



Mary of Magdala, ECC – September 11, 2022
Celebrating 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time —Together Wherever We Are
Rosean Amaral Presiding

Welcome and Announcements:
Social Justice Reflection

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Entrance Song
Come to Jesus

1. People of the God of ages,
welcome to your brand new day.
Leave the world and all its trappings,
come into amazing grace.
Let go your ev'ry fear.
There is only mercy here.

Refrain
Come to Jesus,
hope that frees us,
life that breathes in us.

Come to Jesus,
and believe that he is love.
Oh, come.

2. All who walk alone in shadow,
all who stand with faith assured,
those who follow with abandon,
those who long for something more,
these are the gifts we bring,
our lives, the offering.

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Greeting

Let us continue as one expression of God's
people in the name of Amma/Abba God, our
brother Jesus, and the Holy Spirit Sophia. **All:**
Amen

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

Penitential Rite

Let us prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mystery...

God of all comfort, embrace us when we are lost,
wandering, or confused. God have mercy.
All: God have mercy.

Jesus, the Christ, show us the way back to you
when no path can be found. Christ have mercy.
All: Christ have mercy.

Holy Spirit, breathe life into us when our familiar
landmarks have gone from sight. Spirit have
mercy.

All: Spirit have mercy.
God of True Presence, help us to remember that
you are always by our side.
In Your name we pray. **All: Amen**

Let our voices sing praises to our God...

Gloria - Mass of the Desert



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

*God of compassion, you are slow to anger and full
of mercy, welcoming those who return to you with
open arms.*

*Receive in your loving embrace all who come home
to you. Seat them at your bountiful table of grace,
that, with all your children,
they may feast with delight on all that satisfies the
hungry heart.*

*We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, who lives
and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever.*

All: AMEN

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LITURGY OF THE WORD

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

First Reading from Numbers 27: 1-7

Lector Ralph Dorland

A Reading from the Book of Numbers

A claim was presented by the daughters of Zelophehad, who had belonged to the clan of Manasseh. Manasseh was the son of Joseph and his wife. The names of the daughters were Mahlah, Noah, Hoglah, Milcah, and Tirzah. The women stood before Moses, the priest Eleazar, the leaders, and the whole community, at the entrance to the Tent of Meeting. They stated their case against a traditional practice:

“Our father died in the desert. He was not among the company of Korah’s group, those who banded together against our God; but he died in the desert in the same way that many others of

that generation died. He left no male heirs. Why should the name “Zelophehad” be taken away from our clan because he had no son? Give us our holding on the same property as our father’s brothers.”

Moses took their case before God for a ruling. God said to Moses, “The daughters of Zelophehad are right in what they say: You will indeed give them their property, their inheritance among their father’s brothers. See that their father’s heritage is passed on to the daughters.”

The Word of God.

All: Thanks be to God

Second Reading: A Magnificat for Coming Home, by Macrina Wiederkehr, from A Tree Full of Angels.

Lector Jim Berry



O Most Creative One, ever bringing me to new life
O Most Powerful One, empowering me for life's journey
O Indwelling One, calling me to my Center
O Beloved One, loving me as I am.

Have you noticed that I'm coming home?
I have seen you, the All-Seeing One who sees me
I can remain away from home no longer
I just wasn't to be there in you who are in me
for I have heard your call
Make your home in Me
I can stay away from home no longer.

My soul proclaims the wonder of your friendship.
My spirit is weeping within me for joy
My heart spills out tears with delight!
They mix with my joy and I tremble
feeling totally claimed by your love.

You showed me that your home was within me
That living in me was your joy
I wept still more tears at the thought
of you in me and I in you,

A dwelling place I am, I kept saying
A home for the God of my life
My soul has turned into heaven
I am little and great all in one.

And then from within me, your voice came
giving me a name that was new
Little-Great-One, you called out, Come closer
Little-Great-One, Beloved, Come home
Come home to the self I keep loving
Come home to the truth that you are
Little-Great-One, you called out, Come closer
Little-Great-One, you kept saying, Come home.

You came with your all to my nothing
With such reverence you called out my name
You lifted me back into my poverty
the littleness I was trying to escape
Embracing that poverty, I felt wealthy
I was free at last to be great.
Words inspired by God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation – *Mass of the Desert*

Refrain:
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

1. Your words are spirit and life.
You have the words Of everlasting life.

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Gospel Reading: Luke A Rendition of a Parable from the Gospel attributed to Luke 15:1-2, 8-32

May the love of God be with you always.
A Proclamation of the Holy Gospel attributed to Luke.

All: And also with you.
All: Glory to You. O God

The tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to listen to Jesus, but the Pharisees and scribes began to complain, saying, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them." So, to the scribes and Pharisees, Jesus addressed this parable:

"What woman, having ten coins and losing one, would not light a lamp and sweep the house, searching carefully until she finds it? And when she does find it, she calls together her friends and neighbors and says to them, 'Rejoice with me because I have found the coin that I lost.' In just the same way, I tell you, there will be



rejoicing among the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

Then Jesus told them this parable: “A widow had two daughters. Neither the widow nor her deceased husband had any male heirs in their families. Under an exception to the law crafted by Moses himself, the widow inherited her husband’s property. The widow had no sons. She knew that her daughters faced a blessing and a curse, for she herself had discovered the freedom of self-determination and the responsibility of caring for wealth.

The older daughter seemed to understand that marriage would deprive her of the freedom she had developed when her mother inherited her father’s estate; but the younger daughter wanted to marry outside her tribe and people. She needed her inheritance for her dowry.

When her mother’s pleading failed to convince her that a better future lay in remaining on the estate, the mother gave her younger daughter monies sufficient for a generous dowry and took her to the clan of the man she wanted to marry.

For a few years, the mother heard almost nothing of her younger daughter. Meanwhile, the daughter found herself subject to the whims of her husband. She had no opportunities to use the skills she had developed helping her mother run her father’s estate. True, she now had children of her own, but they were daughters. Her husband discounted them and treated her as if she were barren. Indeed, he had married another woman who had born him a son. When she attempted to talk to him about her status, he struck her and demanded she be silent. She was a foreigner, unloved, unappreciated, ignored or physically abused. She hated her life and she hated herself. She longed for her mother and her home.

Considering her unhappy situation, she thought of her mother’s servants whom her mother treated better than her own husband treated

her. She thought, if I can leave, I will go to my mother and say: Mother, I have sinned against you and against heaven. I no longer deserve to be treated as your daughter, but I ask you to allow me to live with you and my sister as a servant. She traded an expensive ring for one of her husband’s servants to travel with her and take her and her daughters home.

While she was yet a long way away, her mother caught sight of her, walking slowly on the dusty road with two little girls by her side. Her heart leaped within her as she imagined it was her daughter returning home. She walked quickly toward the tiny group of travelers. When she saw that truly it was her daughter returning home, she ran to her, embraced her and kissed her. She joyfully embraced her granddaughters. She was filled with compassion in their homecoming.

The daughter told her mother the words she had planned to say, asking that she be welcomed as a servant into her mother’s home. Her mother, however, directed the servants, saying, ‘Quickly, bring my daughter a fine new robe, put new sandals on her feet, and give her a ring. Take the fattened calf and slaughter it. Then let us celebrate with a feast, because this daughter of mine was dead, and has come to life again; she was lost, and has been found. Indeed, she brings me the gift of two beautiful granddaughters I would never have known.’

Now the older daughter had been managing accounts inside the house when she heard the sound of servants rushing about preparing a feast. Musicians were gathering and preparing for a dance. She called one of the servants and asked what this might mean.

The servant said to her, ‘Your sister has returned! She has brought two little daughters with her and your mother has slaughtered the fattened calf because she has come home and has brought her children with her!’



The older sister became angry. She refused to greet her younger sister, help prepare the feast, or even come out of her room. Her mother went to her and pleaded with her; but the older daughter replied: 'All these years I served you and not once did I disobey you; yet you never gave me even a young goat to feast on with my friends. Then, this daughter of yours returns, who abandoned you and our estate, who swallowed up your property in a dowry to marry a foreigner, and you slaughter the fattened calf for her?'

The Mother said, 'My beloved daughter, you are here with me always. Everything I have is yours. You have been my helper and my companion. You are the joy of my life. But now we must celebrate and rejoice, because your sister was dead and has come to life again. She was lost and has been found.'

The Good News of salvation of Jesus our Christ.
All: Praise to you, Jesus our Christ.

Homily Mother Rosean Amaral

Prayers of the People

Mother Rosean Amaral

God we can do nothing without You, and so we place our prayers before You...

Lector Jim Berry

Our response is : Loving God, receive our prayers

All: Loving God, receive our prayers.

That all who feel lost or separated from family members or friends might find comfort in our God who always reaches out, we pray.

All: Loving God, receive our prayers.

For all migrants fleeing from war and violence, that they will be welcomed by their host countries and their peoples with love and compassion, we pray.

All: Loving God, receive our prayers.

For Grandparents and Grand-friends on this National Grandparents Day, that we will reach out to honor and thank the people of other generations that do grand things for our family and appreciate the contributions of others in our lives, and for our grandchildren who bring us so much joy, we pray.

All: Loving God, receive our prayers.

I will now read the prayers from the sanctuary feature... we pray...

All: Loving God, receive our prayers

If you wish to voice your prayer on Zoom, please unmute yourself and speak your prayer...

we pray... **All: Loving God, receive our prayers**

And for those on our Prayer List and all the prayers in our hearts, we pray...

All: Loving God, receive our prayers

Mother Rosean Amaral

Creator of all, you know our hearts, you hear our prayers, and you care about all that concerns us. For this we are eternally grateful. 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, both virtually and in the sanctuary.

Offertory Song

Amazing Grace – My Chains Are Gone

1. Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
Was blind but now I see.

2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed!

Refrain

My chains are gone,
I've been set free.
My God, my Savior has ransomed me.
And like a flood his mercy reigns,
unending love, amazing grace.

3. The Lord has promised good to me,
His word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures. **(to Refrain)**

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LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Preparation of the Gifts

(During Offertory Song)

Blessed are you, Lord, 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. (if prayer audible) **Blessed is 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.

Blessed are you, Lord, 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.
(if prayer audible) **Blessed is God forever.**

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 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 church.

Eucharistic Prayer

May the peace of our God be with you all.
Let us open up 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.

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 kin-dom and will not rest until all your children are fed, with the broken saints and redeemed people of all ages, we sing the unending song of your praise:

Holy – (Sung)
Mass of the Desert

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God,
Lord God, Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name
of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

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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; who, on the night he was betrayed, 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 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 praise, gave the cup to his disciples, and 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 faith

Memorial Acclamation (Sung)
Save Us Savior - Mass of the Desert

**Save us, Savior of the world,
for by your Cross and Resurrection
you have set us free.**

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Therefore, in our eating and drinking we are filled with the life-giving presence of Christ. We proclaim him as creation's host, transforming poverty into plenty in the reckless generosity of love.

In communion with each other and our bishops, Francis and Kae, 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, Saint Mary of Magdala and all the saints.

The Prayer of Jesus

Let us pray in the words 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

May we praise you in union with them, and give you glory through your Son, Jesus, the 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.

AMEN *(Sung) Mass of The Desert*

Amen, amen, amen.

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those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the Kin-dom and the power and the glory are Yours now and forever. Amen

The Shared Table

Lamb of God *(Sung)*

Mass of the Desert

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.

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Invitation to Communion

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.

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.

May the mystery of our participation in the sacred mystery enliven our faith, inspire our service, and Incarnate God's compassionate love wherever we may be.

Whether partaking here or at our home tables, this food from God is offered to the people of God without exception. Each one of you is a precious child of God. All are welcome at the banquet of Christ's Kin-dom.

Communion Song

Give Us Your Peace



Refrain

Give us your peace, O God;
give us your peace, your peace.
Give us your peace, O God;
give us your peace, your peace.

1. When we're afraid, running from truth,
gather us back to you.

Take every fear and fill our hearts.
Give us your peace, O God.

2. When we are tired, weary, and worn,
take us into your arms,
where there is no need, there is no want.
Give us your peace, O God.

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Prayer after Communion

Let us pray...

God of extravagant love, please make the hands
that forgive, console, heal, and offer a festive
meal become my own.

In Your name we pray.

All: Amen

Concluding Rite and Dismissal

May the Love of God be with you.

All: And also with you.

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

Compassionate God,
When we have become so reliant on ourselves
that we cannot see the need of You so deep in
our souls, open our eyes, open our hearts, and
open our mouths

to cry out for the help that you do not ration,
the deliverance that you delight to offer in glad
and generous measure.

We ask for this blessing in the name of
Amma/Abba God, our Brother Jesus, and the
Holy Spirit Sophia.

*Adapted from Jan Richardson's "Blessing that Waits to Come
to Your Aid."*

Closing Song

Send Your Glory Down

1. O Radiant Light Divine,
shine within this heart of mine;
Word of God, dispel our darkness.
O Image of the Light Sublime,
our God Incarnate beyond time,
that fills this place with heaven's glory:

Refrain

Send your glory down,
send your glory down,

send your glory down! **(Repeat)**

2. Lord Jesus Christ, as daylight fades
we give you thanks for all our days,
the work, the toil, the pain, the glory.
We praise the Father with the Son,
the Spirit blest and with them one.
We stand united as your fam'ly.

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