,
who each bring their own insights and
blessings to our world,
remember, too, your Church, united across
the miles.

Make us grow in love, together with all
who hold and spread the hope
handed down to us from the Apostles.

Continue to empower us as laypersons, deacons
and priests
for the special ministry given to the Body of
Christ,
praying especially for its local incarnation,
in union with our bishops, Francis and Denise.
May your grace reveal the biases that separate us,
may the inspiration of your Spirit make us one,
and may the brilliant light of Christ
lead us to discover your love in every human
heart.

Welcome them into your eternal home
with Mary, your Mother, our patron Mary of
Magdala, your apostles and martyrs, and all
the saints who now see your Risen Son face to
face.



ALL: Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass

against us, and let us not enter into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

The Shared Table

Father Michael

In this we are a Eucharistic People,

**ALL: the Body of Christ incarnate,
the Blood of Christ poured out for the life of the world**

Communion Song --(please join in while muted)

You Stand Knocking

1. You spoke my name, and took my hand, and called me friend. Such faithful love, so undeserved, a heart transformed. Though I wandered and have strayed, still your mercy reigns.

Refrain

You were broken for me, arms wide open on a tree.
You stand knocking at the door, off'ring all I'm hoping for.

2. To those in dark the Lord cries out,
"Come and be saved."

Along the way we shall find rest, the Lord is good.
For God comforts well his own, we are his alone.

Bridge

You are mine, I am yours, Lord.

I am yours, you are mine and I am yours. **(repeat)**

Though I wandered and have strayed,
still your mercy reigns. **(to Refrain)**

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(Read along with Pastor Jane)

Our response denouncing racism and the complicity in racist biases due to silence

Mary of Magdala, an Ecumenical Catholic Community understands that white silence in times when Black individuals are victims of hate crimes or police violence only serves to reinforce racial biases and racist assumptions.

Mary of Magdala, ECC will not be complicit in that silence. We, as a parish community, stand in solidarity with the Black community and

people of color. We condemn racism in any form in our city, country, and beyond. We will commit our church to serve and mend the ways in which we have unintentionally harmed these communities in the past.

With the heart and mind of Christ, we transform the world.

Prayer after the Meal - *Father Michael*

Beloved God, rich in mercy and loving-kindness, you have nourished us with these gifts.

In the sharing you give us a hint of eternity and advance your kingdom of inclusion, equity, justice and peace.



Continue to shape and sustain us until we reap
the fulfillment of our hope in heaven.

To your honor and glory, today and for ever.
Amen.

Concluding Rite

The Lord is with you.

ALL: And, also with you.

Blessing

May almighty God bless you: the Source of All-Being, the Eternal Word ✠ and the Holy Spirit.

ALL: Amen.

Dismissal *Pastor Jane*

Our celebration is ended, let us go in peace
to love and serve the Lord and one another. Thanks be to God.

Closing Song – *please remain muted*

Can We Love

Refrain

Can we love?
Can we lay down our lives?
Can we wear his crown of thorns?
Can we drink the cup that He drinks?
We must lay down our lives!

1. It's more than raising our hands,
it's more than singing this song.
It's saying "yes" to the Giver of life,
it's righting the ways that are wrong!

2. It's more than shouting God's name,
it's more than singing His praise.
It's bringing forgiveness to injury's wound,

and hope to those imprisoned by shame.

3. Loving the Lord our God
with all our heart, mind and soul,
loving our neighbor as ourselves,
the kingdom of love we will know!

4. With feet secure on the ground
and hearts humbled by love
we stand before God's anointed one
and ask the question, and ask the question:

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