Mary of Magdala, ECC –- July 5, 2026

Celebrating the Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time -- Together Wherever We Are

Presider: Mother Rosean Amaral

Deacon Dori Healy Assisting, Jim Berry, Homilist

Welcome and Announcements: *Lector Cindy Cloyd*

Social Justice Reflection: Tom Moos

Entrance: Table of Life (R; V1; R; V3; R)

Greeting

Let us continue as one expression of God's people, in the name of Amma/Abba God, our brother Jesus, and the Holy Spirit Sophia.

All: Amen

May the grace of Jesus Christ, the Love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

Mother Rosean welcomes…AD Lib -- July 4th 250 years etc.

Let us remember our connectedness to God…

Penitential Rite

Loving God,
You reveal yourself to the little ones. May we always respond with awe and wonder to all of creation.

All: May we always respond with awe and wonder to Creation.

Brother Jesus,
You are gentle and humble of heart. May we also share gentleness and a humble heart with all your children.

All: Let us share gentleness and humility with our siblings in Christ.

Holy Spirit,
You make our burdens light and give us peace. May the gifts of the Spirit spread throughout our world.

All: Help us to notice the gifts of the Spirit in our lives.

God of Love, grant us your forgiveness and let your Spirit guide

us to everlasting life.

All: Amen

And now, let us sing our praises to God…

Gloria Glory To God (Mass of A Joyful Heart)

Opening Prayer

Let us pray…

Amma/Abba God, we thank You for the generous invitation of Your Son, Jesus, who calls out to the weary and burdened. As we gather today, we pause to acknowledge the weight we carry—the demands, the stress, and the fatigue of our daily lives.

Jesus, we accept Your promise to give us rest. We lay down our anxieties, our busyness, and our heavy hearts at Your feet. Open our minds to hear Your voice, quiet our spirits, refresh our souls as we draw near to You, and fill this sanctuary with Your profound peace.

In Jesus' name, we pray.

All: Amen.



And now let us listen to the inspired Word of God in our midst…

Liturgy of the Word

The First Reading: *Lector Cindy Cloyd*

"Our Line in the Sand," by Steven Charleston, from *Spirit Wheel.*

Justice for the poor is not negotiable.
Protection and care for children and elders
Is not one option among many.
Compassion for the sick and suffering is not expendable.
Peace is not the default position
If power doesn't get us what we want.

The line drawn in the sand by faith is clear.
Whatever tradition we may choose to follow
The spiritual path leads us all to the same side of that line.
We must make our stand for what we believe:

That every human being deserves to be treated with dignity
And every living thing with respect.
Our line is the sand is clear.
Love compromised is faith denied.

Words Inspired by God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Be With Me God (Lord) (R; R; V1; R; V2; R)

Second Reading Romans 8:14-17

All those who are led by the Spirit are children of God.
You did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear!
You received a spirit of adoption, through which we cry, "Abba, Father! Amma, Mother".
The Spirit itself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God; and, if we are God's children, then we are heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with the Christ. And when we suffer as Jesus suffered, we know we will also be glorified with the Christ.
Listen to the Spirit speaking to God's people.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acc: Alleluia (MOJH)

Gospel – Jim Berry

Our Loving God is within you. **All: And also within you.**

A Proclamation of the Holy Gospel attributed to Matthew 11: 25, 28-30

All: Glory to you, O God.

At that time Jesus exclaimed:
"I give praise to you, Amma/Abba, God of heaven and earth,
for although you have hidden these things
from the wise and the learned
you have revealed them to little ones…"

Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I
will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me. I
am gentle and humble of heart, and you will find rest for
yourselves. My yoke is easy and my burden, light.

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

Homily: Jim Berry

Pause…then…

Let us bring forth our prayers for all of creation…

Prayers of the People: *Lector Vicki Johnson*

Our response is: Compassionate God, we trust your love.

All: Compassionate God, we trust Your love.

May we use the wisdom of our life experiences to find ways to broaden and deepen meaningful life for our families, our community, and our planet. We pray

All: Compassionate God, we trust Your love.

May we support in all possible ways the safety and well-being of those fighting the wildfires. We pray

All: Compassionate God, we trust Your love.

May our recently elected political parties' nominees find the spiritual courage that enforces their intent to make our society better for all people.

All: Compassionate God, we trust Your love.

The prayers from the sanctuary are: . . ..We pray

All: Compassionate God, we trust Your love.

Are there prayers from those on zoom? . . .We pray

All: Compassionate God, we trust Your love.

For all the people on our prayer list and those we hold sacred in our hearts. We pray **All: Compassionate God, we trust Your love.**

Mother Rosean: Brother Jesus, You promise us rest if we but come to you. May the prayers of your people reach your gentle and humble heart and may you lift the burdens of your children who suffer here on earth. We pray,

All: Amen

The Peace

Jesus, you said to your apostles: "I leave you my peace, my peace I give you." May the Peace of Christ be within you all.

All: And also within you.

Please turn toward the camera to offer a sign of peace to our siblings at home and then toward each other.



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: Come To The Water (V1; V3; V4)

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.

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 Risen Christ 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.

Creator of the cosmos, Source of all life,

We praise you, O God, for you bring forth beauty out of chaos,

and resurrection out of despair. You sent Jesus to be one of us,

to heal the broken, challenge the powerful, and show us your love.

Jesus fills all things, in all places, becoming the heart of humanity,

the current of the Spirit, closer to us than we are to ourselves.

Therefore, with all of creation, with the stars and the saints,

we sing our joyful praise:

Holy: (MOJH)

Creator God,

We bring you these gifts of bread and wine,

symbols of our labor and the earth's bounty.

We pray for your Holy Spirit—the same spirit of truth and comfort—

to rest upon this food that it may become for us the + Body and Blood of

Jesus, the Christ**.**

On the night before he was killed, Jesus sat with his friends.
He took bread, gave you thanks, broke it, and shared it, 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,
And after giving thanks, he shared it, 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. (sung)

Memorial Acc: (MOJH) (When We Eat)

And so, Creator most holy, as we eat and drink, bind us closer together as a community of love, courageous in seeking justice and humble in our service. When our pilgrimage on earth is complete, welcome us into your heavenly home, where we shall dwell with you forever.

There, with Mary, the Mother of God,

with the apostles, the martyrs, and all the saints,

we shall praise you and give you glory

through Jesus Christ your Son.

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.

The Great Amen: (MOJH)

The Prayer of Jesus

Please turn toward our siblings at home and let us pray in the words Jesus taught 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.

Invite the cup minister up. Only need 1)

(gluten free in center, red wine and white grape juice in the metal cups)

Communion: Rain Down (R; V1; R; V2; R)

Prayer after Communion



Let us pray…

Loving God, we thank you for allowing us on earth to celebrate your divine mysteries. We ask you to grant that hope and faith may draw us to that place where our nature is united with you, through Christ our brother.

All: Amen

Blessing

May the love of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Let us open our hearts to receive this blessing…

May you hear the tender whisper of Jesus inviting you: "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest" **Amen**

May you have the grace to lay down the heavy weights you were never meant to carry. **Amen**

May you trade your exhaustion for His gentle embrace. **Amen**

And may your heart find courage in His promises, and your spirit be profoundly refreshed in the shelter of His love.
Amen.

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,

so let us go out in gentleness and humility of heart

to love and serve God and God's people.



All: Thanks be to God.

Closing: America The Beautiful (All 3 Verses)