Mary of Magdala, ECC -- February 1, 2026

Celebrating the 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time—Together Wherever We Are

Mother Rosean Amaral Presiding – Art Bavoso, Homilist

Welcome and Announcements

Social Justice Reflection *Tom Moos*

Entrance Song Our God Is Here (V1; R; V2; R)

Greeting

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

Mother Rosean Welcomes All…AD Lib

Let us examine our hearts…

Penitential Rite



God of abundance, we pray for a more just world

in which all have enough, and none are left behind.

All: God of abundance, leave none behind.

Brother Jesus, instruct us in the ways of humility;

help us to stand in solidarity with the oppressed and marginalized;

show us your presence in the faces of those the world forgets.

All: **Brother Jesus, show us your presence in the faces of those the world forgets.**

Sprit of peace, help us to end our conflicts and wars,

and to be peacemakers and agents of reconciliation.

All: Spirit, make us peacemakers and agents of reconciliation.

*(adapted from **Literature & Liturgy.** https://jesusscribbles.wordpress.com/)*

God who shows no partiality, renew us by your nurture and blessing, forgive us our mistakes, and bring us to life everlasting. (*adapted from a prayer written by Sarah Dylan Breuer)* **All: Amen**

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

Glory To God *MoJH*

Opening Prayer

Let us pray…

Gracious and Loving God, we gather today to sit at Your feet and listen to your transformative wisdom. We ask that You open our hearts and minds to your radical teachings that call us to a new way of living and loving. For Jesus' sake,

All: Amen.

Liturgy Of The Word

Let us listen to the Word of God in our midst…

The First Reading from the Prophet Zephaniah *Lector Linda Joyce*

Seek God, all you humble of the land!

You who have observed the law:

Seek justice! Seek humility!

Perhaps you will be sheltered

on the day of God's anger.

On that day, in the midst of ruins,

I will leave, as a remnant,

a people humble and lowly.

The remnant of My people will take refuge

in My Holy Name.

They will do no wrong

They will speak no lies.

A deceitful tongue will not be found in their mouths.

They will pasture and lie down

with none to disturb them.

The Word of an ancient prophet.

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm **We Ever Will Praise You (R; V1; R; V2; R)**

SECOND READING

A Reading from 1st Corinthians. *Lector Pedro Engel*

Beloved, consider what you were when you were called.

Not many of you were wise by human standards, not

many were influential, not many were of noble birth.

Rather, God chose the "foolish" of the world to shame the

"wise". God chose the weak of the world to shame the

strong. God chose those who are low and despised in the

world, people who count for nothing, to reduce to nothing those who are something. This way, no one can boast before God! God is the source of your life in Jesus the Christ, who became for us Wisdom from God. Christ is our righteousness, our holiness, and our redemption. Therefore, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in God.”

Listen to the Spirit speaking to God’s people.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation *MoJH*

Gospel –Art Bavoso (Translation from the Living Bible, Paraphrased)

(*M. Rosean blesses Art before he reads the Gospel)*

Art gives context to the first century setting at the time of Jesus’ teaching of the Beatitudes.

And then…Please stand as you are able…

The Love of God is within you. **All: And also within you.**

A Proclamation of the Holy Gospel attributed to Matthew (5: 1-12)

All: Glory to you, O God.

“Humble men are very fortunate!” he told them, for the Kin-dom of Heaven is given to them.

Those who mourn are fortunate! for they shall be comforted.

The meek and lowly are fortunate! for the whole wide world belongs to them.

Happy are those who long to be just and good, for they shall be completely satisfied.

Happy are the kind and merciful, for they shall be shown mercy.

Happy are those who hearts are pure, for they shall see God.

Happy are those who strive for peace—they shall be called the sons of God.

Happy are those who are persecuted because they are good, for the Kingdom of Heaven is theirs.

When you are reviled, persecuted and lied about because you are my followers—wonderful! **Be happy about it**! **Be very glad**! For a **tremendous reward** awaits you up in heaven. And remember, the ancient prophets were persecuted too”.

The Good News of Jesus our Christ.

All: Praise to you, Jesus our Christ.

Homily – Art Bavoso

Prayers of the People *Lector Pedro Engel*

Let us bring forth our prayers for all of Creation…

Our response is: Loving God, receive our prayers.

For our country to return to being compassionate and civil in our everyday events, and to our neighbors—all our neighbors, we pray,
Response: Loving God, receive our prayers.

For our immigrant citizens and workers and our elected officials and unelected agents, that they may find a way to move forward peacefully and with better ways of communicating and adjudicating status, we pray,
Response: Loving God, receive our prayers.

For all who are food, housing, job, and medically insecure that they may continue to find resources to assist them in simply living, we pray,
Response: Loving God, receive our prayers.

The prayers from the sanctuary are: ...we pray,
Response: Loving God, receive our prayers.

Are there prayers from our members on zoom? (Tom will read.)
Response: Loving God, receive our prayers.

And for all the people on our prayer lists and the prayers we hold sacred in our hearts, we pray, **Response: Loving God, receive our prayers.**



God of all people, You call us to share in Jesus' mission. May our prayers be in harmony with Your will and may our service to others be generous. In Jesus' name, **All: Amen**

The Peace

Celebrating God's endless faithfulness, may the peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

As a sign of reconciliation and peacemaking, I invite you to share a greeting of Christ's peace, with our siblings at home and with each other 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 Lead Me God. V1; R; V3: R)

Preparation of the Gifts *(During Offertory Song)*



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

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

All: May God 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

May the love of God live within you. **All: And also within 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.**



It is truly right and just, always and everywhere,

to give you thanks Eternal God through Jesus, the Christ.

In the mystery of your Word made flesh, you have caused a new

light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son, Jesus.

Bright shining God, inner light of all souls,

we celebrate your gifts of light, love, and all of creation. We rejoice that you have made us in your image, and touched all of creation

with the light of your love. With each new day, you call us to feed the hungry,

bring recovery of sight to the blind,

liberate the oppressed, heal the broken-hearted and bind up their wounds, and keep watch for the dawn of your reign on this earth.

For all of this we give you thanks, and we praise you,

joining our voices with all life on earth and the company of heaven, who forever sing their hymns to proclaim the glory of your name.

Holy, Holy, Holy… *MOJH*

God, you are holy indeed, and all creation rightly gives you praise. All life, all holiness, comes from you through your son Jesus

Christ, our Brother, by the working of the Holy Spirit.



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 to
make them holy so that they may become for us
the Body and Blood of our brother, Jesus the
Christ.

On the night before his death, Jesus took bread, and after giving thanks he broke it and gave it to all, saying:

All: Take this, all of you, and eat it.

This is my body, which will be given up for you.

After supper, he took the cup of wine. Again,
he gave you thanks and praise, gave the cup to all and 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 faith:

Memorial Acclamation *MOJH*

Rejoicing in the Holy Spirit, your whole church offers thanks and praise with all who bring hope to the world. We pray for our presiding Bishop Pablo, our Regional Bishop Kae, and for all who shepherd your holy people. God of the living and the dead, awaken to the undying light of pardon and peace those fallen asleep in faith.

Gather them all into communion with Mary, the mother of Jesus, and all your saints. Then at last will all creation be one and all divisions healed, and we shall join in singing your praise through your Son, Jesus, the Christ.

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

Let us turn to the camera and pray with our siblings at home in the words our Savior gave us.



All: Amma/Abba God who are 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 and the power and the glory are Yours now and forever. Amen

The Shared Table

Lamb of God *MOJH*

This is the Living God, the Body and Blood of Christ. This is the One whose LOVE 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 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.

An open invitation awaits all of you at this table where Jesus Christ 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.

(gluten free hosts in center. Both red wine and white grape juice are available in the metal cups)



Communion Hymn The Breastplate of St Patrick

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray…

Thank you, God, for nourishing us in your Sacrament and keeping us connected to you.

Brother Jesus, you have shown us the path to true joy through your words on the mountain. As we leave this gathering, strengthen us to embody these blessings: to be poor in spirit, to mourn with those who mourn, to hunger for justice, to show mercy, to make peace, and to rejoice when we are persecuted for your sake. May your Spirit guide our steps, that we may not just hear these words, but live them out, bringing your light and kin-dom into a world that desperately needs your grace. In your holy name we pray,"

All: Amen

Concluding Rite and Dismissal

May the love of God be with you.

All: And also with you.

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

Hear the good news: God's blessing is not a reward for perfection, but a promise of presence. In the "messed up" and "disoriented" places of our lives, God meets us



with a grace that restores us and sends us back out to heal the world. You are always forgiven, and free to begin again.

We ask for this blessing now in the name of Amma/Abba God, our brother Jesus, and the Holy Spirit, Sophia.

All: Amen

Dismissal

We are the Body of Christ.

Go forth blessed in your struggles, blessed in your hope, blessed to bring forth the Kin-dom of God on Earth.

All: Thanks be to God.

Closing Song Go Make A Difference. (R; V1; R; V2; R; V3; R)