



Mary of Magdala, ECC - August 31, 2025

**Celebrating the 22th Sunday of Ordinary Time—Together
Wherever We Are**

Dori Lechtenberg Healy Presiding

Welcome and Announcements *Lector Cindy Cloyd*

Leadership Council Report *David Cloyd*

Entrance Song **Here At This Table** (R; V3; R; V5; R)

(Process and Kiss the Altar)

Greeting Let us continue as one expression of God's people

(Cross ourselves +) in the name of Creator God, the Risen Son, and the 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.

Dori Welcomes All...

I welcome you all to today's communion service, those of you gathered here today and those joining us on-line. Mother Rosean is on a well-deserved break and if you are joining us on-line today, Rosean, we wish



you a peace-filled time in the California Redwoods these next weeks, and I pray both you and Laurie come back to us safely—refreshed, recharged, and renewed in mind, body, and spirit. As I mentioned, today we are having a communion service, the hosts have been consecrated, we will not offer wine today, as we have no means of consecration. I thank Kerrie, Bill, Tom, and Jared for their support in my preparations for today's service.

Let us turn to our God with humble hearts...

PENITENTIAL RITE (Arms out)

O Holy One beyond all names, you hear the prayers of the poor and rescue the weary, God have mercy

All: God, have mercy.

Brother Jesus, For the times we have failed to care for the afflicted and those in pain, Christ have mercy.

All: Christ have mercy.

Holy Spirit, For the times we have not left our shelter of safety in support of others, God have mercy.

All: God have mercy.



Loving God, **(make sign of cross while saying)** renew us by your grace and blessing, forgive us our failings, and bring us to life everlasting. (adapted from a prayer by Sarah Dylan Breuer)

All: Amen

And now let us lift our voices in joyful praise to our God!

Glory to God *Mass of the Joyful Heart*

Opening Prayer **(Arms out)**

O Loving God, Grant us the confidence, to step out in faith and become the people we are meant to be, unapologetic in our love for you, wanting to be change-makers, bringers of hope, love and grace to those who struggle in a world that often seems to have no faith and Who cannot see that all they seek is found in you.

Grant us the confidence, O God, to step out in faith and become the people we are meant to be.

In Jesus' name we pray,

All: Amen ~ *adapted from John Birch, and posted on Faith and Worship website.*

Liturgy of the Word



Let us listen to the Word of God. **Move to chairs by lectern**

First Reading Sirach 3: 17-18, 20-22, 28-29. *Lector Cindy Cloyd*

My child, carry out your business with humility,
and you will be better loved than a lavish giver.

The greater you are, the humbler you must be,
and you will find favor with God.

For great is the power of God,
but it is by the humble that God is glorified.

Do not seek out things that are beyond your scope.
Do not scrutinize things that are beyond your power.
Whatever gifts are committed to your care, attend to them.
Neither worry about, nor meddle in, what is not yours,
what you cannot control.

For the disease of the proud, there is no cure,
like the off-shoot of a poisoning root.
A sensible person will take a proverb to heart.
The ear that listens to Wisdom rejoices.

The Word of Sophia Wisdom.

All: thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm **Taste and See (Sung)**



Second Reading *Lector David Cloyd*

A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews 12:14, 18-19, 22-24

Pursue peace with everyone. Pursue holiness without which no one can see God.

It is not to the tangible, blazing fire of Mount Sinai that you have come. You have not come to Mount Sinai's gloomy darkness and ominous cloud. You have not come to its storm. You have not come to its trumpet-sound, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them.

No. You have come to the "mountain" of God, to the city of the living God, the heavenly Dwelling, to countless angels in festal gathering. You have come to the assembly of the first-born enrolled in the cosmic splendor! You have come to God, the gracious judge of all, and to the souls of the just who have been birthed into wholeness. You have come to Jesus, the embodiment of a new covenant, whose shed blood speaks more eloquently than Abel's.

Listen to the Spirit speaking to God's people.



All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation *MOJH*

Gospel Luke 14: 1, 7-14

May our loving God be with you. **All: And also with you**

A Proclamation of the Holy Gospel attributed to Luke. +

All: Glory to you O God.

On one occasion, Jesus went to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the Sabbath. Some of the Pharisees and other guests were watching him closely.

Noticing how the guests sought the places of honor at the table, Jesus told them a parable:

“When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor. Someone more distinguished than you may have been invited by your host. The host who invited both of you may come and say to you, “Give this person your place.” Then, in disgrace, you would be moved to the lowest place. Rather, when you are invited,



sit down at the place of lowest rank, so that your host may come and say to you, "Friend, move up higher." Then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled; and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

Jesus also said to his host: "When you are having guests for lunch or supper, do not invite your friends, your siblings, and other relatives. They might invite you in return, and then you would be repaid in full. Rather, when you give a banquet, invite those who are poor, those whom society has failed, those who are looked upon as outcasts, and those who are cast out. Then you will be blessed because they cannot repay you; you will be repaid at the resurrection of the just."

The Good News of Jesus our Christ.

All: Praise to you, Jesus our Christ.

Homily

(No Creed)

Prayers of the People



Let us bring forth our prayers for all of Creation... *move to chairs by lectern*

Lector David Cloyd

Our response today is: Loving God, receive our prayers.

All: Loving God, receive our prayers.

Reveal to us this week ways in which we can generously give to those in need of our love, our time, or financial support, we pray...

Response: Loving God, receive our prayers.

For the courage to speak up when necessary, to forgive when called for, and to respond to Christ's call to live simply so that others may live with dignity, we pray... **Response: Loving God, receive our prayers.**

For the safety of travelers and refugees, especially for children and those at risk, we pray... **Response: Loving God, receive our prayers.**

For the prayers of those in the sanctuary...we pray...

Response: Loving God receive our prayers.



Any prayers from those on Zoom?

Response: Loving God, receive our prayers.

And for all of those on our Prayer Lists and those prayers that we hold in our hearts, we pray... **Response: Loving God, receive our prayers.**

Creator God, knowing you have heard our prayers and confident in your love, we abide in your mercy. 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, first with our siblings at home and then here in the sanctuary.

Liturgy of the Eucharist

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.



Let us sing together...

Offertory Song **The Cry of the Poor** (R; V2; R; V3; R)

Preparation of the Gifts (During Offertory Song Joan and Katie will get the hosts from the tabernacle and put on the altar, wait for them to begin prayers)

(Say silently over the gifts)

Blessed are you, Loving God of all Creation, through your goodness we have this bread to place on your table. Work of earth and human hands. May it become our spiritual food. All: Blessed be God forever.

Blessed are you, Loving God of all Creation, through your goodness we have this wine to place on your table. Work of earth and human hands. May it 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.

Wash away my iniquity, cleanse me of my sin.

Prayer over the Gifts (Arms Outstretched)

Pray my siblings in Christ, that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God, our Mother and Father.



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 Risen Christ is with you. **All: And also with you.**

Let us open up our hearts. **All: We open them up to God.**

Let us give thanks to our loving God. **All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

(Arms out)

Blessed are you, Holy God, creator of the Universe.

Blessed are you, Holy God, You created us for community and placed us in your garden to tend the earth and be at home.

Blessed are you, Holy God, liberator of the captives.

Blessed are you, Holy God, hope of the lost and the exiled.

Blessed are you, Holy God, who has created bread and wine for our table and us for your delight.

You sent Jesus Christ Your Son among us as our redeemer. He was moved with compassion for the poor and the powerless, for the sick and the sinner. He made himself neighbor to the oppressed. By His words and actions, He proclaimed to the world that You care for us as a parent



for their children. And so, with all the angels and saints, we sing the joyful hymn of Your praise:

Holy, Holy, Holy (MOJH)

(Arms outstretched)

You are Holy indeed O God. You are the heart of Love.

Through this Eucharist which we are about to receive, we remember how your Son blessed us with His presence on earth. Jesus walked among us. He healed us,

(Raise the ciborium which holds the consecrated hosts and the pyx with gluten free hosts.

Jesus took the bread and gave thanks. He broke the bread and gave it to His disciples, saying:

All: Take this all of you and eat it. This is my body which will be given up for you.

(presider bows in adoration)

(Raise the chalice – no wine, just symbolism)

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 that sin may be forgiven. Do this in memory of me.

(Presider bows in adoration)

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

Memorial Acclamation *MOJH ...*

With this bread and cup we remember your Son,
his life poured out for others, his welcome to outcasts and children,
his eating with sinners and strangers, his death and resurrection,
which opens to us the way of justice and joy.

God, remember your Church throughout the world,
make us grow in love, together with Leo the Bishop of Rome,
a sign of the worldwide Catholic tradition, Kae and Pablo our Bishops,
our 301 Faith Partnership and all those Your Son has gained for You.
Remember, too, those who have died in the peace of Christ.

(Pause)



Bring them and all the departed into the light of your presence.

Holy God, holy and merciful, receive our prayers and praise

as Jesus received the cries of the poor, And renew us by your Spirit,

until your mercy mends all that sin has torn and we feast forever in the

company of Jesus through whom all glory and honor is Yours

with the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Together now, we say...

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

MOJH

The Prayer of Jesus (Celtic Version)

Let us turn to the camera and pray with the words that Jesus taught us:

All: Holy One beyond all names

Eternal Wellspring

May love rise again in us today

With food for every table

Selter for every family

And reverence for every life.

Forgive us our failings in love



**And free us from all falseness
That the light of our souls may shine
And the strength of our spirits endure
For Earth and all its people
This day, tonight, and forever.**

(Celtic Prayer of Jesus, John Philip Newell)

The Shared Table

Lamb of God *MOJH* *(Joan and Katie will divide up
hosts, place on patten)*

*Hold up a host and the cup...or give the plates to Joan and Katie and you
hold one host and the cup...before saying this:*

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 meal.

**All: Jesus, I am ready to receive You and by Your invitation I am
here.**

Invitation to Communion

As we join in with this meal 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.

An open invitation awaits all of you here today, at this table where Jesus is the host. An invitation to be fed and to be loved without measure.

Each one of you is a precious child of God. All are welcome, no exceptions. *Take patten and move to front of altar.*

(gluten free hosts in center)

Communion Song Holy Is God's Name (V1; R; V2; R)

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray... Thank You, Brother Jesus, for this meal of remembrance.

We come before You with open hearts, yearning to deepen our connection with You. Help us to seek Your presence in every moment, to listen for Your voice in the silence, and to embrace Your love in our daily lives.

May our faith grow stronger, and may we draw closer to You, finding peace and purpose in our relationship with You.

In Jesus' name, **All: Amen.**



Blessing for Dori Healy and Jim Berry *Kerrie will lead*

Gracious and Loving God, we raise our hands, hearts, and voices to bless Dori and Jim as they continue the journey of discernment toward doing service ministry through ordination. Enliven them with clarity of vision and insight, embrace them with grace and compassion, guide them to truth and willingness to accept what unfolds for them. May they each receive the flow of grace from our hands to their hearts and souls. May it be so.

Concluding Rite and Dismissal

(Arms out!!)

The Love of God be with you.

All: And also with you.

Let us open our hearts to receive God's blessing...

May all that is unforgiven in you

Be released

All: Amen

May your fears yield

Their deepest tranquilities



All: Amen

May all that is unlived in you

Blossom into a future

Graced with love.

All: Amen (*From John O'Donahue, To Bless the Space Between Us*)

May the blessings (**make sign of cross while saying**) of our loving Creator, our brother Jesus, and the Holy Spirit, descend upon you and may you reflect their light, love and glory all the days of your life.

All: Amen.

Dismissal

As we conclude this celebration, may we go out and

be creators of justice and joy

OR??? Act justly, show mercy and walk humbly with our God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Closing Song A Place at the Table (V1; R; V2; R; V3; R)

Process out with cross bearer. Stay in the back to be greeted.