



Mary of Magdala, ECC – August 21, 2022

Celebrating the 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time - Together Wherever We Are

Reverend Jane Reina Presiding

Welcome and Announcements: Social Justice Reflection

Lector Ruth Alexander

Tom Moos, Chair Social Justice Ministry

Entrance Song Healing Waters

Refrain
Healing waters, flow over me.
Mercy's water, renewing me.
Mercy's ocean, transforming me.
Healing water, renew me.

1. Renew my heart, O God,
come change my hardened heart,
come fill my hardened heart with mercy.
You are the water of life.

You are the breath of heaven,
come fill my hardened heart with mercy, Lord.

2. Wash me in waters of love;
cleanse me and purify me,
for only you can cleanse me, Lord.
Wash over me, O Lord.
Refresh my thirsty soul
for you alone can make me holy, Lord.

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Greeting and Welcome

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

All: Amen

May the grace and peace Jesus the Christ be with you in abundance.

All: And also with you.

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

Penitential Rite

Together, we turn to you, Amma/Abba God, who forgives us always our turning away. We ask that you bless us with a deeper experience of being forgiven and accepted so that we may forgive and accept all in Your Oneness

Jesus our Christ, you forgave everyone from the Cross, even those who persecuted you. Teach us to walk in your Way of forgiveness. Jesus have mercy on us all. **All: Jesus, have mercy on us all.**

Jesus our Christ, you showed us the Way of Compassion. When we know and see the injustice around us, enlighten our hearts to respond for the benefit of others. Jesus have mercy on us all. **All: Christ have mercy on us all.**
Jesus our Christ, you are Divinity in all. Help the Divinity in us to open and see the Divinity in all.

Jesus have mercy on us all. **All: Jesus, have mercy on us all.**

May the God of Compassion have mercy on us, and light our way. **All: Amen**

In thanksgiving for God's open and eternal invitation to love, 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 the experience of your
eternal message through Jesus the Christ, and

the gifts of the Spirit, bringing us again to this
physical and virtual space as the Body of Christ.

All: Amen

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Let us listen to the Word inspired by God

First Reading: A Reading from Deuteronomy 5:12-15 *Lector Ruth Alexander*

A Reading from Deuteronomy

Observe the Sabbath day. Keep it holy, as God
has commanded you. Six days you will labor and
do all your work. But the seventh day is a
Sabbath, a day of rest, to your God. You will do
no work that day: neither you, nor your son, nor
your daughter, nor your male or female worker,
nor your ox, nor your donkey or any of your
animals, nor any foreigner residing among you.

Your servants, both male and female, will rest, as
you do. Remember, you were enslaved in Egypt
and God brought you out from there with a
strong hand and an outstretched arm. This is why
God has commanded you to observe the Sabbath
day.

The Word of God..

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial: Psalm 92:2-5, 13-16 *Lector Ruth Alexander*

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It is good to give thanks to You, O Beloved,
To sing praises to your Holy Name,
For You, Heart of my heart, gladden my soul,
As I proclaim with joy the harmony and beauty
of creation.

**Response: We proclaim with joy the harmony
and beauty of creation.**

How wondrous is your Divine Plan, O Beloved,
Your design, brought forth by Love.
You delight in my spirit and elevate my soul;
You bathe me in the oil of kindness.



Response: We proclaim with joy the harmony and beauty of creation.

Those who live with integrity are like a garden in full bloom,
Whole blossoms beautify the earth.
All through their lives they reap bountiful harvests.

Overflowing as a cornucopia of the finest fruits.
Magnifying the Blessed Gardener,
Living as sons and daughters of the Most High.
Response: We proclaim with joy the harmony and beauty of creation.

Second Reading: Colossians - Woman Un-Bent by Irene Zimmerman, from *Woman Un-bent*.

Lector Matt Chavez

That Sabbath day as always
she went to the synagogue
and took the place assigned her
right behind the grill where,
the elders had concurred,
she would block no one's view,
she could lean her heavy head,
and (though this was not said)
she'd give a good example to
the ones who stood behind her.

That day, intent as always
on the Word (for eighteen years
she'd listened thus), she heard
authority when Jesus spoke.

Though long stripped
of forwardness,

she came forward, nonetheless,
when Jesus summoned her.

"Woman, you are free
of your infirmity," he said.

The leader of the synagogue
worked himself into a sweat
as he tried to bend the Sabbath
and the woman back in place.

But she stood up straight and let
God's glory touch her face.

Words Inspired by God.
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 13:10-17; 14:1-6 — *Rev. Jane Reina*

The Word of Christ be with you all.
A Proclamation from the Gospel attributed to Luke.

My siblings in Christ,

All: and also with you.
All: Glory to you, O God

One Sabbath, Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues. Also there was a woman who, for



eighteen years, had an ailment caused by a spirit. She was bent over double, incapable of standing up straight.

When Jesus saw her, he called her over to him and said, "Woman, you are set free of your infirmity." He laid his hands on her, and immediately she stood up straight and began praising God.

The leader of the synagogue, indignant that Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, said to the congregation, "There are six days for working. Come on those days to be healed, not on the Sabbath."

Jesus in reply said, "You hypocrites! Does not each one of you untie your ox or your donkey from the manger on the Sabbath to water it? Shouldn't this daughter of Sarah and Abraham, whom Satan has kept bound for eighteen long years, be loosed from her bond on the Sabbath

day?" At these words, Jesus' accusers were humiliated. The people, by contrast, were delighted with all the wonderful things Jesus was doing.

On yet another Sabbath, Jesus went to dine at the home of a leading Pharisee. Those gathered there were observing him carefully. Also there was a man suffering from dropsy. Jesus spoke to the scholars of the law and to the Pharisees, asking, "Is it lawful to cure on the Sabbath or not?" They kept silent and did not respond. After Jesus healed the man, he sent him away. Then Jesus said to the Pharisees, "Who among you, if your child or ox falls into a cistern, would not immediately pull them out on the Sabbath day?" Again, they were silent. They were unable to answer his question.

The Good News of Jesus our Christ.

All: Praise to You, Jesus our Christ.

Homily

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

Reverend Jane

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus heals the infirmity he sees. Time and place are not his concern; his concern is the well-being of God's people and that they know that God loves them. Knowing our relationship with Christ deepens as we live out this message in truth, we lift up our prayers, confident that God responds.

Lector Matt Chavez



Our response is: Creator God, receive our prayers.

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For people everywhere—world-wide—to love their neighbor as they love God, treating them with respect and compassion, we pray,

Response: Creator God, receive our prayers.

For farmers and ranchers as they harvest the food that we all eat to sustain our bodies, that they may have the resources to reap a good harvest, **Response: Creator God, receive our prayers.**

For all who are ill or recuperating from medical procedures that they may receive God's healing graces and return to wholeness, we pray,
Response: Creator God, receive our prayers.

I will now read the prayers requested from those in the sanctuary... .. We pray....**Response: Creator God, receive our prayers.**

For those on zoom, please unmute and speak your prayer so all may pray with you,**Response: Creator God, receive our prayers.**

And for all those on our prayer list and the prayers you hold in your hearts, we pray, **Response: Creator God, receive our prayers.**

Rev. Jane Reina

Loving God, we lift up our prayers. We trust that you are always with us, no matter the circumstances. We ask all these things through Jesus, the Christ.

All: Amen

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.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Song Benediction

1. May the peace of God be with you.
May the favor of our God upon you rest.
May God's grace upon you shine
and give you light in darkest times.
May the peace of God be yours.

2. May the love of God be with you.
May your faithful trust in God never fail.
May God shower you with grace,
may you feel God's warm embrace.

May the love of God be yours.

3. May the joy of God be with you.
May you spring up living water in your soul.
May you run and never tire,
may God's will be your desire.
May the joy of God be yours.

4. May the hope of God be with you.
May God lift your spirit up on angel's wings.



May your very presence be a fragrant offering.
May the hope of God: Father, Son and Spirit—
may the blessings of God be yours.

May they be yours.

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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

As we prepare our tables, offering food and drink here and virtually, 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.

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

**All: May God 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 creation.**

Eucharistic Prayer

The peace of our God 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.

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, 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 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 the life and death of Jesus, our Christ,
and all that Christ 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 live your Love as our salvation, not our
possession. 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 the Risen
Christ, in union with Mary, Mother of the World,
Mary of Magdala, Teresa of Avila, 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 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.

The Prayer of Jesus

Let us pray in the words our Savior gave 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

The Shared Table

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, everyone, as we share this banquet.

Communion Song We Come to You

1. By your body and blood,
by your life and your love, renew us.
May your sacrifice be
forgiveness in me; heal us.

Refrain
We come to you.
We come to you broken, hungry.
We come to you.
We come to you.
Make us whole again.

2. In the body of Christ
we are brought to new life; restore us.
May the flesh that we eat
and the blood that we drink save us.

3. By the faith we profess,
and the sins we confess, mold us.
We are brought to our knees
at the altar of peace; change us.



Prayer after Communion

Let us pray...
Holy Mystery, we give You thanks for the gift of
Eucharistic faith 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
our Christ .

All: Amen.

Blessing and Dismissal

God is with you **All: And also with you.**

Let us together expand our hearts and let God's
blessing enter us:

May God who is the spark of all creation,
empower us.

May the depth of God's compassion guide us
through eternal time.

May the Holy Spirit, She who offer us life without
end, lead us into a deeper life with God.

In the name of Amma/Abba, God, Jesus our
Christ, and the Holy Spirit, **All: Amen**

With gratitude, let our lives continue the work of
Christ in our world.

All: Thanks be to God

Closing Song Bless the Lord

Refrain
Bless the Lord, O my soul,
bless God's holy name.
Bless the Lord, O my soul,
bless God's holy name.

1. Remember the kindness of our God,
who showers us with blessing
all our days.

2. Remember the justice of our God,
who stands with those
forgotten and confused.

3. Remember the healing love of God,
who calls us to be whole
and to be free.

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