

Mary of Magdala, ECC January 24, 2021

Celebrating the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Drive-up Communion will be distributed after Mass today at the Church. If you are not able to drive-up, participants may wish to prepare their home altars 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

Pause to hold this in our hearts.

Entrance Opening Song *(please join in with Bill while muted)*

Fish With Me

1. Jesus saw them fishing by the shore of Galilee,
casting out their nets into the sea.
Simon Peter, Andrew and the sons of Zebedee,
waiting in their boats so patiently.
And Jesus said,

Refrain

“Oh, come and follow me.

Oh, leave behind your nets. I call you.

Oh, come and fish with me,
and your life will never be the same again.”

2. A rich young person came to Jesus looking for
advice. “How can I obtain eternal life?”
Jesus told him, “Honor the commandments of the
Lord. Then sell off all your riches for the poor.”
And Jesus said,
(to Refrain)

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Greeting – Pastor Jane

In the name of Abba/Amma God, of the Word
made flesh, and of the Holy Spirit, Sophia.

ALL: AMEN

May God, the blessed Holy Three, be with you

ALL: And also with you.

Good morning. This Sunday...

O Bearer of the Good News, the Reign of God,
bless us gathered as one people in worship that
we may deepen our relationship with you within
ourselves and in the world.

Penitential Rite

Pastor Rosean

Let us acknowledge those times when our hearts became hardened, and ask that we turn back to God through the reading of the Good News

Pastor Jane

Holy Oneness, open our hearts to your path and
to your truth. Have mercy on us.

ALL: Have mercy on us.

Christ, may your Love in us be lived without
ceasing, Have mercy on us.

ALL: Have mercy on us.

Holy Oneness, heal our personal, communal and
cultural wounds of separation and bring us
together in your truth. Have mercy on us.

ALL: Have mercy on us.

May we have the will to follow the Bearer of the
Good News and live a life of Love,

ALL: Amen



Glory to God

Pastor Rosean

With Love ignited by the Good News, we sing together:

(please join in with Bill while muted)

Refrain
Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will. (Amen.)

1. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you,
we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

2. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,

have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.

3. 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 God the Father.

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Opening Prayer – *Pastor Jane*

O compassionate and caring Amma/Abba,
your Spirit embraces and enlightens us in the way of
our own wholeness.

Your Spirit speaks to us of the Good News of hope and
Love, and sends us out as disciples filled with your

Word. May you deepen in us your Divine Reality of
wholeness among all creation. Help us to be filled with
your Word and prepared to be one in Love. We ask this
in Jesus' name.

ALL: Amen

Liturgy of the Word

First WORD proclaimed: Jonah 3 1-10 – *Lector Matt Chavez*

The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time,
saying,

“Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city,
and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.”

So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh,
according to the word of the LORD.

Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city,
a three days' walk across.

Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk.

And he cried out,

“Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be
overthrown!”

And the people of Nineveh believed God; they
proclaimed a fast,
and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

When God saw what they did, how they turned from
their evil ways, God changed his mind about the
calamity that he had said he would bring upon them;
and he did not do it.

The Word of God

ALL: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm - *Lector Jeff Akkerman*

Psalm 25

Our response is: Compel me to know your ways, O Love. **All: Compel me to know your ways, O Love**



Compel me to know your ways, O Love
Instruct me upon your paths.
Lead me in your truth,
And teach me,
For through You will I know wholeness:
I shall reflect your Light both day and night.

Response: Compel me to know your ways, O Love

Pastor Jane

This second reading is a call to discipleship as Mary of Magdala was a disciple. The call is individual and collective. It is a call for you

You are gracious and just,
O Spirit of Truth,
Happy to guide those who miss their way;
You enjoy teaching all who are open,
All who choose to live in truth.
Response: Compel me to know your ways, O Love

Second Inspired Word proclaimed: Poem by Edwina Gately – Lector Linda Joyce

Ah, Mary of Magdala,
they did not tell us your story.
It was lost, buried deep in layers of fear and denial,
that such a one as you--
Female,
fiercely loyal friend of Jesus--
could walk so closely with the Son of God.
He looked upon you, Mary,
and saw your soul beauty
starved for light and voice.
The man, Jesus,
capable like a lighting rod of burning through
darkness,
recognized you, Mary of Magdala,
as his own--
friend, companion, apostle.
You never left him, Mary, faithful friend,
even as the authorities closed in--
Did your woman heart beat faster as the crowds grew
bigger
and his words spread through the land?
Did you nurture a fragile hope
that the crowds would be raised up too
and throw off their demons of oppression?
You knew, Mary, what that would mean,
you knew that life
would never, ever, be the same again.

Others have lived your story,
the mothers and wives, the daughters and sisters
of El Salvadore and Columbia, Russia and Iraq,
Sudan and Bosnia,
Guatemala and South Africa, and many, many
more.
How was it with you, Mary of Magdala,
standing in the place of revelation,
singular woman witness of the Resurrection?
How was it to be bereft and then be thrust, still
weeping,
into the Realm of God?
To run then, with that vision--
that news of life-- to those who live in fear?
We need to claim your vision
breaking through dead history into our warm lives.
We need to find you, Mary of Magdala.
In the torn threads of our own journeys,
we need to weave you, Mary, sister and friend,
into our lives that we stir and rise.
Ah, Mary, brave woman of Magdala,
we too will run singing our song of resurrection
with you, soul sister,
into the bright, bright sun.
Words inspired by God.
ALL: Thanks be to God..

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia – Mass of Renewal *(please join in with Bill while muted)*

Refrain:

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Verse 2:

My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me.

Lyrics and music: Curtis Stephan



The Word proclaimed according to the holy gospel of Mark

Mark 1. 14-20 *Pastor Rosean*

The Lord be with you **All: And also with you**
The Word proclaimed according to the holy gospel of Mark

After John's arrest, Jesus appeared in Galilee proclaiming the Good News of God:

"This is the time of fulfillment. The reign of God is at hand! Change your hearts and minds, and believe this Good News!"

While walking by the Sea of Galilee, Jesus saw the brothers Simon and Andrew casting their nets into the sea, since they fished by trade. Jesus said to them, "Follow me, I will make you fishers of

humankind." They immediately abandoned their nets and followed Jesus.

Proceeding a little further along, Jesus saw the brothers James and John Bar-Zebedee. They too were in their boat, putting their nets in order. Immediately Jesus called them, and they left their father Zebedee standing in the boat with the hired help, and went off in the company of Jesus.

The Good News of Salvation of Jesus, our Christ.
All: Praise be to you, Jesus Christ.

Homily – *Pastor Jane*

Regional Prayer for Calling a Bishop

Pastor Rosean

Let us join together in our Regional Prayer for Calling a Bishop

(All to Join in on mute)

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

Pastor Jane

Let us continue on our journey to Wholeness as the embodiment of Love for all and pray:

Lector: Jeff Akkerman

Our response is: O Love, hear our prayers. **ALL: O Love, hear our prayers.**

May we carry out the mission of the earliest disciples by proclaiming the good news of Jesus Christ, we pray,

Response: O Love, hear our prayers.

For those regional members working on the Bishop Call Committee to vet and determine voting process that they will be graced with clear vision and be supported by each regional church, we pray, **Response: O Love, hear our prayers.**



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.

(Lector to read each prayer on “chat”)we pray **ALL: O Love, hear our prayers.**
And for all the prayers we hold in the privacy of our hearts, we pray: **ALL: O Love, hear our prayers.**

Pastor Jane

O Love,, you show us yourself shining within the eternal core of our being and all creation. Hear our prayers that we may grow into more committed disciples, living lives as you call each of us. We ask this through Jesus the Christ. **ALL: Amen**

Sign of Peace –

Pastor Jane

Christ Jesus, you said to your apostles “I leave you peace, my peace I give you.” Look not on our failings and doubts, but on our yearning Love for You, and grant us the peace and unity of your kingdom which already lives within us.

ALL: Amen

The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: And also with you

Pastor Rosean

Let us all unmute and go to 'gallery view' on our screens and share with one another a sign of Love’s peace.
All: Amen

Offertory Meditation

God of Love, We’ve Known Division *(please join in with Bill while muted)*

God of love, we’ve known division and we’ve seen its awful cost. We have struggled as a nation, and there’s much that we have lost.

We have been a house divided — and, divided, we can’t stand. May our nation be united; give us peace throughout this land.

Turn us, Lord, from what divides us — fear that drives us far apart, greed that leads to great injustice, racist ways that break your heart.

May we seek what brings together — hearts that bear each other’s pain, care and mercy toward our neighbors, love that welcomes strangers in.

May we all, in conversation, speak the truth and listen well. May we hear, across this nation, stories others have to tell. May we learn from other cultures and be blessed by their worldview; May we serve with one another — loving others, loving you.

You have challenged us to goodness; you have shown a kinder way. It’s your love that now inspires us as we seek a better day. May we end our harsh division; may we stop the hate and fear. Make us one, Lord, as a nation; may we be united here.

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Preparation of our Tables

Pastor Jane

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.

Blessed are you, O Love. Through your ever expanding goodness we have these gifts of bread and wine to offer which earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the bread of life and our spiritual drink.

All: Blessed be God forever.

Pastor Rosean

Blessed are you, God of all creation. As we prepare our tables, here and there, we remember that it is through you that we have these gifts of our community of time, talent and treasure to offer, gratefully given, and the work of human hands. May our offerings increase our

commitment as instruments of your peace. May we continue to give as we are called and able.

All: Blessed be God forever

Pastor Jane

O Love, we ask you to receive us and be pleased with the sacrifice we offer you with humble and contrite hearts.

O Love, wash away my iniquity and cleanse me from my sins.

Pray, my sisters and brothers, that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God, our loving, Amma/Abba.

All: May the Holy One accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of God's name, for our good and the good of all God's church

Prayer over the Gifts –

Pastor Jane

Jesus, you invite us to share this table as family. As Jesus welcomes and hears us, and fills our hearts to overflowing, may we learn from Jesus to be people of grace-filled will and action, being commissioned disciples of the Good News. Fill us with your unconditional love for all we meet and for all creation. We pray in the name of Christ Jesus.

ALL: Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer –

Pastor Jane

May Love itself be with you
Lift up your hearts
Let us give thanks and praise to God

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

It is indeed right, for you are Creator of All that exists. All that is spectacular, all that is plain, have their origin in you all that is lovely, all who are loving, point to you for their fulfillment.

It is right to give you thanks and praise for you made us. All that is spectacular, all that is plain, have their origin in you; all that is lovely and loving look to this great mystery of God. God is unveiled in the Word Made Flesh, the Bearer of the Good

News, the Bringer of the Reign of God. Praising God, we join our voices throughout eternity::

Holy, Holy, Holy *(please join in with Bill while muted)*
Mass of Mary Magdalene Sarah Hart

ALL: Ho -- ly, Ho -- ly, Holy Lord God of Hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest



Here too our gratitude rises, for the promise of the Holy Spirit, who even yet, even now, confronts us with your claims and attracts us to your goodness.

Merciful God, send now in kindness your Holy Spirit to settle on this bread and wine and fill them with the fullness of Jesus.

Among friends, gathered around a table,
He took bread and gave You thanks.
He broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said:

(All together on mute)

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

When supper was ended, he took the cup;
Again, he gave you thanks and, handing the cup to his disciples said; take this, all of you, and drink from it:

(All together on mute)

ALL: 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 our faith:

(All together on mute)

All: Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again.

Remember, O Love, those who have died
..... and those family members and friends who have gone before us. May they share eternal love with you and all the saints. Amen.

Setting our wisdom, our wills, and our words aside, Emptying our hearts and bringing nothing in our hands, We yearn for the healing and compassionate teaching and love of Christ offers us, and the work Christ asks of us.

May your holy Spirit rest on us, in communion with Mary, the Mother of God, St. Joseph, Mary of Magdala, Teresa of Avila, Mother Teresa of Calcutta, Elizabeth Ann Seton, Dorothy Day. Convert us, O Love, from the patterns of this passing world until conform to the shape of the Beloved who as food we now share and whose Body and Blood we now become.

**ALL: Through Him, with Him, and in Him,
In the unity of the holy Spirit,
All glory and honor is yours, almighty God,
For ever and ever. AMEN.**

The Prayer of Jesus

Pastor Rosean

Knowing that we are in Christ and called to be the BEARERS OF THE GOOD NEWS, we pray the prayer of Jesus

(All to Join in on mute)

Our Amma/Abba God in heaven, holy be your name, your kin-dom come, your will be done, on earth as 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.

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Pastor Jane

Deliver us Amma/Abba, from sin and fear. Help us receive with joy and hope the Wholeness that is You.



Breaking of the Bread

ALL:

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

Pastor Jane

May this mingling of the Body and Blood of Christ
Jesus bring us to eternal life

Christ Jesus, with faith in your love and yearning
for us, we eat your body and drink your blood.
May it bring us health in mind and body.

Happy are those who are called to this meal, and
all are called!

**All: O, beloved God, I am worthy to receive you
because you have said the Word and I am healed.**

In this we are the Body of Christ, a Eucharistic
People.

Sacred Music - Rosanna Bateman on piano

Prayer after the Meal

Pastor Jane

Blessed are you, God of all creation, whose Love
flows throughout your living and ever expanding
creation.

All: Amen

Pastor Rosean

Let us pray as the Psalmists that we are

Pastor Jane

Compel [us] to know your ways, O Love;

Instruct [us] upon your paths.

Lead [us] in your truth,

And teach [us],

For through You will [we] know

wholeness:

[We] shall reflect your Light both day and night

All: Amen

Concluding Rite

Pastor Jane

May Christ Jesus be with you

All: And also with you

Bowing our heads, let us ask for God's blessing

Bless us, ground of our being and all creation, with an experience of You.

Dismissal

Pastor Rosean

Go, proclaiming the Love that is God

All: Thanks be to God



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

Pescadores de Hombres

1. Lord, you have come
to the seashore,
neither searching for
the rich nor the wise.
desiring only that I should follow.

Refrain

Señor, me has mirado a los ojos,
sonriendo has dicho mi nombre,
en la arena he dejado mi barca,
junto a ti buscaré otro mar.

2. Lord, see my goods,

my possessions;
in my boat you find no power,
no wealth.
Will you accept, then,
my nets and labor?

3. Lord, take my hands
and direct them.
Help me spend myself
in seeking the lost,
returning love for
the love you gave me.!

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