



**Mary of Magdala, ECC – November 16, 2025**

**Celebrating the 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Together Wherever We Are**

**Mother Rosean Amaral Presiding – Dori Healy, Homilist**

**Welcome and Announcements** *Lector Art Bavoso*

**Entrance Song** In Every Age (V1; R; V2; R; V3 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...**

Let us remember our God...

**Penitential Rite:**

Creator God, give us courage to create Your kin-dom here on earth. Give us courage.

**All: Give us courage.**

Word made Flesh, give us a sure sense of your abiding presence. Give us a sure sense.

**All: Give us a sure sense.**

Advocate of all, fill us again with your Spirit of peace. Fill us with peace.

**All: Fill us with peace.**

God of all souls, renew us by your nurture and blessing, forgive us our failings, 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 (Mass of the Desert)**

### **Opening Prayer**

Let us pray...

Loving God, who speaks a word of peace to calm our troubled hearts;  
Caring God, who nudges us away from fear and toward faith;  
Ever-present God, who fills us with awe  
and also raises many questions without easy answers;  
Open our eyes to see you this day,  
Strengthen our hearts for the challenges that lie ahead, and  
Open our ears this hour to hear You say, "Do not be afraid."  
This we pray, In Jesus' name.

**All: Amen.**

(adapted from the Long Green Valley Church <http://rockhay.tripod.com/>)

## **Liturgy Of The Word**

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

### **The First Reading** *Lector Art Bavoso*

#### **The Book of Malachi 3:1, 2, 3b, 5, 8, 16- 17, 19a, 20**

"I am sending My messenger, who will prepare the way before Me. Then, the One you seek will come suddenly to the temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, is coming!", says the God of the Cosmos.

But who can endure the day of this coming? Who can stand when God appears? God will be a refiner's fire and fuller's soap, refining the Levites, the priests, like silver and gold.



I, your God, will draw near to you for judgment. I will be swift to bear witness against evildoers and those who—without fear—deprive a laborer of wages, oppress a widow or an orphan, or turn aside a resident alien.

“Can a mere human rob God?, you ask. Yes! You are robbing me!”

“But”, you say, “How are we robbing You?”

“You are robbing Me of tithes and offerings. You store them up in your storehouses!”

Those who honored God consulted with each other. God listened. They wrote names on a scroll of remembrance, written in God’s presence.

“On that day,” says God, “they shall be mine! As a mother treasures her child, I will treasure these. As a father has compassion for his beloved, I will have compassion for these. As a parent loves, so I will love these.

“A day of reckoning will come; but for all who bear my Name—be not afraid—the sun of justice will rise with healing in its wings. And you will go out leaping like calves from a stall.”

The Word of a Judean prophet.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm** God Show Us Your Mercy and Love (R; R; V1; R; V2; R; V3; R) (1<sup>st</sup> refrain and all verses will be cantored)

**The Second Reading** *Lector Jim Berry*

**The 2nd Letter to the Thessalonians 3:7-12**

We were not idle when we were with you. You know you ought to follow that example. We did not eat anyone’s food without paying for it. We worked night and day, laboring and toiling so that we would not be a burden to any of you. Even though we had the right to assistance, we did this because we wanted to provide an example of diligence, hoping it would prove contagious. Do you remember when we were with you, we often repeated the saying: “Anyone unwilling to work should not eat.”



Yet now we hear that some among you are idle and disruptive. They are not busy; they are busybodies. Such people we ask and encourage in the name of Jesus to do their work quietly and earn their keep. And as for you, beloved—be not afraid—do not grow weary of doing what is good.

Listen to the Spirit speaking to God’s people.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acc** Alleluia (MOD V7)

**Gospel** – Dori Healy

**(M. Rosean blesses Dori before she reads the Gospel)**

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

**A Proclamation of the Holy Gospel attributed to Luke 21:1-19**

**All: Glory to you, O God.**

As Jesus looked up, he saw rich people putting their gifts into the temple treasury. He also saw a poor widow put in two very small copper coins. Jesus said to the disciples, “This poor widow has put in more than all the others. All the others gave out of their wealth. She, however, gave out of her poverty. She put in all she had to live on.”

As Jesus was saying this, some people were remarking how the temple was adorned with beautiful stones and with great gifts dedicated to God. Wearily, Jesus said, “As for what you see here, the time will come when not one stone will be left on another. Every one of them will be thrown down.”

“Teacher,” they asked, “when will these things happen? What will be the sign that they are about to take place?”

Jesus replied: “Watch out that you are not deceived. Many will come in my name, claiming, ‘I am the one,’ and ‘The time is near!’ Do not go after them. When you hear of wars and uprisings, do not be afraid. These things must happen first, but they do not mean the end is near.



Jesus continued: “Nations will rise against nation, kingdoms and empires will rise against each other.

“There will be great earthquakes, great famines and plagues in various places. Terrifying sights and great signs will come from the sky, from the cosmos itself. “But before the end comes, you will be seized and persecuted. You will be handed over to synagogues and put in prison. You will be brought to trial before rulers and governors, and all on account of my name. In these very actions, you will bear testimony to me. So, do not fret in your hearts beforehand how you will defend yourselves. I will give you words and wisdom that none of your adversaries will be able to resist or contradict. But you will be betrayed even by your parents, by brothers and sisters, all siblings, relatives and friends. They will put some of you to death. You will be hated because of me. But not a hair of your head will be lost. Stand firm, endure, persevere, and you will gain Life.

The Good News of Jesus our Christ.

**All: Praise to You, Jesus our Christ.**

**Homily with Meditation** – Dori Healy

**Offertory Song within Video**

**Preparation of the Gifts**

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**

The Risen Christ is 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.**

Blessed are you, God of the cosmos, for your promise is true.

You are with us always, even to the end of the age.

We give you thanks,

for in the beginning you created with a word  
and the whole world reflects your glory.

We give you thanks,

for with a word you called for yourself a people,  
gave us your breath, your name, your blessing.

We give you thanks,

for your prophets through the ages  
who shared your vision, spoke your truth,  
called us to your way even when we turned our backs on you,  
our eyes set on our own design.

When we would not listen,

your persistent promise sought us,  
your word became flesh

you walked among us and offered your very body, your life and love,  
to bring us home in relationship to you.

Even when we acted out of fear,

uncertain what a life based on love could accomplish,  
you reached out to save us.



Even when we speak out of fear,  
blaming and accusing, shouting without listening,  
you whisper your still small voice,  
“Do not be afraid, I am with you.”

Let your whisper be heard above the roar  
of bombs and bullets  
of shouts and jeers  
of advertising and posturing.  
We carry these burdens to your table, brother Jesus,  
and pray that you would carry the load of your world’s suffering.

Gratitude and praise fill our hearts, O God,  
and lift us up to your heavenly banquet,  
where we join our voices with your people throughout the ages...

### **Holy (MOD)**

We bless you, God of holiness, you accompany us with love as we journey through life. Blessed too is your Son, Jesus Christ, who is present among us and whose love gathers us together.

**Great and merciful God, we ask you to send down your Holy Spirit to hallow these gifts of bread and wine, that they may become for us the Body + and Blood of our brother, Jesus.**

On the eve of his passion and death, when at table with those He loved He took bread and gave you thanks. He broke the bread, gave it to all, and said,

**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 all, He 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 (MOD)**

And so, Creator most holy, we proclaim the work of your love, and we offer you the bread of life and the cup of eternal blessing.

Remember your church throughout the world, make us grow in love, together with Leo, the Bishop of Rome, a sign of the worldwide Catholic tradition, Kae and Pablo, our bishops, our 301 Faith Partnership and all those your Son has gained for you.

Holy One, we bring our prayers for all of Creation to you...

### **Prayers of the Faithful**

#### **Prayers of the People** *Lector Jim Berry*

Our response is: Loving God, receive our prayers.

#### **All: Loving God, receive our prayers**

Beloved, help us in our moving to the heartbeat of your purpose; make us the embodiment of your compassion, we pray.\*

#### **All: Loving God, receive our prayers**

Sophia help our leaders with your wisdom to be aware of problems and create and enact solutions that prevent harm and suffering to all creation, we pray.

#### **All: Loving God, receive our prayers**

Beloved, grant your continuing grace and wisdom on our institutions of The U.N., the Hague International Criminal Court, AI, and the US Congress, we pray.

#### **All: Loving God, receive our prayers**



Our prayers from the sanctuary are . . . , we pray.

**All: Loving God, receive our prayers**

Our prayers from zoom are . . . , we pray.

**All: Loving God, receive our prayers**

We offer our prayers for all people on our Prayer List and in our hearts, we pray.

**All: Loving God, receive our prayers**

\*from The Lord's Prayer (An Interpretation from the Aramaic) Posted by Center for Christogenesis  
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## **Pastor Rosean**

Loving God, we are confident that you hear our prayers and that you know even those prayers for which we do not yet have words.

We pray that you give us hope in the midst of grief, and be mindful of our siblings who have fallen asleep in the peace of Christ. We especially remember... **(read names in the book of remembrance)**

Lead them to the fullness of the resurrection and gladden them with the light of your face. 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 are Yours, self-emptying, life- giving God, forever and ever.**

**Great Amen (MOD)**

**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 Christ's peace, first with our siblings at home and then here in the sanctuary.

### **The Prayer of Jesus**

Let us turn to the camera and join with our siblings to pray the Celtic prayer of Jesus:

**All: Holy One beyond all names**

**Eternal Wellspring,**

**May love rise again in us today**

**With food for every table**

**Shelter for every family**

**And reverence for every life.**

**Forgive us our failings in love**

**And free us from all falseness**

**That the light of our souls may shine**

**And the strength of our spirits endure**

**For Earth and all its people**

**This day, tonight, and forever.**

**Amen.**

### **The Shared Table**

**Lamb of God (MOD)**

This is the Living God, the Body and Blood of Christ. This is the One who is everywhere and 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 Song** Give Us Your Peace (R; V1; R; V2; R; V3; R)

## **Prayer after Communion**

Let us pray...

Thank you, God, for this meal,  
and for the way it feeds our souls,  
changes our hearts,  
and unites us with you.

In Jesus' name we pray.

**All: Amen**

## **Blessing for Dori Healy and Jim Berry**

**All: Gracious and Loving God, we raise our hands, hearts, and voices to bless Dori and Jim as they continue the journey of discernment toward ordained ministry with Mary of Magdala. Enliven them with clarity of vision and insight, guide them to willingly accept what unfolds for them. May our blessing help sustain their journey in Christ. May it be so. Amen.**



## **Concluding Rite and Dismissal**

The Love of God be with you. **All: And also with you.**

Let us open our hearts to receive God's blessing...

May the quiet strength of Christ,  
the humble power of God,  
and the pervasive light of the Spirit,  
be yours, today and always.

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

(written by Bruce Prewer, <http://www.bruceprewer.com/>)

**All: Amen**

## **Dismissal**

Send us out to be your people,  
your body on earth,  
overflowing with your hope in the world.

**All: Thanks be to God**

**Closing Song** A Rightful Place (R; V1; R; V2; R)