



Mary of Magdala, ECC – July 17, 2022

Celebrating the 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Together Wherever We Are

Reverend Jane Reina Presiding

Welcome and Announcements:
#BlackLivesMatter Reflection

Lector Linda Joyce

Tom Moos, Chair Social Justice Ministry

Entrance Song
Sweet Redeemer

1. King of Kings, blessed Jesus,
hand of mercy, giver of grace;
I have come to sing glory,
to lay my heart before you
in this place.

Refrain
Sweet redeemer,

I surrender all I am to you.
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I surrender all I am to you.

2. I was lost and you found me;
in the darkness, you were my light.
When I fell down, you forgave me,
lifted me up and held me to your side.

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Greeting

In the name of Abba/Amma God, of Jesus the
Christ, and of the Holy Spirit, Sophia.

All: Amen

May grace and peace be yours in abundance
through the knowledge and experience of God
through Jesus the Christ.

All: And also with you.

Welcome everyone, to our celebration of the
liturgy of the Body of Christ, Jesus, and
ourselves.

Penitential Rite

Together, we turn back to you Beloved Amma/Abba God who forgives always our turning away. We ask you
God, to grant us a deeper understanding of your forgiveness and your acceptance of us in our humanity.

Jesus, you forgave everyone from the Cross,
when we become self-centered with our own
image, self-interest, or self-righteousness, have
mercy on us. **All: Jesus, have mercy on us.**

Jesus our Christ, when we hide from the injustice
around us, hurting others through our silence,
and when we fail to respond to an opportunity
to bring peace, have mercy on us.

All: Christ have mercy on us.

Jesus, our Rabbi, when we forget that it is your
presence in the eyes of our sisters and brothers
who are suffering from war and oppression,
climate change, and the fear of Covid, have
mercy on us. **All: Rabbi, have mercy on us.**

May the God of Compassion have mercy on us,
forgive us our sins, and us show us your everlasting
light. **All: Amen**



In response to God's open and eternal invitation, united we sing

Gloria: Glory to God – *Mass of the Joyful Heart*

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to all your 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...

Mysterious and compassionate God, lighten our
hearts with your presence, free us from fear, fill
us with greater hope, bless us with the
experience of your eternal message through
Jesus, the Christ, and the gifts of the Spirit. Bring

us again to that space of the Body of Christ,
together. In the name of Jesus, we pray.

ALL: Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: *Bethany Decisions* by Irene Zimmerman from **Incarnation**

Lector Linda Joyce

As Jesus taught the gathered brothers
and Martha boiled and baked their dinner,
Mary eavesdropped in the anteroom
between the great hall and the kitchen.
Her dying mother's warning words
clanged clearly in her memory --
"Obey your sister. She has learned
the ways and duties of a woman."

She'd learned her sister's lessons well
and knew a woman's place was not
to sit and listen and be taught.

But when she heard the voice of Jesus
call to her above the din
of Martha's boiling pots and pans,
she made her choice decisively --
she took off her apron and traditions,
and walked in.

Words Inspired by God.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial: Psalm 138

Lector Linda Joyce

The psalm response is: Your Love endures forever. **Response: Your Love endures forever.**

We give You thanks, O Blessed One, with hearts
that are full. Together all the people sing Your
praise. We were humbled when we came to see

that You dwell in us, in the Holy Temple of all
souls. Our gratitude knows no bounds. For You
are the Holy One, the breath of our breath.



When we call upon You, You answer us,
increasing the strength of our souls.

Response: Your Love endures forever.

all the leaders of the earth shall one day praise
You, when Your Word awakens in every heart.
And they shall proclaim the new dawn of Life and
love. Great will be the radiation of Your Glory!
For even as You are the Most High, You are
Friend to the lowly. The arrogant close their
hearts to Your love and guidance.

Response: Your Love endures forever.

Though we walk in the mist of troubles, You
preserve our life. You are a ready Presence as we
face our fears and doubts. Your strength upholds
us. You guide us as we pray to fulfill our purpose
on Earth. You do not forsake those who call
upon You. Your steadfast love and truth endure
forever.

Response: Your Love endures forever.

Second Reading: Colossians 3. 12-17 *Lector Matt Chavez*

A Reading from the Letter to the Colossians

As God's chosen people, holy and beloved, clothe
yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility,
gentleness and patience. Bear with one another.
Forgive one another. If any of you has a
grievance against another; forgive as God
forgave you. Over all these virtues put on love,
which binds them all together in perfect unity.

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since
as members of one body you were called to
peace. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ

dwell in you richly as you teach and challenge
one another in wisdom through psalms, hymns,
and songs of the spirit, singing to God with
gratitude in your hearts.

Whatever you do, in word or in deed, do
everything in the name of the Jesus the Christ,
giving thanks to Holy One, the Beloved.

The Word of a disciple of Paul

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation – *Mass of the Joyful Heart*

Refrain:

alleluia. alleluia, alleluia.

alleluia. alleluia.

Let your heart rejoice in the Lord
Let your word proclaim his deeds.
Let your voice sing out to the world
that our God has come to save.

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Gospel Reading: Luke 10. 38-42

Our God be with you.

A Proclamation of the Gospel according to Luke.

All: And also with you.

ALL: Glory to you, O God



My Siblings in Christ,

While travelling with his many disciples, Jesus entered a village where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary who seated herself at Jesus' feet and listened to his words.

Martha, tasked with the service of hospitality, became quite busy. She came to Jesus and said, "Rabbi, don't you care that my sister has left me all alone to do the household tasks, to do my

work as deacon? Talk to her, that she might do her part in helping me!"

Jesus replied, "Martha, Martha! You're anxious and troubled about many things, but only one thing is needed. Mary has chosen the better part, and it will not be taken away from her."

The Good News of Salvation of Jesus our Christ.

All: Praise to You, Jesus our Christ.

Homily – Co-Pastor Rev Jane Reina

Creed of Equality - by Bridget Mary Meehan and Mary Theresa Streck, ARCWP

Let us profess our faith together: We believe in God...

All: ... who is creator and nurturer of all. We believe in Jesus, the Christ, who is our love, our hope, and our Light. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the breath of Wisdom Sophia, who energizes and guides us to build caring communities and to challenge oppression, exploitation, and injustice.

We believe that God loves us passionately and forgives us everything. We believe that we are radiant images of God who calls us to live fully, love tenderly, and serve generously. We believe

in the communion of saints, our heavenly friends, who support us on life's journey. We believe in the partnership and equality of women and men in our church and world.

We believe that all are one in the Heart of God. We believe that women's liberation is human liberation. Here we dwell in loving relationships. Here we live our prophetic call of Gospel equality. Amen

Prayers of the People

Rev. Jane: In today's Gospel reading, Martha is shown a new way to be in the world that confounds the culture and systems of the day, granting dignity, agency, and power to God's children on the margins. Knowing that our relationship with Christ deepens as we grant equity to the person next to us, we are able to lift up our prayers tonight, confident that God responds to our every need

Lector Matt Chavez

Our response is: Loving God, receive our prayer.

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For all leaders of religious denominations and faith traditions that they may continue to speak up about the human cost of war and violence to leaders of countries engaged in war, we pray,

Response: Loving God, receive our prayer.

For all people in America to return to a place of respecting each other as good neighbors so that the divisiveness among us may be dispelled, we pray,

Response: Loving God, receive our prayer.



For those people traveling for vacations, family reunions, or work that they may have safe journey's and be a welcoming presence wherever they go, we pray,

Response: Loving God, receive our prayer.

I will now read the prayers in the chat feature,we pray

All: Loving God, receive our prayer.

If anyone else would like to share your prayer aloud, please unmute and speak your prayer request now,we pray,

All: Loving God, receive our prayer.

For all those on our prayer list and the prayers we hold in our hearts we pray, **All: Loving God, receive our prayer.**

Co-Pastor Rev Jane Reina

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The Peace

Jesus, our Christ, you said to your disciples:
"Peace be with you; my peace I give you."

Celebrating your Love, virtually and in person, let us share a sign of Christ's peace.
May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Please go to gallery view and to share with one another a sign of Christ's peace.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

As we prepare our tables, offering food and drink here and across our network, 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 called and able.

Let us sing together:

Offertory Song

Here I Am, Lord

Refrain
Here I am, standing right beside you.
Here I am; do not be afraid.
Here I am, waiting like a lover.
I am here; here I am.

1. Do not fear when the tempter calls you.

Do not fear even though you fall.
Do not fear, I have conquered evil.
Do not fear, never be afraid.



2. I am here in the face of ev'ry child.
I am here in ev'ry warm embrace.
I am here with tenderness
and mercy.
Here I am; I am here.

3. I am here in the midst of ev'ry trial.
I am here in the face of despair.
I am here when pardoning
your brother.
Here I am, I am here.

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Preparation of the Gifts *(during Offertory song)*

Blessed are you, Loving God of all creation.
Through your goodness, we have this bread to
offer, which earth has given and human hands
have made. It will become for us the bread of
life. **All: Blessed be God forever.**

Blessed are you, God of all creation. Through
your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of
the vine and work of human hands. It will
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.

Beloved God, we ask you to receive us and be
pleased with these gifts we offer you with
humble and contrite hearts.

O God, wash away my iniquity, cleanse me from
my sin.

Prayer over the Gifts

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

**All: May God accept the work 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 *Preface, Known in Our Midst by Michael J. Nicosia © 1999, adapted.*

May the Risen Christ be with you.
Lift up your hearts.
Let us give thanks to our God of Love.

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

Oh God, we do well always and everywhere to
offer you thanks through Jesus our Christ.

Jesus our Christ, with the force of the Divine
Mother's Love, heal those besieged by illness,
fear, trauma, guilt and blame. They yearn for
Love as we yearn for Love and to Love. Your
presence, O Christ, continues as an ever-
expanding, evolving love for us, and for all,
leading us to a fullness of life here and beyond
death. May we experience your Peace within our

hearts.

And so we joyfully join our voices in unison with
the song of Creation throughout the Kin-dom;

Holy – (sung)
Mass of the Joyful Heart

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,
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest,
hosanna in the highest.**

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Flowing from the Love visible in all Creation, and with the same Love revealed in the message of Jesus, send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts.

Bless + these gifts and make them holy that they may become the living sign of Christ's enduring Love, the Body and Blood of Jesus our Christ. Together, we, the Body of Christ gathered in all locations, remember what Jesus did at table and in life.

+ Who on the night before he was betrayed and among friends gathered around 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 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 the Joyful Heart

**When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,
we proclaim your Death, O Christ,
until you come again.**

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In memory of his death and resurrection, we offer you, Amma/Abba God, this live-giving bread and wine. We thank you for inviting us to taste and to serve. May all of us who share in this sacrament be brought together in unity by the Holy Spirit.

Loving Divinity, Compassionate Mystery, we celebrate this Mystery of the life and death of Jesus, our Christ, and all that Christ did and continues to do. We ask that you remember all people of every faith and tradition who journey to you, along with us, your church.

Help us to grow in that Love that is our salvation. Continue to guide us as one, gathering as the Body of Christ, praying especially for its local incarnation in the 301 Faith Community.

Remember O Loving God, all those who have died, Welcome them into your all-embracing presence through the promise of Jesus, the Christ, in union with Mary, the Mother of the World, Mary of Magdala, Teresa of Avila, John of the Cross, Teresa of Calcutta, Dorothy Day, and all who strive to give their lives to you today.

May we praise You in union with them, giving glory to Jesus our Christ.

**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.**

Great Amen – *Mass of the Joyful Heart*

Amen. Amen.

Amen. Amen. Amen.

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The Prayer of Jesus

Let us pray in the words that Jesus taught us:

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

Breaking of Bread

Lamb of God - *Mass of the Joyful Heart*
(Sung)

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

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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 supper.

All: Jesus, I am ready to receive you and by your invitation I am here.

Invitation to Communion

As we share in our soul's nourishment set before us, let us proclaim 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.

This food of and from God is offered to all of us, without exception. all are welcomed to the Feast of Life. Come and partake of this banquet.

Communion Song

Awake, Oh Sleeper

1. In the darkest times of life,
when our lights refuse to shine:
you are there, you are there.

2. When our hearts become like stone,
when we live without hope:
you are there, you are there.
Don't let your hearts be troubled;
don't let your hearts be troubled.

Refrain

Awake, O sleeper!
Arise from slumber!
Christ is calling your name!

3. In the midst of life's decay,
when our lives become like graves:
rescue us, rescue us.
Don't let your hearts be troubled;
don't let your hearts be troubled. **(to Refrain)**



Prayer after Communion

Let us pray...

Holy and eternal God, as we commemorate the eternal offering of Jesus, we give You thanks for the gift of that Sacred Presence in the Eucharist

this day. Empower us as we go about our daily lives to be witnesses of Your love in the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus.

All: Amen

Blessing

God is with you

ALL: And also with you.

Let us join our open hearts together and ask for God's blessing:

May God in whose image we are all created empower us.

May Jesus who knew the pain of rejection comfort us.

May the Spirit, She who is within us, lead us on to become the change we want to see.

In the name of Amma/Abba, God, Jesus our Christ, and the Holy Spirit,

All: Amen

Dismissal:

Let the Mass continue in us as we go forth as people filled with hope, light, and love.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Closing Song

We Are the Light of the World

Refrain

We are the light,
light of the world
shining for the world to see!
We are the light,
light of the world
shining for the world to see!

1. Darkness growing ev'rywhere,
hiding in the light!

How can our hope endure this endless night?

2. Someone calls us each by name,
knowing our disguise,
to hear and act in faith, to realize that

3. Listen to that still, small voice
calling us to life,
to make a conscious choice to live in Christ.