



Mary of Magdala, ECC May 5, 2024
6th Sunday of Easter—Together Wherever We Are
Father Teri Harroun presiding

Welcome and Announcements *Lector Cathy Engel*

Entrance Song Can We Love (R; V1; R; V2 R; V3; R)

Greeting and Welcome

Let us continue as one expression of God's people in the name of our Creator God, the Eternal Son, Holy Spirit. **All: Amen.**

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

All: And also with you.

Penitential Rite

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

Beloved God, you are light in the murkiness, and hope when we feel despair. God, fill us with mercy. **All: God, fill us with mercy.**

Beloved Jesus, you initiate springtime with flowers that break through the ground and stretch tall and beautiful. Christ, fill us with mercy.

All: Christ, fill us with mercy.

Beloved Spirit, You love with water and spirit and anoint us all your holy ones. 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. Be refreshed and renewed in the name of God, in the name of Love, in the name of New Life. As God is merciful, may you also be merciful. Together now we pray. **All: Amen**

Let us celebrate God's glory with our voices as together we sing...



Gloria Glory To God Mass of the Joyful Heart

Opening Prayer

Let us pray,
God of all Goodness, You are Love. God of all Goodness, You are Love. You share Your love with us in extravagant ways. Your love knows no bounds. May our love burst forth this day in great generosity. May we love one another, not just as we love ourselves, but as you love us. May we be known for our love for one another and all. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

Let us joyfully listen to the Word of God, the good news in our midst. Some stories today will be from our Scriptures. But some will acknowledge that God speaks into the world through other voices as well.

Liturgy Of The Word

First Reading *Lector Cathy Engel*

Mother of God Overshadowed By The Holy Spirit, by Mirabai Starr, from **Mother of God Similar to Fire.**

Beautiful, blessed hollow reed
through which the Holy One poured himself into the world,
please ask the Divine to shape me into a vessel for his love.
Remind me that the Beloved longs for union with me
as fervently as I yearn to return to him.
As the Father sent his Holy Spirit to surround you,
the Mother,
and quicken you with the Word of God,
his Son,
so let me open myself to the Mystery.
May my body become a conduit for the sacred
to incarnate here on earth.
May I learn to exalt in the ordinary moments of my life,
and embrace God everywhere,
in everything,



always.

Words Inspired by God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm *spoken Cathy Engel*

Psalm 98:1-4, Merrill 1st and 2nd stanzas, 3rd stanza adapted

Our response is: Love does marvelous things!

O Sing to the Beloved a new song,
for Love has done marvelous things!

By the strength of your Indwelling Presence,
we, too, are called to do great things.

We are set free through Love's forgiveness and truth.

Response: Love does marvelous things!

Yes, Your steadfast love and faithfulness
are an ever-present gift in our lives.

All the ends of the earth have seen
the glory of Love's eternal flame.

Response: Love does marvelous things!

Shout for joy to the Beloved, all the earth!

Burst into jubilant song with music!

Sing your gratitude!

Make music resound! Make music your praise!

Response: Love does marvelous things!

Second Reading *Lector Pedro Engel*

A Reading from the 1st Letter of John 4:7-9, 11-13, 16

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God.
Everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.
Whoever does not love, does not know God; for God is love.
God's love was made manifest among us. God sent
God's Chosen One into the world that we might live as
Jesus lived, that we might live in love.

Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to
love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love



one another, God lives in us, and God's love is made complete us, and thus we "see" God.

We know that we abide in God and God in us, because God has breathed into us God's own Spirit. So, we know and rely on the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them.

Listen to the Spirit speaking to God's people.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia (MOJH) sung.

Gospel

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

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John (15:9-15, 17)

All: Glory to you, O God+

As the Beloved loves me, so I also love you. Remain in my love.

If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love. In the same way, I have kept our Loving God's commandments and remain in God's love. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and your joy may be complete.

This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command. I no longer call you slaves, because a slave does not know what the slave owner is doing. I call you friends, because I have told you everything I have heard from the Beloved.

This I command you: love one another.

The Gospel, the Good News of our God.

All: Praise to you, Jesus our Christ.

Homily: Fr. Teri



Prayers of the People

Lector Pedro Engel

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

Our response is: Beloved God, receive our prayers.

For all people living in countries at war, that our prayers to Mary, Mother of God, may enlighten their leaders to negotiate peace, we pray, **Response: Beloved God, receive our prayers.**

For all churches and faith traditions that they may continue to be the presence of God's love to everyone they chance to meet, we pray, **Response: Beloved God, receive our prayers.**

For our elected officials that they may retain a sense of collaboration and equity for the good of all people, we pray: **Response: Beloved God, receive our prayers.**

Read the prayers from the sanctuary.....we pray, **Response: Beloved God, receive our prayers.**

Are there any prayers from those on zoom?we pray, **Response: Beloved God, receive our prayers.**

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

Father 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 and greet our siblings attending on zoom.

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. . .

Procession of the Bread and Wine

Offertory Song Ave Maria (V1; R; V2; R; Instr; R)

Preparation of the Gifts (*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 these 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 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

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.

God, as your fingerprint is upon all creation, your love is embossed on the



human family. You called Sarah and Abraham to parent the nation of your holy people so all people could be drawn into your loving embrace. You sent the prophets to speak your comforting word. You sent Jesus the Christ, to proclaim your inclusive love for all the cosmos. God, all of creation unveils your glory. Now, with all of creation, the choirs of angels and shepherds, with the birds and the fish and the trees, we are glad to share God's praise as we sing:

Holy - (MOJH) sung

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 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."

(sung) Let us proclaim the mystery of faith....

Memorial Acclamation All: sung When We Eat (MOJH)

Therefore, Creator God, we remember the life, death, and resurrection of our Beloved Brother Jesus. In the breaking of the Bread, Christ's Body, there is an opening up, a healing, and a hoping. In the spilling of the Wine, Christ's Blood, are the roots of sharing and reconciliation.

As we look in our world, our lives, and in our hearts for the presence of Christ, may we recognize the Christ in our midst, calling us to unity in love with all of your creation.



Beloved God, Creator of all, You have invited each of us here today, And so we gather at these tables, confident that all tables are your table, O God. May we serve in love, with love, for love, loving you, and loving our neighbors as we love ourselves. May we recognize that all are made in your image, and everyone, everyone is our neighbor. May we share the good news that your table here in our midst is open to all; no one shall be excluded based on creed, nationality, race, gender, sexuality, political affiliation, or even religion. We pray that under the guidance of our chosen shepherds Bishop Kae and Bishop Paul, we may move closer to unity with all of creation in love and grace and your embrace.

Remember our sisters and brothers and family who have gone to their rest in the hope of rising in your light, especially Mary Detweiler and Grace Robinson. Bring them and all the departed into the embrace of your presence with Mary, Jesus' mother, with the apostles and friends and all the saints who have modeled your will throughout time. May we praise you in dancing with them and glory now and forever.

(Lift elements)

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. — (MOJH) *sung*

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. Since it is the first Sunday in May, let us first pray the prayer known as the Hail Mary, and then go right into praying the words that have been prayed for centuries.

All: Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed are thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us (children), now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

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! – (MOJH) sung

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 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.

May the mystery of our participation in the sacred mystery, enliven our faith, inspire our service, and incarnate God's compassionate love where-ever 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.

Communion Song In The Breaking of the Bread (R; V4; R; V5; R; V6; R)

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray... God, we have shared this meal together. This meal that you have offered to us, bread, wine, and other food from our own cupboards. Send us from here to reveal your love in the world that all hungry hearts may know You and be fed. We offer this prayer through our brother, Jesus the Christ. **Amen.**

Prayer for Jim Berry

All: In the name of God, we bless you, Jim. May you receive the gifts of wisdom and insight, compassion and understanding, growth and discernment throughout this ordination process. We bless you, Jim, as you bless us. under the watchful eyes of the Sacred Three in One we pray. Amen



The Love of God be with you.

All: And also with you.

Concluding Rite and Dismissal

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

God, you bless us that we may be a blessing. May our genuine love for one another be a sign of that blessing, that all of creation may be blessed in love. We ask for this blessing now, in the name of our Creator God, the Eternal Son, and 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.

Closing Song All You Need Is Love (As Written)