



Mary of Magdala, ECC Sunday Service – July 26, 2020 Observance of the Feast of Mary of Magdala

Greeting and Announcements – *Lector Lynne Barnes*

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

May Your Kingdom Come

1. Spirit of God, fill us with fire,
to shine your light for all those in need.
Give us the strength to love in your name,
so all the world will come to believe.

Refrain

May your kingdom come, that justice may reign.
May your kingdom come, that justice may reign.
May our lives bear witness to the pow'r of your
name. May your kingdom come, that justice
may reign.

2. Giver of life, send out your Spirit;
anoint your people that we might be healed.
Send us with joy to the weak and the lowly,
and let our love be your love revealed.

3. We will go out proclaiming the kingdom;
we will go out with mercy for all.
We will go out and serve with abandon,
with courage now to answer the call.

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Greeting – *Pastor Jane*

In the name of Abba/Amma God, of Jesus the Christ, our Savior and
Friend, and of the Holy Spirit, Sophia, our wisdom and guide **ALL: AMEN**

May God, the blessed Holy Three, be with you **ALL: And, also with you**

Penitential Rite – *Pastor Jane*

May we be aware of being welcomed within our own community and how we may not extend that
welcome to all

Jesus, may we open our hearts, like your
beloved apostle, Mary, the Tower, to you our
Risen Lord.
Lord, have mercy.
All: Lord have mercy.

Christ, may we, men and women, forego our
gendered lens and see in your wholeness your
feminine face. Christ have mercy.
All: Christ have mercy.

Jesus, heal our personal, communal and
cultural wounds of separation and bring us
together in your love.
Lord, have mercy.
All: Lord have mercy.

May the Beloved heal our wounds, ✠ bring us
to wholeness, and bring us to that place of
eternal Love. **All: Amen**

Gloria – *Prayed by Deacon Rosean, together with all on mute*

Renewed by acceptance, forgiveness, and Love, 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, we worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father and Mother, 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/Mother, 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/Mother. Amen.

Opening Prayer *Pastor Jane*

Let us pray to God to follow the example of Mary and become more fully agents and emissaries of LOVE, as God is LOVE.

O compassionate and caring God, your Son Jesus embraces us in our weaknesses, speaks to us his message of hope, and sends us out with his own Word and Being.

In this way, we see the Divine Reality in all especially people who seek justice, equality and acceptance.

Help us to be your Church as Mary teaches us to be, one with you in Love.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen

Liturgy of the Word

1st Reading *Re-Membering from But She Said*, by Elizabeth Schussler-Fiorenza.

Lynne: A Song of Praise from the book *But She Said* by Elizabeth Schussler-Fiorenza.

A wandering tribeswoman was my mother. In Egypt she bore slaves.

Then she called to the G-d of our mothers Sarah, Hagar, Rebecca, Rachel, Leah. Praise G-d Who Hears, Forever.

Cindy: A warrior, judge, and harlot was my mother G-d called her from time to time to save and liberate her people Miriam, Jael, Deborah, Judith, Tamar Praise G-d Who Saves, Forever.

Carol: A Galilean Jew was my mother She bore a wonderful child to be persecuted, hated, and executed. Mary, mother of sorrows,

mother of us all. Praise G-d Who Gives Strength, Forever.

Anne: A witness to Christ's resurrection was my mother's The apostle to the apostles Rejected, forgotten, proclaimed a whore Mary of Magdala, vanguard of women-church. Praise G-d Who Lives, Forever.

Cathy: An apostle, prophet, founder, and teacher was my mother called to the discipleship of equals. Empowered by the Sophia-G-d of Jesus Martha, Phoebe, Junia, Priscilla, Myrta, Nympha, Thecla. Praise G-d Who Calls, Forever.

Kerrie: A faithful Christian woman was my mother. A mystic, witch, martyr, heretic, saint,



uppity woman A native American, a black slave,
a poor immigrant, an old hag, a wise woman
May we, with her, in every generation
Praise G-d Who Images Us All.

Words inspired by God.
ALL: Thanks be to God

2nd Reading: A Reading from the gospel according to Mary of Magdala. -

Lector Michael D. Hynes (Pastor Jane's son)

Jesus spoke, "Sisters and Brothers,
Go then and preach the gospel of the kin-
dom." When the Blessed One said this, he left.

The students were grieved.
They wept profoundly, saying,
"How can we go to the gentiles and preach
the gospel of the kin-dom of the son of man?
If they did not spare him, will we be spared?"

Then Mary of Magdala stood up, greeted them
all, and said to her brothers,

"Do not weep and do not grieve or be
irresolute, for his grace will be fully with you
and will protect you.

Rather, let us praise his greatness.
He prepared us and made us truly human."

When Mary said this, she turned their hearts to
the good, and they began to discuss the words
of the savior.

The Word of God
ALL: Thanks be to God

The 'Alleluia' Mass of Mary Magdalene -

Sung by Bill Smith (please join in while muted)

Refrain

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.
Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia

VERSE:

Open our hearts O God To listen to the words of your
Son.

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Gospel: John 20: 1-2, 11-18 - Deacon Rosean

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

Sisters and Brothers,
Early in the morning on the first day of the week,
while it was still dark, Mary of Magdala came to
the tomb.

She saw that the stone had been rolled away
from the entrance, so she ran off to Simon Peter

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

and the other disciple—the one Jesus loved—
and told them, "The Rabbi has been taken from
the tomb! We don't know where they have put
Jesus!"

Mary stood weeping. beside the tomb.
Even as she wept, she stooped to peer inside,



and there she saw two angels in dazzling robes. One was seated at the head and the other at the foot of the place where Jesus' body had lain.

They asked her, "Why are you weeping?" She answered them, "Because they have taken away my Rabbi, and I don't know where they have put the body."

No sooner had she said this than she turned around and caught sight of Jesus standing there, but she didn't know it was Jesus.

He asked her, "Why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?" She supposed it was the gardener, so she said, "Please if you're the one who carried Jesus away, tell me where you've laid the body and I will take it away."

Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned to him and said, "Rabboni!"—which means teacher.

Jesus then said, "Don't hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to Amma/Abba God. Rather, go to the sisters and brothers and tell them, "I'm ascending to my Amma/Abba and to your Amma/Abba my God and your God.!"

Mary of Magdala went to the disciples. "I have seen the Teacher!" she announced. then she reported what the savior had said to her.

The Good News of Salvation of Jesus Christ.
All: Praise to You, Lord, Jesus Christ

Homily – *Pastor Jane with Jeff Akkerman and Chantal Bouveron*

Profession of Faith- *Pastor Jane*

ALL: We believe in one God the Father and Mother, creator and holder of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus the Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of Father/Mother God, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father/Mother, through Jesus the Christ, all things were made. For us and for our salvation Christ was made manifest in Jesus by the power of the Holy Spirit and was born of a virgin, Mary.

For our sake Jesus was crucified under Pontius Pilate; suffered, died and was buried.

On the third day Jesus rose in fulfillment of the Scriptures. He ascended to Father/Mother God.

Jesus will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and the kin-dom of Love will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, Wisdom Sophia, the guide of life, who proceeds from the Father/Mother God.

With the Father/Mother God and Jesus, She is worshiped and glorified. She has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy, catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the union of the communion of saints and the realization of the kin-dom throughout time and space.
Amen.



Prayers of the People

Pastor Jane - Let us, as Mary instructed, turn our hearts to God and become the embodiment of the message of Love to all without exception.

Lector: Lynne Barnes

The response for the “Prayers of the People” will be: Mary of Magdala, pray for us.

ALL: Mary of Magdala, pray for us.

For clergy and leaders of all faith traditions who have worked tirelessly to support the people in their communities during this time of shut down, social distancing, and uncertainty that they may take time to refresh themselves before they become depleted, we pray, **Response: Mary of Magdala, pray for us.**

For all activists, protesters, police, city, state, and federal governments that they may put on the mind and heart of Christ and give responses of lovingkindness to all situations of disagreement as new anti-racist policies and processes are discerned, we pray, **Response: Mary of Magdala, pray for us.**

For all people, that listening becomes a way to form relationships that lead to substantial and lasting change in our society, we pray, **Response: Mary of Magdala, pray for us.**

For all who are sick or recovering from medical procedures, their caregivers and families, that they may receive God’s healing grace and return to wholeness of being, we pray, **Response: Mary of Magdala, pray for us.**

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

(*Lynne will read each prayer on “chat”*)we pray, **Response: Mary of Magdala, pray for us.**

And for all the prayers we hold in the privacy of our hearts, we pray.

Response: Mary of Magdala, pray for us.

Pastor Jane

God of ever-faithful love and compassion, you provide us with all we need to grow. Hear our prayers that living lives of service to you and our neighbor, we might experience everlasting love. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **ALL: Amen.**

Sign of Peace *Pastor Jane –*

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles: I leave you peace, my peace I give you. Look not on our failings and doubts, but on the faith of your Church, and grant us the peace and unity of your kin-dom where you live for ever and ever. **ALL: AMEN**

The Peace of the Lord be with you always **All: And, also with you**



Deacon Rosean:

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.*)

The Ballad of Mary of Magdalene *Please join in singing while on mute*

View the original artist recording [here](#)

Presentation of Gifts

Deacon Rosean holds up a basket –

We invite you each to stretch out your hands toward this basket.

Pastor Jane

Blessed are You, God of all creation. Through Your goodness we have these gifts of our community, of time, talents and treasure to offer, gratefully given, and the work of human hands.

May our offerings become instruments of Your peace and sustain the mission of God’s people. May we continue to give as we are called and able.

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. Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have bread and wine to offer which earth has given and human hands

have made. It will become for us the bread of life and our spiritual drink.

All: Blessed be God forever

Lord God, we ask you to receive us and be pleased with the sacrifice we offer you with humble and contrite hearts.

Lord, wash away my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.

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

All: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of God’s name, for our good and the good of all God’s Church.

Prayer over the Gifts

Loving Father, Gentle Mother, your Son Jesus the Christ invites us to share this table as family.

As Jesus welcomes and hears us, and fills us with nourishment now, may we learn from Jesus to be people of graced-filled will and action, being commissioned as emissaries of the Good

News as Mary, the Tower, instructs us as disciples. Fill us with your unconditional love for all when we share the pain of those who are suppressed, powerless, criminalized, ostracized, and denied their own history, as this unconditional love is your Love.

We pray in Jesus the Christ our Lord.

ALL: Amen



Eucharistic Prayer – Deacon Rosean

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

It is indeed right, for you made us, and before us
you made the world in which we live, and
before the world you made the eternal home in
which, through Christ, we have a place.

All that is spectacular, all that is plain, have their
origin in you; all that is lovely,
all who are loving, point to you as their
fulfillment.

And grateful as we are for the world we know,
and the universe beyond our understanding,
we particularly praise you for coming to earth
and entering time in Jesus.

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

For the life of Jesus informs our living,
his compassion which contradicts our harmless
generalities, his disturbing presence, his
innocent suffering, his fearless dying,
his rising to life-breathing compassion and
forgiveness, we praise you, eternal G-d and
worship the Christ.

Therefore, we gladly join our voices
to the song of the church
on earth and in heaven:

Holy - Mass of Mary Magdalene – (Please join in singing on mute)

ALL: 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, Hosanna in the highest

Pastor Jane –
Here too our gratitude rises, for the promise
of the Holy Spirit, who even yet, even now,
confronts us with your claims and attracts us
to your Goodness.

Merciful God, send now, in kindness
your Holy Spirit to settle on this bread and
wine and fill them with the fullness of Jesus.

Among friends, gathered round 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,
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.



Deacon Rosean

Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith.

All: Christ has died, Christ has risen. Christ will come again.

Setting our wisdom, our wills, our words aside, emptying our hearts and bringing nothing in our hands, we yearn for the healing; the compassionate forgiving and unconditional love Christ offers.

May your Spirit rest on us, in communion with Mary, the holy Mother of God, Mary of Magdala, Terese of Avila, Theresa of Lisieux, Teresa of Calcutta, Elizabeth Ann Seton, Kateri Tekakwitha, Frances Xavier Cabrini, Dorothy Day, your saints throughout the ages,

together with your servants, our bishops, Francis and Denise.

Convert us, O God, from the patterns of this passing world, until we conform to the shape of Jesus whose food we now share and whose Body and Blood we now become, that of Jesus, your servant and our Savior.

ALL: Through Him, with Him and in Him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty God, for ever and ever. Amen

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

Deacon Rosean

Knowing that we are in the hands of God, we pray with the fullest trust the prayer of Jesus himself:

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.

Pastor Jane –

Deliver us Lord, from sin and all fear to declare ourselves for you in the presence of people and to commit ourselves to your work of integrity, truth, and justice. Fill us with your quiet courage to stand up for the freedom and

human dignity of our brothers and sisters, that we may model the image of Jesus. Help us to prepare with joy and hope the full coming among us of our Savior Jesus the Christ.

All: For the kin-dom and the power and the glory are Yours now and forever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

ALL: 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.



Pastor Jane

May this mingling of the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ bring eternal life to us who receive it. Lord Jesus Christ, with faith in your love and mercy we eat your body and drink your blood. May it bring us health in mind and body

Reception for Spiritual Communion – Pastor Jane

Happy are we who are called to this communion. We pray together in unity with those gathered around table and all the saints and holy ones of all time

Here is the risen Christ whose Spirit gathers us together around this table.

This is, and we are, the Body of Christ. This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Happy are those who are called to His supper.

All: Lord, I am worthy to receive you, because you have said the word and I am healed.

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.

Let us keep the feast: May all who choose, enjoy bread and wine at your own table

Let us pray this together to include more fully those without nourishment on their tables:

(Together while on mute)

ALL: Oh my Jesus, I turn toward the holy tabernacle in my heart where You live and love me. I love you.

Come and visit me with Your grace. Spiritually come more fully into my heart.

Purify me. Sanctify me. Make me more like You. May I receive You in your fullness and reflect You in the world. Amen

Communion Song *–(please join in while muted)* The Cry of the Poor

Refrain
The Lord hears the cry of the poor.
Blessed be the Lord.

1. I will bless the Lord at all times,
with praise ever in my mouth.
Let my soul glory in the Lord,
who will hear the cry of the poor.

2. Let the lowly hear and be glad:
the Lord listens to their pleas;
and to hearts broken, God is near,
who will hear the cry of the poor.

3. Ev'ry spirit crushed, God will save;
will be ransom for their lives;
will be safe shelter for their fears,
and will hear the cry of the poor.

4. We proclaim your greatness, O God,
your praise ever in our mouth;
ev'ry face brightened in your light,
for you hear the cry of the poor.

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Blessing

Pastor Jane - Let us Pray:

Ever Faithful, Compassionate One,
today we have recognized your people who
are unrecognized by our dominant society:
Jesus wants to stay among all people,
without exception, Jesus wants to stay in
human form through us, his disciples.
Help us to be that which Jesus freely offers
to those around us: an eternal helping hand,

Pastor Jane

The Lord Be with You.

ALL: And also with you.

compassion, the voice of reconciliation and
acceptance.

May this Way of Love that is shown us by
Jesus and Mary, the Tower, be our way of
leading people to you, our God.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

ALL: Amen

Dismissal:

Deacon Rosean

As a community dedicated to Christ through
Mary of Magdala, the Tower, you are being
sent out:

“Then Mary of Magdala stood up, greeted
them all, and said to her brothers, “Do not
weep and do not grieve or be irresolute, for
his grace will be fully with you and will
protect you.

Rather, let us praise his greatness. He
prepared us and made us truly human.”

When Mary said this, she turned their hearts
to the good, and they began to discuss the
words of the savior.”

So, we are sent. Preach the Gospel of Love
with your lives.

ALL: Thanks be to God

Closing Song – *please remain muted*

Bless be the Lord



Refrain

Bless the Lord, O my soul, bless God's ho - ly name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul,

1-4 to Verses
last time: to Refrain

Final

bless God's ho - ly name. Bless the Lord.

Verses

1. Re - mem - ber the kind-ness of our God, who
2. Re - mem - ber the jus - tice of our God, who
3. Re - mem - ber the heal - ing love of God, who

to Refrain

1. show - ers us with bless - ing all our days.
2. stands with those for - got - ten and con - fused.
3. calls us to be whole and to be free.

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