



Mary of Magdala, ECC - January 2, 2022

Celebrating Mary, Mother of God and the Holy Family - Together Wherever We Are  
Presider: Father Teri Harroun

Welcome and Announcements:

Lector Lynne Barnes

## Entrance Song

### Immaculate Mary

1. Immaculate Mary, your praises we sing.  
You reign now in heaven with  
Jesus our King.

Refrain:

**Ave, Ave, Ave, Maria!  
Ave, Ave, Maria!**

2. In heaven the blessed your  
glory proclaim;  
On earth we your children invoke  
your fair name.

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## Greeting

Let us continue as one expression of God's people  
in the name of the ✠ Father, Son, and 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.**

## Penitential Rite

Let us remember our God who cherishes the  
unfolding of each of our stories, and invites us to  
new transformation today:

God, you are the Incarnation, wanting to be in our  
family: Lord have mercy.

**ALL: Have mercy on us all.**

God, you call us all to know that we are family  
together: Christ have mercy.

**ALL: Have mercy on us all.**

God, you are Emmanuel, God with us: Lord have  
mercy.

**ALL: 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.**

## Gloria: Angels We Have Heard on High

Let us sing our praises to God.

3. Come to Bethlehem and see  
Him whose birth the angels sing;

Come, adore on bended knee  
Christ, the Lord, the newborn King.



Refrain:

**Glo -- ria in excelsis Deo!**

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**4. See him in a manger laid**

**Whom the angels praise above;**

**Mary, Joseph, lend your aid,**

**While we raise our hearts in love.**

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## Opening Prayer

Let us pray...

God, we thank you for the gift of life and for families. We thank you for the many shapes that families take in the world. We thank you for the ways our families help us to know ourselves and our relationship with you. May all families know

your grace and love. May the family of Mary of Magdala be a place of embrace for anyone who feels isolated and without family. We pray together in our brother Jesus' name.

**ALL: Amen**

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### First Reading:

*Lector Lynn Barnes*

Our first reading today is *Mother of God, Mystical Rose* from the book, **Mary, Mother of All Nations**, by Megan McKenna.

O Mary, Mother of God, Mystical Rose, in your conversation with God you are always opening, just beginning to blossom and giving birth to the Word of God to anyone who will hear and take this Word of truth and love to heart. May we stand with you, side by side, arm in arm, before God and sing God's glory in us as once you stood on Galilee's hills and proclaimed God's mystical compassion taking root in your own flesh.

Help us to remember that we were made for this conversation with God, with the friends of God, and of course, with you. Teach us to speak, to be silent and listening, and to sing: "My soul proclaims the greatness of God and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior." Amen.

Words Inspired by God.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

## Responsorial Psalm 67

*Lector Lynne Barnes*

The Psalm Response is: May the Holy One bless us and keep us.

**ALL May the Holy One bless us and keep us.**

The Beloved is gracious to us and blesses us.  
The Radiant One shines upon us.  
O, that Love's Way be followed in all the earth.  
Love's saving power among all the nations.  
May the people rejoice in You!  
May all people sing with gratitude to the Beloved!  
**ALL: May the Holy One bless us and keep us.**

Let the nations be glad and give thanks, for You  
call the people to integrity and justice.  
You guide the nations upon the earth.  
May the people rejoice in You!  
May all people sing with gratitude to the Beloved!  
**ALL: May the Holy One bless us and keep us.**



Earth yields its harvest.  
The Beloved blesses us.  
Yes, the Beloved blesses us.

Let us abandon ourselves into the Heart of Love!  
**ALL: May the Holy One bless us and keep us.**

## Second Reading: Galatians 4 : 4-7

Lector Matt Chavez

A reading from Paul's Letter to the Galatians

When the fullness of time had come, God sent from God's own being, one born of a woman, born under the Law, in order to free those burdened under the law, so that all might be adopted by God as God's own, including us.

Since we are God's own, God sent the spirit of Jesus into our hearts, the spirit who calls out to

God, as to an intimate and loving parent, "Amma, Abba, Mother, Father!" So now, understand that you are no longer a slave, but God's own. And if you belong to God, then you are also an heir.

The Word of God.  
**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation

*Refrain:*  
**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**  
**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**2. Hail, Mary, full of grace,  
the Lord is with you;  
blessed are you among women.**

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## Gospel Reading: Luke 2: 21-40

Father Teri Harroun

May the love of God be with you all  
A proclamation of the Gospel according to Luke.

**ALL: And also with you.**  
**ALL: Glory to You, O God.**

Eight days after Mary had given birth, it was time to circumcise their child. He was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

When the time came for purification according to the Law of Moses, Joseph and Mary brought Jesus to Jerusalem to present him to God. (It is written in the Law of God: "Every firstborn male shall be set apart and offered as holy to God.") So, they offered the appropriate sacrifice for Jesus according to what is stated in the Law: "a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons."

Now, there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon. He was upright and devout, looking

forward to the consolation of Israel. The Holy Spirit dwelt in him. It had been revealed to Simeon by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen God's Anointed. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the Temple. When Mary and Joseph brought Jesus into the Temple, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took Jesus in his arms and praised God, singing,

"Now let Your servant depart in peace, for Your word has been fulfilled. My eyes have seen Your bearer of justice, made ready in the sight of all peoples: a revelation to the Gentiles, and glory to Your people."



The child's parents were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them, and said to Mary, "This child is destined for the fall and the rise of many, destined to be a sign that will be opposed. The inner thoughts of many will be laid bare. And a sword will pierce your own heart too."

There was also a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was very old. After seven years of marriage, she lived as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the Temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer, night and day. At the moment Simeon

finished speaking, she joined those gathered and began to praise God. She spoke about the child to all who were anticipating liberation.

When Mary and Joseph had completed everything required by the Law of God, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. The favor of God was upon him.

The Good News of Salvation of Jesus our Christ.

**ALL: Praise to you, Jesus, our Christ.**

**Homily:** *Father Teri Harroun*

## Prayers of the People

*Father Teri Harroun:*  
(opening prayer)

*Lector Matt Chavez:*

The response is: Loving God, receive our prayers.

**ALL: Loving God, receive our prayers.**

Through the intercession of Mary, Mother of God, we pray for Mother Earth and all her people, that they will be nourished and sustained by the equitable distribution of earth's resources, we pray:

**ALL: Loving God, receive our prayers.**

Through the intercession of Mary, Mother of God, we pray for all the mothers of the world, that they

will find the means to care for their children and their families during the coming new year, we pray:

**ALL: Loving God, receive our prayers.**

Through the intercession of Mary, Mother of God, we pray that each one of us be guided by the example of Mary in her acceptance of God's invitation to grow in faith and trust, we pray:

**ALL: Loving God, receive our prayers.**

I will now read the prayer requests from those in the sanctuary. *(Lector reads the prayers requested)*

... .. **ALL: Loving God, receive our prayers.**

For those on Zoom, please unmute yourselves and voice your prayer for all in the sanctuary to hear.

... .. **ALL: Loving God, receive our prayers.**

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

**ALL: Loving God, receive our prayers.**

*Father Teri Harroun:*  
(closing prayer)

**ALL: Amen.**



## The Peace

Celebrating God's endless faithfulness, may the peace of Christ be with you always.

**ALL: And also with you.**

Virtually and in-person, let us share with one another a sign of Christ's peace.

## LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

*(Bill Smith asks the congregation to be seated. Then Father Teri Harroun says:)*

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 called and able.

## Offertory Song Come to Us

Refrain: (2x)

**Come to us, Jesus, come to us.**

**Come to us, Jesus. Jesus, come.**

**2. Unto us a shining star,  
a sign for all to see:  
that unto us a child is born,  
born to set us free.**

Refrain: (1x)

**3. Unto us a shining star,  
a sign for all to see:  
that unto us a child is born,  
born to set us free.**

Refrain: (2x)

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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. These gifts have sometimes  
traveled through the mail to get here, and other  
times through pockets. They represent our entire  
lives. May they become the Light of Christ in your  
world.

*(if prayer audible)* **ALL: Blessed be God forever.**

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

*(if prayer audible)* **ALL: Blessed be God forever.**

Wash away my iniquity, cleanse me from my sin.

## Prayer over the Gifts

Pray my sisters and brothers, my family, that these  
our gifts, our lives, may continue to be blessed by our  
Loving God.

**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 world.**



## Eucharistic Prayer

### Preface

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

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

God, as members of human families and of your holy family, we recognize your gifts and we give you thanks and praise. You are our Holy Parent, our compassionate and Holy God.

You chose Mary, and through her created a family where all are welcome, wanted, and treasured.

Through the Christ you have created all communities from the beginning, including families and faith communities. You have formed us in your loving image, and bound us to people who teach us that we are lovable. In Christ, you entered the world as a baby in a human family, a family who raised him and cherished him and tended to him and treasured him.

He became the Light of the World and a light of revelation for all families. He is the one who invited us to call you Abba, Holy Parent. Therefore today, with all of creation who celebrates the birth of the Incarnation of God, with the choirs of angels and shepherds and all of creation together we sing:

**Holy** (Sung)

**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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God, Emmanuel, You are most Holy. Send your Holy Spirit upon us, and what we do here gathered at tables throughout your world knowing that all tables are Your Table. May we be touched by your Spirit, to be signs of love and peace to one another, and to 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.**

That same night, Jesus also took the cup filled with wine, and after giving thanks, passed it to his disciples, 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 faith:

**Memorial Acclamation** (Sung)

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

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Together, we are the body of Christ. And tonight, we gather around a promise. This child named Jesus will grow up to say, “My friends, how I have longed to share this Passover meal with you.”

This child will grow up to say, “Take this bread and eat it. Remember that I am God’s gift to you.” and “Take this wine and drink it. Remember that I have renewed your relationship with God, forgiving all sin.”

This child will grow up to say, “Forgive them, they have no idea what they are doing”, “I am thirsty”, and “It is finished.”

This child will grow up to say, “Touch my scars” “My peace I give to you”, and “I am with you always”.

My sisters and brothers, my family, Christ has come among us. Christ is here now, coming to all of us in the gifts of bread and wine. And Christ will come again to make all things new.

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<http://belovedschurch.org/2008/12/22/christmas-eucharist-prayer/>

Beloved God, Creator of all, You have invited each of us here, on this night. And so we gather at these tables, knowing all tables are your Table, O God.

We come from many places, differing in age, differing in race, differing in orientation, politics and even religion.

As we come together around these tables we discover that our differences are wholly and completely a blessing, the more difference we bring, the more fully we experience the presence of the sacred in our midst.

We also remember in our prayers our chosen shepherds, especially Bishop Kae and Bishop Francis. May they know Your presence being birthed into the world in new ways through them.

God, we are confident that you remember our ancestors who have gone to their rest, and now rest in your eternal embrace. May we one day join them, living into the fullness of the communion of saints and the eternal love that is you.

Together let us say:

**ALL: Through Christ, with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, All Loving God, forever and ever.**

**Amen** (Sung)

**Amen, amen, amen.  
Amen, amen, amen.**

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## The Prayer of Jesus

Let us join our hearts together in love, and pray together in the words that have been prayed with Jesus 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)*

**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, 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. This is the one who transforms us. 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 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.**

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

### Love Has Captured the Night

1. Love laid in a lowly manger:  
Love has come to save.  
Love a child and a redeemer:  
Jesus born this day.

2. Word made flesh and gently sleeping:  
Peace for all on earth.  
Faith fulfilled and vict'ry promised:  
Hope for a humble birth.  
Come, O come, adore Jesus Christ, the Lord.

3. Loving Father, faithful Maker,  
At creation's light  
Chose the child and Virgin Mother:  
Hope for all this night.  
Come, O come, adore Jesus Christ, the Lord.

4. Angels, shepherds, earthly father,  
Wise men from the East,  
A holy Mother sweetly singing  
To the Prince of Peace.  
Come, O come and see Jesus Christ, the King.

Refrain:  
Holy, holy, Glory to God on high.  
Holy, holy, Love has captured the night.

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## Prayer after Communion

Let us pray...

God, by the grace of this sacrament we have shared, may we enlarge our circle of hospitality to

recognize all of creation as our family in you. We ask this in Jesus' name.

**ALL: Amen**

## Concluding Rite

The Love of God be with you.

**ALL: And also with you.**

Please open your hearts, as we ask for God's blessing.

Amma and Abba and Loving Parent God,  
Grant us the blessing of belonging. May we know that we are all beloved children of You, God, precious, and beautiful to behold. May we share that blessing with others. We ask for this blessing now, in the name of the Holy Parent, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**ALL: Amen.**

## Dismissal:

We are the family of Mary of Magdala. 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

### Joy to the World

1. Joy to the world! the Lord is come;  
Let earth receive her King;  
Let ev'ry heart prepare him room,  
And heav'n and nature sing,  
And heav'n and nature sing,  
And heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

Joy Refrain:

**Joy! Let there be joy!**

**Let there be joy!**

**Let there be joy to the world!**

2. Joy to the world! the Savior reigns;  
Let us our songs employ;  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains  
Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

*(Repeat Joy Refrain)*

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