



Mary of Magdala, ECC Sunday Service – Nov 15, 2020

Celebrating the 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Preparations include participants preparing their home tables with a lit candle,
and the food and drink to be remotely shared.*

Announcements – *Lector Matt Chavez*

Black Lives Matter – *Tom Moos Co-Chair Social Justice Ministry*

Entrance Song

May Your Kingdom Come

1. Spirit of God, fill us with fire,
to shine your light for all those in need.
Give us the strength to love in your name,
so all the world will come to believe.

Refrain

May your kingdom come, that justice may reign.
May your kingdom come, that justice may reign.
May our lives bear witness to the pow'r of your
name.

May your kingdom come, that justice may reign.
2. Giver of life, send out your Spirit;
anoint your people that we might be healed.
Send us with joy to the weak and the lowly,
and let our love be your love revealed.

3. We will go out proclaiming the kingdom;
we will go out with mercy for all.
We will go out and serve with abandon,
with courage now to answer the call.

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Greeting – *Father Michael*

In the name of the Father, ✠ and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. All: **Amen.**

The grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and
the love of God, and the communion of the Holy
Spirit be with you all. All: **And also with you.**

Penitential Rite – *Father Michael*

Our first reading today speaks of the “worthy
wife,” a spouse who uses all of her talents
for the benefit of her household.

Such accolades belong to all who contribute to
the common good.

The writer ends by saying, “Give them a share in
what their hands have worked for.”

But we have a long history of not giving women
their due, or African Americans their due,
or laborers or immigrants or children their due.

So is the state of our country and our world.

Lord Jesus, how much needs to be changed
—how much we need to be changed. Lord, have
mercy. All: **Lord, have mercy.**

Christ Jesus, we’re often oblivious to the price
others pay for our peace and security. Christ,
have mercy. All: **Christ, have mercy**

Lord Jesus, not only do you judge the fruit of our
labors but how we appreciate the work of others.
Lord, have mercy. All: **Lord, have mercy.**



May Almighty God have mercy on us,
forgive us our sins, ✠ and bring us to life

everlasting. **All: Amen**

Gloria – *prayed together*

Deacon Rosean

Empowered by God's grace, let us lift our voices in praise!

ALL: Glory to God in the highest and peace to God's People on earth. Father/Mother God, heavenly Sovereign, Almighty and Self-emptying, we worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father/Mother, Lord God, Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world, have mercy

on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Majesty, receive our prayer.

For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord, You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in the glory of our Father/Mother God. Amen

Opening Prayer

Father Michael

Loving God, Source of every good, having placed the common good in our care you expect much of your servants.

May we serve you and one another faithfully that the blessings we share may be preserved

through the grace and challenge of your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Prov 31: 10-13, 19-20, 20-21 – *Lector Matt Chavez*

A perfect love—who can find her?
She is valued far beyond pearls,
 Instilling confidence in her partner's heart,
 Providing no small profit,
Bringing advantage and not hurt
 All the days of their lives.
Always busy with wool and with flax,
 Doing her work with willing hands,
 Setting her hands to the distaff,
 Fingers grasping the spindle.
Holding out a hand to the poor,

Greeting the needy with open arms,
Charm deceives, and beauty flees;
 But those who reverence YHWH
 Are deserving of praise.
Give them a share in what their hands have
worked for,
 And let their works tell their praises at the city
gates.

The Word of God.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm 127:1 and 128: 1-2, 3, 4-5 - *Lector Matt Chavez*

The response is: Unless the Lord build the house, They labor in vain who build.



Response: Unless the Lord build the house, They labor in vain who build.

Blessed are you who reverence the Beloved,
Who walk in Love's way!
You radiate an inner joy and
Peace where'er you go;
Compassion draws you to
The gates of those in need

Response: Unless the Lord build the house, They labor in vain who build.

Families and friends gather upon your doorstep;
Children run to greet you with open arms.
Yes, blessed are you who reverence the Beloved!

Response: Unless the Lord build the house, They labor in vain who build.

Strangers feel at home in your presence;
The oppressed are comforted by your support.
Blessed indeed are you who reverence the Beloved!
Peace is within you!

Response: Unless the Lord build the house, They labor in vain who build.

2nd Reading: 1 Thess 5:1-6 – *Lector David Cloyd*

But as to specific times and eras, sisters and brothers, you do not need me to tell you anything – you know very well that the Day of God is coming like a thief in the night. Just when people are saying, “At last we have peace and security,” then destruction will fall on them with the suddenness of labor pains, and there will be no escape.

But you, sisters and brothers, are not in the dark. The Day of God will not catch you like a thief. No, you all are children of light and children of the day. We do not belong to the darkness or the night. So let us not be asleep as others are – let us be awake and sober!

The Word of God
ALL: Thanks be to God.

‘Alleluia’ - Mass of Renewal - *(please join in with Bill while muted)*

Refrain

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.
Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia

Speak, O Lord, your servant is list'ning;
you have the words of everlasting life..

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Gospel: Matthew 25: 14-30 – *Deacon Rosean*

Our God is with you.
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Jesus told this parable to the disciples,
“Again, it is like a wealthy landowner who was going on a journey and called in three workers, entrusting some funds to them. The first was given five thousand dollars, the second two thousand, and the third one thousand, according to each one's ability.

ALL: And also with you.
ALL: Glory to you, O God

“Then the landowners went away. Immediately the worker who received the five thousand went and invested it and made another five. In the same way, the worker who received the two thousand doubled that figure. But the worker who received the one thousand instead went off and dug a hole in the ground and buried the money.



“After a long absence, the traveler returned home and settled accounts with them. The one who had received the five thousand came forward bringing the additional five, saying, ‘You entrusted me with five thousand; here are five thousand more.’

“The landowner said, ‘Well done! You are a good and faithful worker. Since you were dependable in a small matter, I will put you in charge of larger affairs. Come, share my joy!’

“The one who had received the two thousand then stepped forward with the additional two, saying, ‘You entrusted me with two thousand; here are two thousand more.’

“The landowner said to this one, ‘Cleverly done! You too are a good and faithful worker. Since you were dependable in a small matter, I will put you in charge of larger affairs. Come, share my joy!’

“Finally the one who had received the one thousand stepped forward, and said to the landowner, ‘Knowing your ruthlessness—you who

reap where you did not sow and gather where you did not scatter—fearing your wrath, I went off and buried your thousand dollars in the ground. Here is your money back.’

“The landowner exclaimed, ‘You worthless lazy lout! You know that I reap where I do not sow and gather where I do not scatter, do you? All the more reason to deposit my money with the bankers, so that on my return I could have had it back with interest! You, there! Take the thousand away from this bum and give it to the one with the ten thousand.’

“Those who have will get more until they grow rich, while those who have not will lose even the little they have. Throw this worthless one outside into the darkness, where there is wailing and grinding of teeth.’

The Good News of Salvation of Jesus, our Christ!
ALL: Glory and Praise to our Savior Jesus Christ!

Homily: *Father Michael*

“our blessings / our work”

Most preachers will probably focus on stewardship today, and I will too, but with a twist. . . .

Our Truth

Father Michael

In Love and in Light, we profess our faith together.

All together on mute:

We believe in God, our Mother out-pouring, our Father uniting, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is seen and yet to be revealed.

We believe in Jesus Christ, the Word eternally spoken by God, our brother and teacher, through whom all things were made and hold together. By the power of the Holy Spirit he was born of the Virgin Mary, and became fully human. For the sake of the truth he suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; and on the third day rose from the dead. He ascended into heaven yet remains active in our midst. He will come again in glory

to unite the living and the dead, and our communion with him will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the spirit of truth and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son as the dynamic expression of their relationship and channel of their love. With the Father and the Son, She is worshiped and glorified. We believe in the ways She unites us: through her prophetic challenge, through the Body of Christ, the Church, in our shared baptism, in our sacrifices on behalf of others, in our hope in the resurrection, and in the fulfillment of God’s promise in eternity. AMEN

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Regional Prayer for Calling a Bishop

– Deacon Rosean

**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**

Prayers of the People –

Father Michael

Our “Yes” blooms in our caring for the church and the world. Faithful to our call, let us pray

Lector David Cloyd

The response for the Prayers of the People is: Hear our prayers to be the hands and body of Christ

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May the church and all organizations recognize and welcome the talents of all peoples and may all people find work that matches their talents and provides them a living wage, we pray,

All: Hear our prayers to be the hands and body of Christ

COVID-19 and the associated economics have increasingly complicated the lives of those living in poverty, help us to stretch forth our hands to help individually and communally, we pray,

All: Hear our prayers to be the hands and body of Christ

I now 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 prayers to be the hands and body of Christ**

And for all the prayers we hold in the privacy of our hearts, we pray: **Response: Hear our prayers to be the hands and body of Christ**

Father Michael:

Loving God, you have made us children of the light and of the day. Hear our prayers and keep us awake to the responsibilities of our call. All this we ask and can do through Christ our Lord. **ALL: Amen.**

Sign of Peace

Father Michael

Celebrating the power of mercy and love, may the peace of Christ be with you always. be with you.

All: And also with you

Deacon Rosean

Let us all go to “gallery view” and please unmute yourself by holding down your space bar so all can hear you offering a sign of Christ’s peace.

Offertory/Meditation Song - (please join in with Bill while muted)



Fill me, O God

1, 5. Fill me, O God.
Fill me, O God.
Pour out your holy love
and fill me, O God.

2. Reach me, O God.
Reach me, O God.
Pour out your holy love
and reach me, O God.

Refrain
Let my heart be yours.
Let my heart be yours.

3. Change me, O God.
Change me, O God.

Pour out your holy love
and change me, O God.
(to Verse 4)

4. Lift me, O God.
Lift me, O God.
Pour out your holy love
and lift me, O God.

Refrain
Let my life be yours.
Let my life be yours. **(to Verse 5)**

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Preparation of our Tables

Deacon Rosean

As we prepare our tables,
offering food and drink from our cupboards,
we are reminded that our offerings of time, talent and treasure
sustain the mission of God's Church.
Continue to give as you are called and able.

Offertory

Father Michael

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.
We set before you this humble food
which earth has given and human hands have
made.

In the sharing may we preserve the foundations of
your Kin-dom. *Blessed be God forever.*

ALL: Blessed be God forever.

Prayer over the Gifts

Father Michael

Gracious Guest of our hearts, we offer bread and
wine and prepare our greatest gift, the inclusive
table of your Son. All tables are Christ's table. As
you now gather us around it, wherever we may
be,

use these blessings for the building up of the
household of faith, multiplied by the grace that is
ours through Christ, our brother.

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

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



Most High and glorious God, we do well always and everywhere to give you thanks through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The embodiment of love, he is the true and eternal priest who established this unending memorial. Offering himself for the liberation of all, he gave of himself completely, even unto death, to incarnate your saving power until the end of time.

In the person of your Son and through his Body, the Church gathered and at work, your compassion breaks into the world. In his name our lives, too, are offered in self-less service, guided by his example and empowered by your Spirit.

With grateful hearts we join with angels and archangels and the whole company of heaven, to say our unending hymn of praise.

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

We commit ourselves to the community of faith in which this song resonates, calling upon You, most merciful God, to send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon the offerings we have set before You in our homes.

Bless ✠ these gifts that we may experience our life and unity in Christ. Supported by the foundations of our faith may our sharing be a sign that You are truly present and that we are truly united in You. Though now gathered in separate locations we remember what your Son did at table and in life, foreshadowing the self-gift that was his death.

Jesus took bread, gave You thanks and praise, broke the bread, and gave it to the disciples saying:
(Entire assembly joins in words of remembrance)

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

When the supper was ended, he took the cup of wine. Again he gave You thanks and praise, gave the cup to the disciples, and said:

All: Take, 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.

Loving God, we celebrate the memory of Christ, your Son, all that he did and continues to do to bring your blessings to the whole of your Creation.

Lord, while we ask you to remember all our sisters and brothers of many faiths and spiritual paths, who each bring their own insights and blessings to our world, remember, too, your Church, united across the miles.

Make us grow in love, together with all who hold and spread the hope handed down to us from the Apostles.

Continue to empower us as laypersons, deacons and priests for the special ministry given to the Body of Christ, praying especially for its local incarnation, in union with our bishops, Francis and Denise.

May your grace pierce the veils that separate us, may the inspiration of your Spirit make us one, and may the brilliant light of Christ lead us to discover your love in every human heart.

Remember, Lord, those who have died especially our friend Margie Weitz.

Welcome them into your glorious presence with Mary, your Mother, our patron Mary of Magdala, your apostles and martyrs, and all the saints as they enjoy the fullness of the communion that is our destiny.



Through Christ, with Christ and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

for all glory and honor is yours, Almighty
Father/Mother, forever and ever. **All: Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

Deacon Rosean

Let us pray in the words our Savior gave us:

**ALL: Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be
your name. Your kin-dom 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**

The Shared Table

Father Micheal

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.**

Communion - Sacred Music by Bill Smith

Prayer after Communion

Father Michael

Father/Mother God, your Son gave of himself
completely that we, your servants, might share in
the bounty of this table.

Nourished by his body and blood enfleshed at this
table and in this company, may we grow in love and
bring our gifts to bear for the advancement of your

just reign; that in the end you may welcome us as
good and faith servants and share in your eternal joy.

We ask all this through the same Jesus Christ our
brother. **ALL: AMEN**

Blessing

Father Michael

The Lord be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

May almighty God bless you: the Source of All-
being, the Eternal Word ✠ and the Holy Spirit.
ALL: Amen

Dismissal - Deacon Rosean

Our celebration is ended, let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord and one another.

All: Thanks be to God



Closing Song - *(please join in with Bill while muted)*

Go Out, Go Out – *Psalm 117*

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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