



Mary of Magdala, ECC — August 30, 2026

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Father Teri Harroun guest presiding

Welcome and Announcements *Lector Artie Bavoso*

Social Justice Reflection *Tom Moos*

Opening Song **A Rightful Place (R; V1; R; V2; R)**

Let us continue as one expression of God's people. Mother/Father, Son,
and Holy Spirit. **All: Amen.**

May the Love of God, the care and compassion of the Incarnation, and the
Fire of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

Greeting and Welcome (Teri adlib something here)

Penitential Rite

Let us humbly turn to our God, ready to receive God's mercy and be
transformed.....

Creator God, You offer grace and mercy for healing, God, fill us with mercy.



All: God, fill us with mercy.

Jesus the Christ, You teach us the value of forgiveness, Christ, fill us with mercy.

All: Christ, fill us with mercy.

Spirit, Your gift of reconciliation is a gift we both receive and share, Spirit fill us with mercy.

All: Spirit, fill us with mercy.

Hear the Good News! Christ's life, death and resurrection have revealed life eternal for you. Your sins are forgiven. Go forth refreshed and renewed in the name of God, in the name of Love, in the name of New Life.

Together now we pray. **All: Amen**

Gloria (MoMM)

Opening Prayer

Let us pray,



Loving God—Our joy isn't dependent on what is going on in our life, in our world, or the people that we are with, or the gifts we give or receive. Our joy comes from you. It dwells deep in our soul. In our souls. It is the joy that flooded the hearts of the shepherds, the angels, the wise ones who traveled and followed a star, and Mary and Joseph too. It is the joy that can transform our hearts and is the root of our hope. May that hope be a hope we share with the world. For this is the work of the church. In Jesus' name we pray.

All: Amen.

Let us listen to the Word of God, the good news in our midst.

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading *Benedictus*, by Jan Richardson, from **How The Stars Get In**

Your Bones. .

Lector Artie Bavoso

In your leaving,

we say peace.

with the last light of you dying,

we say peace,



in the hope it will rest in our bones.

In your going,

we say joy.

With the last breath of you leaving,

we say joy.

And where there is no joy,

we say joy,

in the hope it will dwell in our flesh.

In your departing,

we say love.

With the earth taking you in,

we say love.

And where there is no love,

we say love,

in the hope it will come to our souls.

Words inspired by God.



All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm To You O God

Second Reading Romans (12:1-2) *Lector Vicki Johnson*

Sisters and brothers, I beg you through the mercy of God to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God—this is your spiritual act of worship. Do not conform yourselves to this age, but be transformed by the renewal of your minds, so that you may judge what God's will is — what is good, pleasing and perfect.

Words Inspired by God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia. (MoMM V3)

Gospel

Teri: The Word of Christ be with you all. **All: And Also with you.**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew (16:21-27)

All: Glory to you, O God+



From that time on, Jesus began to explain to the disciples that he must go to Jerusalem, to suffer many things at the hands of the elders, chief priests and religious scholars, and that he must be killed, and on the third day raised to life.

Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. “Never, Rabbi!” he said. “This will never happen to you!”

Jesus turned to Peter and said, “Get yourself behind me, you Satan! You are trying to make me stumble and fall. You are setting your mind not on the things of God, but on the things of mortals.”

Then Jesus said to the disciples, “If you wish to come after me, you must deny your very selves, take up the instrument of your own death and begin to follow in my footsteps.

“If you would save your life, you will lose it; but if you would lose your life for my sake, you will find it. What profit would you show if you gained the



whole world but lost yourself? What can you offer in exchange for your very self?

“The Promised One will come in the glory of Amma/Abba God accompanied by the angels, and will repay all according to their conduct.”

The Gospel, the Good News of our God.

All: Praise to you, Jesus our Christ.

Homily Teri

Creed (none)

Prayers of the People

Teri: Let us bring forth our prayers for all of Creation.

Lector Vicki Johnson

Our response is: Loving God, receive our prayers.

For all farmers and ranchers that the harvest of their crops and animals may be enough to fill us and allow them to live, we pray,

Response: Loving God, receive or prayers.



For our Mother Earth that has been ravaged by wars, wildfires, and intense storms that we may do what we can to heal her—and ourselves, we pray,

Response: Loving God, receive our prayers.

For an opening of hearts especially in our elected leaders that they, and we, may treat our neighbors—all of them— with love, justice, and mercy, we pray, **Response: Loving God, receive our prayers.**

The prayers from the sanctuary are.....

Response: Loving God, receive our prayers.

Are there prayers from our members on zoom? ...we pray,

Response: Loving God, receive our prayers.

And for all the prayers we hold sacred in our hearts, we pray,

Response: Loving God, receive our prayers.

Teri: Collect (*adlib*)



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 that peace, both virtually and in the sanctuary. Please turn toward the camera first to wish our friends at home peace.

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 that these our gifts, our lives, may continue to be blessed by our Loving God.

Let us sing together. . .

Offertory Song Infinite Grace (V1; R; V2; R; B; R)

Preparation of the Gifts *(quietly during Offertory Song)*



Blessed are you, Loving God of all Creation, through your goodness we have these gifts to place on your table. They represent our entire lives, and all that we have to offer. May they become the Light of Christ in your world.

All: Blessed be God forever.

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

Wash away my iniquity, cleanse me.

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

All: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at our 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 all.



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.

We thank you, God, for this good Earth, with all of its many diverse peoples and elements. We thank you for its wisdom, and all that it has to teach us as it spins like Your own rosary bead. Let us cherish the peoples and creatures, the landscape and the waters and the atmosphere of this rich planet. Let us imagine peace in every corner of your Creation.

Creative God, breath of all life through whom all things are created and sustained; all sons and daughters and children, flocks and herds, all birds of the air and fish of the sea. You walked this earth as child and Creator. You touched the soil, quenched your thirst, embraced this world, shared joy and light, love and laughter. You moved toward those who lived in shadows to shine your Loving Light. Creative God, breath of all life through whom all things are created and sustained, we delight in You. Now with all of



creation, with the angels and shepherds, and all the holy ones who have passed the thin veil before us, we are glad to sing of your glory.

Holy (MoMM)

God, Goodness of the World, Send your Holy Spirit upon us gathered around tables throughout your world and gathered as your Body that we may become signs of your love and transforming work in the world. + Let also your Spirit come upon these gifts of bread and wine and other food from our own cupboards, the meal before us, to make them holy so that they may become for us the Body and Blood of our brother, Jesus the Christ.

Today, we gather to remember that on the night before he died, Jesus ate with his followers and his friends. We recall how he took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it, he broke it, and gave it to them saying:

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

We remember also, that on the night before Jesus died, He took the cup filled with wine, and after giving thanks, passed it to his friends, 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 so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in memory of me."

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.....

Memorial Acclamation (MoMM)

Beloved God, Creator of all, You have invited each of us here today,
And so we gather around these tables, knowing that all tables are your
table, O God, and all food is sacrament.

We come from many places, differing in age, differing in race, differing in orientation and abilities, differing in politics and even religion. As we come together we discover that our differences are indeed a blessing, the more differences we bring, the more fully we experience the presence of the sacred, of You God, in our midst. May our gathering remind us of the hope that you shared with us.



We remember in prayer our chosen Shepherds, Bishop Kae and Bishop Paul. Grant them grace for leadership each day. And bless their families who must share these loved ones with us. We are thankful for them, and the love and support they offer our bishops.

We trust that all our beloved who have died, now rest in your eternal embrace. May we one day know the fullness of your Love with them.

Together now, we say.....

All: Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for all glory and honor is yours self-emptying/life-giving God, forever and ever. Together let us sing

Great Amen. — (MoMM)

The Prayer of Jesus

(Turn to the cameras and) Let us join hearts together, a symbol of how God is circling the world right now and prayer words that have been prayed for centuries.

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 Welcoming)

This is the Body and Blood of Christ. This is the one who transforms the world. Blessed are we who are called to this meal.

All: Jesus, I am ready to receive you. Because by your invitation, I am here.

Invitation to Communion

As we partake of the sustenance 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.



May the mystery of our participation in the sacred mystery, enliven our faith, inspire our service, and incarnate God's compassionate love wherever we may be.

Whether partaking here, or at our home tables, this food from God is offered to the people of God, without exception. All are welcome at the banquet of Christ's kin-dom.

For those who share in this meal via Zoom, receive the grace that God and Christ share with you this day.

Communion Song You Stand Knocking (V1; R; V2; R)

Prayer after Communion

Sacred One, Creator of Hope,

You fill the hungry with good things. In this Eucharist you have filled us with the word and the bread of life, and nourished our hope. Make us hunger now for Christ's new coming in the hearts and the homes of all. We ask this in Jesus' name.

All: Amen



Blessing for Rosanna (call her to front?)

All: Creator God, we ask you to bless our sister Rosanna and her husband Ron, as she embarks on a journey—a Semester at Sea.

Grant her and Ron traveling mercies, endless joy at the wonders they find, enough work, enough play, and lots of music. May the blessing they are flow to all they may meet and bless them. Amen.

The Love of God be with you.

All: And also with you.

Concluding Rite and Dismissal

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

Receive the blessing of knowing Jesus' legacy of Love within you. We ask for this blessing now, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **All: Amen.**

We are the family known as Mary of Magdala. Let us go forth as such, loving and serving God as we get to love and serve in God's world.

All: Thanks be to God.

Teri will remind people about announcement after last song.



Closing Song Send Out Your Spirit (R; V1; R; V2; R; V3; R; v4; R)

Announcement from R. Jane.