



Mary of Magdala, ECC Sunday Service – August 9, 2020
19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Greeting and Announcements – Lector Cindy Cloyd

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

Jesus, I Trust in You

Refrain

Je - sus, I trust in you,
giv-er of mer - cy. Je - sus, I trust in you,
O Font of Life. Heal - er, teach - er,
Sav - ior and friend, Je - sus, I trust in you.
All that I am is in your hands. 1, 2 to Verses
Final
All that I am is in your hands.

Verses

1. Let not this heart be troubled,
but let it rest in you.
For with you, every sorrow will be washed
away.
Let not my mind be burdened,
but set it free with truth,
for every care is lost in understanding grace.

2. As you gave up yourself, Lord,
into your Father's hands,
so let me give myself to all that is your will.
And as you emptied yourself,
fulfilled Love's perfect plan,
let me be emptied, that my life might be fulfilled

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Greeting – Deacon Rosean

We gather to worship God who comes to us when we least expect it, who calls us out of the safety of our ordered lives and invites us to join Him in the adventure of faith. So let us begin in the name of Amma/Abba God, Jesus our brother, and the Holy Spirit.

ALL: AMEN

May the Holy Kiss of God, the tender care of the One who washes feet, and the passion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

ALL: And, also with you

Penitential Rite – Deacon Rosean

Let us remember Jesus, the Christ...

Jesus, You call us to step out in faith.

ALL: Lord have mercy.

Jesus, You call us to place our lives in Your hands.

ALL: Christ have mercy.

Jesus, You call us to commit to following You.

ALL: Lord, have mercy.

Open our eyes to see past our own interests and concerns to your broader vision for us and for our world. In Jesus' name we pray

ALL: Amen

Opening Prayer – Deacon Rosean

Let us pray...

Gracious God,
We gather once again to offer You praise and thanksgiving for Your unfailing love and faithfulness, shown most clearly through Your Son, Jesus Christ. Grant us grace to worship You in spirit and in truth. Through the power of your Holy Spirit, open our eyes to recognize

You here among us. Give us courage to step out in faith to meet You, and confidence to follow where You lead.

In the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord

ALL: AMEN

Liturgy of the Word – Lector Cindy Cloyd

1st Reading: 1Kings 19:9, 11-13

Arriving in Horeb, the mountain of YHWH, Elijah went into a cave and spent the night. And the word of YHWH came to him:

“What are you doing here, Elijah?
Go out and stand on the mountain before YHWH, for YHWH is about to pass by.”

Then a great and powerful wind tore the mountain apart and shattered the rocks by YHWH's power, but YHWH was not in the whirlwind.

After the wind there was an earthquake.



But YHWH was not in the earthquake.
After the earthquake came a fire.
But YHWH was not in the fire.

And after the fire there came a gentle whisper.
When Elijah heard it, he pulled his cloak over his
face and went out and stood at the mouth of the
cave.

A voice said,
“Elijah, what are you doing here?”

The Word of God.
ALL: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm – *Lector Cindy Cloyd*

The response is: Beloved, guide us on the paths of mercy and love.

ALL: Beloved, guide us on the paths of mercy and love.

Listen, O people, in the silent Chapel of your
heart, and the Beloved will speak of peace to
you, to the hidden saints, to all who turn their
hearts to Love.

**Response: Beloved, guide us on the paths of
mercy and love.**

Surely new life is at hand for those who
reverence Love; O, that harmony might dwell
among the nations.

Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet;
righteousness and peace will embrace one
another.

**Response: Beloved, guide us on the paths of
mercy and love.**

Wisdom will spring up from the ground
and truth will look down from the sky.
Yes, The Eternal Giver will grant what is good,
and the lands will yield abundantly.

**Response: Beloved, guide us on the paths of
mercy and love.**

Mercy and compassion are Love’s way;
You will guide our footsteps upon the path of
peace

as we recognize with open hearts
that You are our peace.

**Response: Beloved, guide us on the paths of
mercy and love.**

2nd Reading: Freefall, by Mark Nepo, *Suite for the Living* – *Lector David Cloyd*

If you have one hour of air
and many hours to go,
you must breathe slowly.

If you have one arm’s length
and many things to care for,
you must give freely.

If you have one chance to know God
and many doubts, you must

set your heart on fire.

We are blessed.

Each day is a chance.
We have two arms.
Fear wastes air.

Words inspired by God
ALL: Thanks be to God



'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: Matthew: 14: 22-33 – Pastor Jane

The Risen Christ be with you all
A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew

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

Sisters and Brothers,
Jesus insisted that the disciples get into the boat
and precede him to the other side.
Having sent the crowds away,
Jesus went up on the mountain by himself to
pray, remaining there alone as night fell.
Meanwhile the boat, already a thousand yards
from shore,
was being tossed about in the waves
that had been raised by the fierce winds.

At about three in the morning,
Jesus came walking toward them on the lake.
When the disciples saw Jesus waling on the
water, they were terrified. "It is a ghost!" they
said, and in their fear they began to cry out.

Jesus hastened to assure them, "Do not worry,
it's I! Do not be afraid!" Peter spoke up and said,
"If is really you, tell me to come to you across the
water!"

"Come," Jesus said.

So, Peter got out of the boat and began to walk
on the water toward Jesus. But when he saw how
strong the wind was, he became frightened. He
began to sink, and cried out, "Save me!"

Jesus immediately stretched out his hand
and caught Peter. "You have so little faith!"
Jesus said to him. "Why did you doubt?"
Once they had climbed into the boat,
the wind died down.

Those who were in the boat showed great
reverence, declaring to Jesus, "You are indeed
God's Own!"

The Words of Salvation of Jesus, our Christ.

**ALL: Glory and praise to our Redeemer, Jesus,
our Christ**

Homily – Deacon Rosean



Creed – *Led by Deacon Rosean*

Taken from “The Friends in Faith” and shared by Joan Meehan

ALL: Gathered together as people of faith, we profess our belief in a God who is larger than we can name, unable to be contained, yet present in each one of us. We have come to know this God in the living of our lives, and in the holiness of the earth we share. We believe in a God revealed in all peoples—all genders, religions, and orientations. We embrace a compassionate God, who champions justice and mercy, and is always faithful when we call. Our God gives and forgives, patiently loving without conditions. We gratefully believe in a God who feels our deepest struggles, and celebrates our greatest joys. A God who both dances with us in celebration, and holds us when we cry. This God is not “other” to us, but

shares our breath in every moment, and promises we are never alone. We believe in a God who believes in us—believes that we are precious and incredible gifts, worthy to claim image and likeness to the divine. We hold fast to our God who journeys with us, who continually calls us to choose the shape of our days through the choices we make. This God accepts us as we are, and shares each hope we have for our becoming. This is the God in whom we believe, our Creator, our Mother and Father who became human in Jesus, our brother. Our God is the Spirit of Life, the voice that continues to speak love, and asks us to answer. In this God we choose to believe.

ALL: AMEN

Prayers of the People - *Lector David Cloyd*

Gracious and Loving God, we lift up our prayers to you and ask you to guide us as we listen to your voice and act to end our cultural injustices done to people of color,

The response for the “Prayers of the People” will be: Hear our Prayers.

ALL: Hear our Prayers

For our elected officials that they may listen to the people of color and make the changes needed to create anti-racist laws, procedures, and regulations that all people may be treated fairly and equally, we pray,

Response: Hear our prayer.

For the clergy of all faith traditions as they minister to their communities, that they may take the time needed for self-care so they may remain healthy in mind, body, and spirit, we pray,

Response: Hear our prayer.

For all people who are weary of the restrictions for gathering with family and loved ones that they may continue to be conscious of the risks and stay safe, we pray,

Response: Hear our prayer.

For all who are sick or recovering from medical procedures, that they may receive your healing graces and move toward wholeness in their lives, we pray,

Response: Hear our prayer.



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 (David to read each prayer on “chat”)we pray, **Response: Hear our prayer.**

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

Response: Hear our prayer.

Deacon Rosean – to close the Prayers of the People

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**

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.*)

Our Celebration of Food – Deacon Rosean

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

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

Let us welcome God and God’s creative spirit. God has called us to gather around these tables this evening, knowing that all tables are God’s table.

Blessed are you, Loving God of all Creation, through your goodness we have this food before us. May we offer our gratitude for all the ways you nurture us, body, mind and spirit. We bless you God, with our gratitude.

We give you thanks for the myriad of ways you show up in our lives as both Creator and Creation. We thank you for all that is, and for the Breath of Life that is You throughout the cosmos. We see You in one another, and throughout creation. We share your Breath with one another, with our ancestors, and with all those yet to be. Even in this new and challenging times, You are bringing to

birth through us a new heaven joined with a new earth, and like the early followers of Jesus, we gather together as family and kin.

Holy Breath of God, the One who blesses us and calls us Beloved, Send your Holy Spirit upon us gathered around tables throughout your world and gathered as one in You that we may become visible signs of Your love in the world.

God of Kinship, You have made this food which feeds us. May we be open to the ways you connect to us in relationship and your holy dance with us. In Jesus’ name we pray.

ALL: AMEN



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

Deacon Rosean

Let us turn to God in prayer. Let us pray together both the Hail Mary and the prayer known as the Lord's Prayer.

ALL: Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

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

Before we share in eating the food on our tables, I'd like to remind you that God invited you here today. Where-ever 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:

Reception for Spiritual Communion – *Deacon Rosean*

ALL: 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.

Our homes and our hearts are a dwelling place for God. The Christ-child is in each of us. The food before us is sacrament, and God's

grace is abundant and in our midst. Please spend a moment now, receiving God's grace as you eat and drink what is on your table.

Communion Song --*(please join in 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
to the guidance of Christ



Bridge:

In the eyes of all who see me,
in the ears of all who hear me,
in the hearts of those

who know me:
O God, uphold me.
Uphold me, Lord.

Prayer After the Meal – *Deacon Rosean*

Let us pray

God of faithfulness,
May this meal we share feed us, and bring
us as One into the Body of Christ, one
family, one kin-dom. May this sacrament fill

us with the Love of God, the three in One. In
Jesus' name we pray.

ALL: Amen

Regional Prayer for Calling a Bishop – *Pastor Jane*

**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**

Blessing – *Deacon Rosean*

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

God of endless chances,
let us remember that each day is a new
chance to know You.

May we stretch out both our arms giving
freely to the care of all creation,

And may we breathe deeply of the Love of
God from which nothing can separate us.

We ask this, in the name of Amma/Abba God,
the Son and the Holy Spirit.

ALL: Amen

Dismissal - *Pastor Jane*

Let us go out with faith to follow where
Jesus leads, confident that his love and
presence go with us.

ALL: Thanks be to God

Closing Song – *please remain muted*

Go Out, Go Out

Refrain

Go out, go out to all the world

and tell the Good News,
tell the Good, Good News!



1. Praise the LORD,
praise the LORD, all you nations!
Glorify him,
glorify him, you peoples!

2. Steadfast,
steadfast is his kindness toward us,
and the faithfulness
of the LORD endures!

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