



Mary of Magdala, ECC April 11, 2021 Celebrating the 2nd Sunday in Easter

Participants may wish to prepare their home altars with a lit candle, and the food and drink to be remotely shared.

Announcements *Lector Lynne Barnes*

Social Justice Reflections *Tom Moos, co-chair Social Justice Ministry*

Pause to hold this message in our hearts.

Entrance Opening Song *(please join in with Bill while muted)*

Ye Sons and Daughters

1. Ye sons and daughters, let us sing!
The King of heav'n, the glorious King,
O'er death today rose triumphing.
Alleluia!

Refrain
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

5. When Thomas first the tidings heard,
How they had seen the risen Lord,
He doubted the disciples' word.
Alleluia!

6. "My pierced side, O Thomas, see;
My hands, my feet, I show to thee;

Not faithless, but believing be."
Alleluia!

7. No longer Thomas then denied,
He saw the feet, the hands, the side;
"Thou art my Lord and God," he cried.
Alleluia!

8. How blest are they who have not seen,
And yet whose faith has constant been,
For they eternal life shall win.
Alleluia!

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Greeting *Co-Pastor Dcn Rosean Amaral*

Let us begin as one expression of God's people in
the name of Amma/Abba God, Christ Jesus, and
the Holy Spirit, Sophia.

All with Linda: Amen

May the love of God, the hospitality of our
brother Jesus, and the communion and
friendship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

ALL with Linda: And also with you

Penitential Rite *Co-Pastor Dcn Rosean Amaral*

Let us remember our God who is always with
us...

God of forgiveness, Forgive us when we lose
sight of the joy of Your Love.

All with Linda: Brother Jesus have mercy.

God of faithfulness, Dispel our doubts and fears
and strengthen our hope and faith in you.

All with Linda: Christ have mercy.

God of resurrection, Lift up our spirits and help
us remember the promise of new life here and
now.

All with Linda: Brother Jesus have mercy

Forgive us, restore us, and renew us, in the name
of the Risen Christ, we pray.

All with Linda: Amen

And now let us sing our praises to God...



Gloria to God *(please join in with Bill while muted)*

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. (Amen.)

1. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

2. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,

Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

3. 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.

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Opening Prayer - *Co-Pastor Dcn Rosean Amaral*

Let us pray...

Wondrous God, We pray that you will penetrate the darkness of our fear and doubt with the light of your being. Speak your Word of Peace to us and let your light shine on any dark areas of our lives.

In Jesus' name we pray.

ALL: *with Linda* **AMEN.**

And now let us listen to the inspired Word of God in our midst.

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Acts 1:3-5, 12-14, 15 - *Lector Lynne Barnes*

Jesus presented himself alive to the disciples by many proofs after he had suffered, appearing to them over forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While meeting with them, he urged them not to leave Jerusalem but to wait for "the promise of God about which you have heard me speak. John baptized with water, but in a few days, you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."

The disciples returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olive, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath's day journey away. When they entered the city, they went to the upper room where they were staying. Peter and John, James and

Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot, and Jude son of James were there.

With one heart, all of them joined constantly in prayer, with some of the women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, and Jesus' siblings. Altogether, there was a group of about one hundred and twenty persons gathered in the one place.

The Word of an early Church Historian.

ALL *with Linda:* **Thanks be to God. Amen.**



Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 59 from Nan Merrill – Lector Lynne Barnes

The Response is: You, O Beloved, are the Compassionate One.

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Awaken us from our fears, O Beloved.
Give us strength to face them as they rise up
within us.

Let your Love envelop us and
direct our thoughts to peaceful paths...

**Response: You, O Beloved, are the
Compassionate One.**

Holy Love, You are the Compassionate One,
Comforter to all who ask.
You come to those who seek You, O mender of
broken hearts...

In You, O Beloved, we find rest...
Your forgiveness is forever.

**Response: You, O Beloved, are the
Compassionate One.**

O Comforter, our Strength!
... Let us grow in wisdom and understanding...

As we become free of our fears and live in
harmony, Let Your love shine through,
That people may know that You live in our
hearts...

We will rest in Your heart, O Beloved
and our days will be guided by Love.
Our thoughts will become prayers,
offered from the Silence deep within.

**Response: You, O Beloved, are the
Compassionate One.**

We will sing of Your kindness.
We will sing aloud of Your steadfast love...
For You, O Beloved, have renewed our life.
You have set us free to live in gratitude and joy.

**Response: You, O Beloved, are the
Compassionate One.**

Second Reading – First Letter of John 1:1-4 Lector Pedro Engel

What was from the beginning;
what we have heard;
what we have seen with our eyes;
what we looked upon and touched with our
hands,
concerns the Word, the Wisdom, of Life, -
for this Life was made visible.

We have seen it; we bear our testimony
and proclaim it to you:
that the infinite life of our Loving God,
God's life abundant and ever unfolding,
was made visible to us.

What we have seen and heard,
we proclaim now to you
so that you too may have communion with us.

For our communion is with our Loving God,
and with God's Beloved, Jesus the Christ.
We are writing this so that our joy may be
complete.

The Word of an Early Church Leader of the
Johannine School

All: with Linda Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia – Mass of the Joyful Heart (please join in with Bill while muted)

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 - John 20: 24-31 *Co-Pastor Rev. Jane Reina*

May the love of God be with you.
A reading from the Good News attributed to John.

Thomas, called the “Twin”, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when the risen Jesus first came to them in the locked upper room. When the other disciples saw him, they said, “We have seen the Christ.” But Thomas replied, “Unless I can see the holes the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, unless I can put my hand into his side, I will not believe.”

A week later, the disciples were again inside where they had been that first day, but this time Thomas was with them. Although the doors again were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here. See my hands. Give me your hand. Put it into my side. Do not be

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

unbelieving, but believe.” Thomas answered, “The Messiah! My God!” Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his many disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Chosen One, the Messiah, born of God, and that through believing you may have life in the name of Jesus the Christ.
The Gospel of God.

All: with Linda Praise to you, Jesus the Christ.

Homily *Co-Pastor Dcn Rosean Amaral*

Creed – Our Truth - *Co-Pastor Dcn Rosean Amaral*

ALL: (together on mute)

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.

~ Fr. Michael J. Nicosia © 2020



Regional Prayer for Calling a Bishop - Co-Pastor Rev. Jane Reina

Let us join together in our Regional Prayer for Calling a Bishop

(All to Join in on mute)

**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.**

Prayers of the People

Co-Pastor Dcn Rosean Amaral

As we focus on our interconnectedness with God and one another, let us affirm our commitment to right relationship by interceding for the needs of the church and the world.

Lector Pedro Engel

The response is: Here our prayers

ALL: Hear our prayers

Let us grow in wisdom and understanding, as we become free of our fears and live in harmony, we pray,

Response: Hear our Prayers

I now 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.

(Lector to read each prayer on “chat”)we pray.

Response: Hear our Prayers

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

Response: Hear our Prayers

Co-Pastor Dcn Rosean Amaral

Gracious and loving God, we turn to you with our prayers and know that you hear our cries. We place our certainties and our doubts in your trusting hands.

In Jesus name we pray

All with Linda: Amen

Sign of Peace

Co-Pastor Rev Jane Reina

Celebrating the power of mercy and love, may the peace of the Risen Christ be with you always.

All with Linda: And also with you.

Let us all unmute and go to gallery view, that we might share with one another a sign of Christ’s peace.



Offertory Meditation *(please join in with Bill while muted)*

The Breastplate of St Patrick

1. I bind myself
to the power of heaven.
I bind myself to the light of the sun,
the brightness of the moon,
the deepness of the sea;
I bind myself to the power of Christ

Refrain
Christ with me and before me;
Christ behind me and within me;
Christ to the right of me
and to the left of me;

Christ above me and beneath me:
I bind myself to the virtue of Christ

2. I bind myself
to the guidance of angels.
I bind myself
to the love of the Lamb,
for he alone is peace
and he alone is light.
I bind myself

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Our Celebration at the Table - *Co-Pastor Dcn Rosean Amaral*

The Love of God be with you all.
Lift up your hearts.
Let us give thanks to our Loving God.

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

God has called us together around our tables this evening knowing that all tables are God's tables. Let us welcome God and God's creative spirit. Blessed are you O Holy One and all creation rightly gives you praise. It is our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere, to give you thanks through your beloved Son, Jesus the Christ.

We praise You, O God of Love, with greater joy than ever in this Easter season as you revealed the glory of your eternal promise in the Resurrection of your Only One. Our life is with you, loving God, and with our Risen Brother Jesus, for we have felt Christ's saving grace active in our hearts and in our homes.

We too, tell what we have seen and heard of this great Love. Through our Baptism into the death and resurrection of Jesus, we have found our true home in You. In awe of so great a Mystery, we join the angels and saints in their unending song of joy...

HOLY *please join in on mute with Bill*

**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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From the infinite depth of your love God, you show us that no doubt or fear can lock You out of our lives. Teach us not to fear doubt, but rather to see it as a sign of the mystery of life.

My sisters and brothers, Christ has come among us and blesses this food with us today. Christ is here now, coming to all of us in the gifts of bread and wine and other sacred food and drink which



God has provided. And Christ will come again to make all things new. May we look for Christ in one another and all those yet to be.

In Jesus' name, together let us pray.

All with Linda: Amen

The Prayer of Jesus - *Co-Pastor Rev Jane Reina*

Let us pray in the name of the risen Christ:

(All to Join in on mute)

Abba/Amma in heaven, holy be your name. Your kin-dom come, Your will be done, on earth as 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

Reception for Spiritual Communion - *Co-Pastor Dcn Rosean Amaral*

Before we share in eating the food on our tables I'd like to remind you that God invited you here today. Wherever you are on your journey God is with you.

Let us share together these words of celebration of God with the food God has provided.

ALL; *(with Dcn Rosean on mute)* **Jesus our hearts are your Tabernacle. You live in us. You love in us. Come now, and visit us with Your grace. Make us to be more like You. May we receive Your fullness in this food as You desire. May we become Your Body in the world today. Amen**

Sacred Music - *Rosanna Bateman*

Prayer after the Meal *Co-Pastor Dcn. Rosean Amaral*

Let us pray...

Thank you God, for the meal we have shared in your memory. May we go forth from here as a light of Your Love, more deeply aware of our

communion with God and all creation. Through the power of your spirit we pray.

All with Linda: Amen

Blessing – *Co-Pastor Dcn Rosean Amaral*

The love of God be with you.

All with Linda: And also with you.

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

May the Love of God enfold us;

may the light of God brighten our paths; may the spirit of God dance within our hearts; and may we be blessed to be a blessing to all.

In the name of Amma/Abba God, our Brother Jesus, and the Spirit Sophia

All: with Linda Amen.



Dismissal *Co-Pastor Rev Jane Reina*

Go in the peace of Christ to serve God and each other.

All with Linda: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Closing Song - *(please join in with Bill while muted)*

Alleluia, Love is Alive

1. People of God, see the morning is new;
rise from your sleeping and run to the tomb.
Come and see! Come and see! He is alive!
A grave that is empty, a promise fulfilled.
God who was with us is here with us still.
He is here! He is here! He is alive!

Refrain

Alleluia! Love is alive;
conquered the grave and defeated the night.
Alleluia! Love is alive!
The Son has arisen for all.
Your people sing alleluia!

2. People of God, let your fear fall away.

Your chains have been broken; abandon your shame.

Lift your hearts! Lift your hearts! He is alive!
Here now is mercy embracing your soul;
here the fulfillment that once was foretold.
It is true! It is true! He is alive!

3. People of God now rejoicing in Christ,
carry your joy to the darkness of night.
Tell the world! Tell the world! He is alive!
Hear the good news of this glorious day,
every heart singing as heaven proclaims:
He is Lord! He is Lord! He is alive!

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