



Mary of Magdala, ECC July 11, 2021 - 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

In Sanctuary and on Zoom

Participants at home may wish to prepare their home worship space with a lit candle and the food and drink to be remotely shared.

Announcements Lector Matt Chavez

BLM/Social Justice reflection Tom Moos, Chair Social Justice Ministry.

(Pause to hold this message in our hearts.)

Entrance Song (please join in with Bill while muted)

Our God is Here

1. Here in this time, here in this place,
here we are standing face to face.
Here in our hearts, here in our lives,
our God is here.
Here for the broken, here for the strong,
here in this temple we belong.
Here in our hearts, here in our lives,
our God is here.
And we cry:

Refrain

“Holy! Holy! Holy are you!”
We cry: “Holy! Holy! Holy and true!”
Amen, we do believe our God is here.

Our God is here.

2. Here in the Word, God is revealed,
here where the wounded can be healed.
Here in our hearts, here in our lives,
our God is here.
Here we become what we receive,
here in this Eucharistic feast.
We are his body, living as one;
our God is here.
And we cry:

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Greeting Father Michael Nicosia

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

The grace and peace of Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

Penitential Rite Father Michael Nicosia

We will hear in our reading from the prophet Amos that God set a plumb line among the people.

In the building trade, a plumb is a weight suspended from a cord which, because of gravity's pull, hangs exactly horizontal to the earth's surface.

God's Law of justice and peace was this perfect gage, showing just how far off the mark their society had veered.

As we prepare to celebrate the mysteries of God's faithfulness in spite of our own, let us pause to reflect on how we measure up to our call as Christ's disciples.



Jesus, Anointed One, you showed us that God's will is our true center. Whenever our lives are off balance, have mercy on us.

All: Have mercy on us.

Christ Jesus, your compassion is our plumb line. When we judge what is true by any other standard, have mercy on us.

All: Have mercy on us.

Jesus, Ascended One, justice and peace meet in your challenge. When we build to meet our own needs and ignore the needs of others, have mercy on us.

All: Have mercy on us.

May Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, ✕ and bring us to life everlasting.

All: Amen

Opening Prayer

Co-Pastor Dcn Rosean Amaral

Let us center ourselves in prayer.

Father Michael Nicosia

O God, Architect of all that is just and true, you have given us a spirit of wisdom and revelation in the challenge of your Son.

United with you and the Holy Spirit, Christ lives and works through us, whenever we cooperate with your will.

May it be so, more often than not, in Jesus' name. **All: Amen**

Co-Pastor Dcn Rosean Amaral

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

Liturgy of the Word

1st Reading - Amos 7. 7-15 – Lector Lynne Barnes

This is what God showed me: God was standing by a well-engineered wall that would not topple. God held a plumb line, a vertical measuring tool, in hand. God asked me, "What do you see, Amos?" "A plumb line," I replied.

Then God said, "See, I am setting a plumb line among my people, Israel. I will spare them no longer. The high places of Isaac will be destroyed, and the sanctuaries of Israel will be ruined. With my sword, I will rise against the house of Jeroboam."

Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent a message to Jeroboam, the ruler of Israel: "Amos has conspired against you, in the very heart of the house of Israel. The land cannot bear all his words." For Amos had said: "Jeroboam will die

by the sword. Israel must go into exile away from his land."

Amaziah then said to Amos, "Go away, Prophet! Get gone to Judah! Earn your bread and do your prophesying there! But never again will you prophesy here at Bethel, for it is the ruler's sanctuary, a royal temple."

"I am no prophet," Amos replied to Amaziah, "nor do I belong to an association of prophets. I am a herder and a dresser of sycamores. Still, God took me while I was following my flock, and said to me, 'Go! Prophesy to my people, Israel!'"

The Word of God.

All: Thanks be to God.



Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 85—Lector Lynne Barnes

The Response is: Justice and peace will kiss.
All: Justice and peace will kiss.

We listen for the Word of God.
Surely it will be a message of peace to the people, to those who open their hearts. Healing is here.
Creation sings around us, revealing God's presence, revealing Glory.
Response: Justice and Peace will kiss.

Love and truth will meet.
Justice and peace will kiss.
Truth will spring up from the earth.
Justice will rain down from the sky.
Response: Justice and peace will kiss.

God provides the Earth with bounty.
Our land brings forth a harvest of goodness,
Justice will march, paving a path with peace,

preparing a way for God's footsteps.
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The Second Reading - Ephesians 1. 1, 15-23 Lector Matt Chavez

To God's saints in Ephesus and Fort Collins, the faithful in Christ Jesus: Ever since I heard about your faith in Jesus the Christ, and your love for all God's people, I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers.

May the God of Jesus the Christ, the Glorious One, give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation, resulting in knowledge of God. May the eyes of your heart be enlightened, that you may know the hope that belongs to your call, the riches of glory in the inheritance of God's holy ones, and the incomparable power that is exercised for those who believe.

This is the same power that was at work in Jesus the Christ, raising him from the dead and sending him to the heavens, filling space with the Christ. This Cosmic Christ is a universal presence, exceeding every rule and authority, power and dominion, and any name that is invoked, not only in this present age but also in the age to come. God placed all things in care of the Christ, who was made the head of the church.

The church is Christ's body, the fullness of the One who fills everything in every way.

The Word of God.
All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation –



Gospel Reading – Mark 6. 7-13- Co-Pastor Dcn Rosean Amaral

The Risen Christ be with you all.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark

All: And also with you.

All: Glory to you, O God+

Sisters and Brothers,

After being rejected in his home town, Nazareth, Jesus went around to the villages in the vicinity in order to teach there. He called the Twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over unclean spirits. Jesus ordered the Twelve to take nothing for their journey except a staff: no bread, no bag, no money in their belts. They were to wear sandals, but not a spare tunic over their clothes. Jesus instructed them, “If you enter a house anywhere,

stay there until you leave that district. If you are not welcome in a place, or people do not listen to you, withdraw quietly, and wipe the dust from your feet as you leave.”

So they set off, preaching repentance. They drove out many demons, and they anointed with oil many who were sick and healed them.

The Good News of Salvation of Jesus our Christ.

All: Praise to you, Jesus the Christ

Homily Father Michael Nicosia – “in line with the plumb, the power is yours”

Our Truth Father Michael Nicosia

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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Prayers of the People

Father Michael Nicosia

Called to be ministers of Christ’s power, let us intercede for the needs of the church and the world ...

Lector Matt Chavez

The response is: Loving God, receive our prayers.

All: Loving God, receive our prayers.

For our country, our people, and our leaders that all will recognize the need for change in gun laws

so that death by shooting others can be brought to an end, we pray,



All: Loving God, receive our prayers.

For all places that are having extreme weather causing drought for crops, fires, extreme temperatures, or floods that people may find

ways to compensate now and form plans for the future, we pray,

All: Loving God, receive our prayers

I now invite you to add your own prayers so that our community may support you. If you are in the sanctuary, raise your hand and Kerrie will bring the mic to you. If you are on zoom please type your prayer into the chat feature and Kerrie will read the prayer request...

(Matt to respond to each prayer ... we pray **All: Loving God, receive our prayers.**

(Kerrie to read those prayers that are written in Zoom's chat feature.)... we pray: **All Loving God, receive our prayers**

And for those on our Prayer List and all the prayers we hold in the privacy of our hearts, we pray. **All: May peace and justice flow through us.**

Father Michael Nicosia

Good and gracious God, you raise up prophets to speak against the economic, social, and religious injustices of every age. Hear our prayers and anoint our challenge through your Son, Jesus Christ our brother, in whose name we pray and minister. **All: Amen**

Sign of Peace

Father Michael Nicosia

Celebrating God's faithfulness, may the peace of Christ be with you always. **ALL: And also with you.**

Co-Pastor Dcn Rosean Amaral

For those on Zoom unmute and go to gallery view, that all might share with one another a sign of Christ's peace. For those in the sanctuary please offer a gesture for a sign of peace.

Offertory Song (please join in singing)

Christ in Me Arise

Refrain

Christ in me arise and dispel all the darkness.
Christ in me arise with your power and your strength.

Christ in me pour out your blessing and healing.
Christ in me arise and I shall rise with you.

1. Be now my vision; open these eyes,
showing me all that I must see.

Onward to the kingdom, you are the way.
Arise in me and I shall rise with you.

2. Be now my footsteps, leading the way,

taking me where I must go.

Onward to the kingdom, you are the way.
Arise in me and I shall rise with you.

Bridge

You know my heart and you know my ways,
you who formed me in my mother's womb.
I live and move in you, my whole being thrives in you.

Final Refrain

Christ in me arise and dispel all the darkness.



Christ in me arise with your power and your strength.

Christ in me pour out your blessing and healing.
Christ in me arise and I shall rise with you.

Christ in me arise, Christ in me arise,
Christ in me arise and I shall rise with you.

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Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation of our Tables

Co-Pastor Dcn Rosean Amaral

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. Continue to give as you are called and able.

The offertory basket is here in front of the altar for any offering you may have.

Offertory

Father Michael Nicosia

Blessed are you, Loving God of all creation.
Through your goodness we have this bread to offer which earth has given and human hands have made.

It will become for us the bread of life.

All: Blessed be God forever.

Dcn. Pastor Rosean

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.

Father Michael Nicosia

Blessed are you, Loving God of all creation.
Through your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become our spiritual drink.

All: Blessed be God forever.

God, we ask you to receive us and to be pleased with the sacrifice we offer you with humble and contrite hearts. God, wash away my iniquity; cleanse me from my sin.

Pray, brothers and sisters, that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God, the gauge of all righteousness.

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

Eucharistic Prayer

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

All: And also with you.

All: We lift them up to God..

All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.



Here in this place and across the miles that separate us it is indeed right, and a good and joyful thing, to thank and praise you, holy Father, nurturing Mother, through Jesus Christ.

Burning in his heart was your love for us and your passion for justice.

By asking that your will be done, he calibrated his mission to your people, and emptied himself for the life of the world.

In awe of so great a love and acknowledging our own cooperation with it, we join the prophets and saints who have gone before us and all the spirits of wisdom and revelation in their unending acclamation of praise:

All: Holy, Holy, Holy One, God of Justice and Truth. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the One who ministers in your name. Hosanna in the highest

Flowing from the glory that was yours before all time and space, the glory that you shared in the act of Creation, and the same glory that was revealed in the mystery of Christ's incarnation, challenge, death and resurrection, and now flowing over us —send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon the offerings we have set before you.

Bless ✕ these gifts that they may become the ultimate sign and symbol of Christ's inclusive blessing.

Though some members of your Son's body are still gathered in separate locations we remember what Jesus 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:

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 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.

Dcn. Co-Pastor Rosean

Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith:

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

Father Michael Nicosia

Loving God, we celebrate the memory of Christ, your Son, all that he did and continues to do to liberate your people and bring us true freedom. 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 have heard and follow the calling 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 local bishops, Kym and Jim and our bishop-elect Kae.

Remember, Compassionate God, all those who have died, especially those who were failed by



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

All: 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. Amen.

The Prayer of Jesus - *Father Michael Nicosia*

Dcn. Co-Pastor Rosean

Let us pray in the words our Savior gave us:

All: Abba/Amma 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

The Shared Table - *Father Michael Nicosia*

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.

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.

Father Michael Nicosia

Communion Song -*(please join in singing)* Many and One

Refrain

We are many, yet we are one.
We are sep'rate, yet bound in his love.
And together we are all his hands and his feet,
bringing mercy and peace to this world.
We are many and one.

1. We are fallen but we are forgiven;
broken and scattered, yet being made whole
by our redeemer, one Lord and one savior,
the shepherd who gathers us all,

gathers us all.

2. We are diff'rent as morning and evening,
each of us living as we have been called,
all of us seeking, each of us reaching to
the shepherd who gathers us all,
gathers us all.

3. We are brothers and sisters in spirit,
found in all nations yet near to the Lord,
each one belonging, together now longing for



the shepherd who gathers us all,
gathers us all.

Final Refrain

We are many, yet we are one.
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And together we are all his hands and his feet,
bringing mercy and peace to this world,

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Prayer after Communion and Blessing

Co-Pastor Dcn Rosean Amaral
Let us pray...

Father Michael Nicosia
God in our midst, you renew our relationship
with you and with one another through the
grace flowing from your sacraments.

By your grace, make us what you have called us
to be, that, faithful to our call, we may minister
effectively as Christ's body in the world.

This we ask, in Jesus' name.

God is 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 Co-Pastor Dcn Rosean Amaral

The Mass is ended; let us go out into the world, faithful to our call. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Closing Song - (please join in singing) Go Make a Difference

Refrain
Go make a diff'rence.
We can make a diff'rence.
Go make a diff'rence in the world.
Go make a diff'rence.
We can make a diff'rence.
Go make a diff'rence in the world.

1. We are the salt of the earth,
called to let the people see
the love of God in you and me.
We are the light of the world,
not to be hidden but be seen.
Go make a diff'rence in the world.

2. We are the hands of Christ
reaching out to those in need,
the face of God for all to see.
We are the spirit of hope;
we are the voice of peace.
Go make a diff'rence in the world.

3. So let your love shine on,
let it shine for all to see.
Go make a diff'rence in the world.
And the spirit of Christ
will be with us as we go.
Go make a diff'rence in the world.

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