



Mary of Magdala, ECC— October 26, 2025
30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
The Kin-dom of God - All Together Everywhere
Reverend Jane Reina Presiding

Welcome and Announcements

Social Justice Reflection *Jared Orsi*

Entrance Song **Come O Jesus Come (R; V1; R; V2; R)**

Greeting

Welcome to our Mass on the 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Today's Gospel reading shows us the Wisdom of Jesus as these three people in their unique journey hunger for God. How can we drop our assumptions and hear something beyond our expectations?

Let us continue in yearning and in wonderment as one expression of God's presence:

+In the name of the Creating Mystery, our Cosmic Christ, and the Holy Spirit, in our midst. **All: Amen.**

Penitential Rite

Rev. Jane

As we prepare to receive the Word of God and the Body and Blood of Christ, let us humbly accept God's unconditional love and, we pray:



All: Together, we turn back to you, O Christ, knowing you welcome us even in the midst of our turning, just by our yearning to return. Bless us with an *experience* of you as we turn with deep longing and open hearts for the oneness you offer. We come in fragility and vulnerability to know you and love you.

Christ, you, yourself are the Sacrament of the Incarnate God, teaching us to see yesterday as proof of your faithful presence, today as rooted in you, and tomorrow as hope for wholeness. Grant us the blessings of ethical resolve in a world of pain and grief.

When we recognize that we are captured by the illusion of safety, and still need to stand up for the stranger, the widow, and the orphan, we humbly return to you.

All: Jesus, grant us Holy Wisdom.

Christ, help us, together, to turn to you, releasing the prideful illusion that we are self-sustaining.

All: Christ, grant us Holy Wisdom.

Spirit of Wisdom, dispel our illusions of abundance and instill in us the truth.



All: Spirit of Wisdom, grant us your vision.

O Holy Compassion, we are a community of pilgrims stumbling along your Way. Help us to see ourselves as you see us, divinely human. With hearts burning, may we grow more deeply in love with you, unveiling the kin-dom of God that lives within ourselves.

For Holy Wisdom, we give you thanks.

All: Amen.

In thanksgiving for an unquenchable hunger, let us lift our voices in praise and sing glory of God!

Glory to God *Mass of the Desert*

Opening Prayer Let us pray:

O Holy One, you gather us here today as co-creators with you. As responsible co-creators, we hunger for your Word, we hunger for your Wisdom, we hunger for life in you. Give us the Grace to hear your Word that frees. Give us your Holy Wisdom to find our true selves in your, radiating your Love. Opening to your grace we listen.

All: Amen

LITURGY OF THE WORD



Please be seated as the Word of God speaks to us.

First Reading *Conflict Resolution for Holy Beings: Poems* by Joy Harjo
Lector Cindy Cloyd

Bless the poets,
the workers for justice,
the dancers of the ceremony,
the singers of heartache,
the visionaries,
all makers and carriers of fresh meaning –
We will all make it through, despite politics and wars, despite
failures and misunderstandings.
There is only love.

Words Inspired by God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm *Sung.* Taste and See (R; V1; R; V2; R; V3; R)

Gospel Acclamation *Alleluia* *Mass of the Desert*

Gospel Luke 18: 9-14, 18-24.

Christ is within you all. **All: And also within you.**

A Proclamation of the Gospel attributed to Luke.

All: Praise to You, O God.



To some who trusted in their own righteousness and looked down on others, Jesus told this parable: “Two people went up to the Temple to pray, one a Pharisee, the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing alone, was praying like this: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week. I give a tenth of all my earnings.’ But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but while breast-beating said: ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’ I tell you, this one went back home justified before God, rather than the other. For all who raise themselves up will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be raised up.”

Later, an official asked Jesus this question, “Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” Jesus answered, “Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: ‘You shall not commit adultery; you shall not kill; you shall not steal; you shall not bear false witness; you shall honor your father and your mother.’” The official replied, “All of these I have observed from my youth.” When Jesus heard this he said, “There is still one thing left for you. Sell all that you have and distribute it to the poor, and you will have a treasure in heaven.



Then come, follow me.” When the official heard this he became very sad, for he was very rich. When Jesus saw that the official was filled with sorrow, Jesus was also sad and said, “How hard it is for those who have wealth to enter the kin-dom of God.”

The Good News of Jesus our Christ.

All: Glory to you, O God.

Homily Pastor Jane

Prayers of the People

Lector Pedro Engel

You, Holy One, who are here, you know our needs even before we know them.

Lector Pedro Engel **Our response is: Loving God, receive our prayer.**

For our elected officials to remember their responsibility to the people who elected them and return to work on the budget that they may truly serve the people, we pray, **Response: Loving God, receive our prayer.**



For an end to armed conflict and gun violence throughout the world, that all people may live and breathe freely, we pray,

Response: Loving God, receive our prayer.

For people affected by floods, tornados, hurricane winds, and fires that they may have hope and find resources to help rebuild their homes and communities, we pray,

Response: Loving God, receive our prayer.

Our prayers from the sanctuary are: we pray, **Response: Loving God, receive our prayer.**

Are there prayers from our members on zoom? ...we pray,

Response: Loving God, receive our prayer.

And for all the people on our prayer list and those we hold in our heart, we pray, **Response: Loving God, receive our prayers**

Rev. Jane...O Source of Compassion, hear our prayers to heal, to put an end to violence, and to love one another as you love. May these prayers of our hearts praise and glorify you. **All: Amen.**

The Peace

Jesus said to his disciples, "Peace be with you. My peace I give you."

May the peace of Christ, not of this world, be with you always.

All: And also with you.



Please turn and share a sign of peace with our siblings here virtually and then turn to share with one another.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

As we prepare our tables with the food we have, here and at home, 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 called and able.

Let us sing together.

Offertory Song You Alone. (R; V1; R; V2; R)

Preparation of the Gifts

Procession of the Bread and Wine by Eucharistic Ministers

(During Offertory Song) Blessed are you, God of all Creation, through your goodness we have this bread and wine. All creation originated as star dust and now star dust has evolved into wheat and grapes grown from the earth. From the fruit of the earth, our hands have made bread and wine. May this bread and wine become for us the sacred nourishment we seek. **All: Blessed be God forever.**



By the mystery of this water and wine, we share in the divinity of Christ, who graced us by sharing in our humanity. **All: Blessed be God forever.**

Wash hands of presider.

Prayer over the Gifts

Pray, my siblings, that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God.

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.

Christ is within You.

All: And also within You.

Let us open our hearts.

All: We open our hearts to God.

Let us give thanks to our Loving God. **All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Amma/Abba God, loving source and destiny of all life, we praise you and thank you through Jesus our Christ. You bring us peace not of this world as we act justly through the Kin-dom of God.

Through self-emptying love, Jesus transforms our swords into plowshares, our hostility into reconciliation, our alienation into community, and our hatred into forgiveness of our enemies. For this



and many more gifts, we never cease to thank and praise you, and joining with the choirs of the cosmos as we sing to your glory:

Holy, Holy, Holy

Mass of the Desert

Eucharistic Prayer

Blessed are you, compassionate and faithful God. With loving tenderness, you have gathered us and filled us with a longing for justice and peace that will last. Through countless generations, we hungered for the bread of freedom. For them and us, you raised up Jesus, the living Bread, in whom our ancient hungers are satisfied. Jesus the Christ is the Word that liberates us from injustice and violence. Jesus the Christ is the hand you, O Mystery of Love, stretch out to all of us who are sick, poor, oppressed and in any way broken. Jesus the Christ is the Way that leads to peace. PAUSE

Flowing from the Exquisite Love visible and invisible throughout the entire cosmos, send your Holy Spirit to heal our lives. Please outstretch our hands over the bread and wine:



O Holiness, make these gifts of bread and wine ++holy, that they may become the Body and Blood of Jesus our Christ.

While Jesus was at supper on the night before he died, He took bread and gave you thanks. He broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said:

All: Take this all of you, and eat it:

This is my body, which will be given up for you.

At the end of the meal, Jesus took the cup. Again, he praised you for your goodness, gave the cup to his disciples, 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

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Loving God, with gratitude we remember the passion of Jesus, his suffering at the hands of a broken humanity confused by violence and enmity. He died loving his enemies and forgiving his persecutors. Together then with people of every faith and no faith, and all those who have died, we remember that LOVE is our salvation, not our possession.

Setting our wills and words aside, emptying our hearts and bringing nothing in our hands, we proclaim,

All: Through Christ, with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, life-giving God now and forever.

Amen *Mass of the Desert*

The Prayer of Jesus

Please turn to the camera and let us join our hearts together as we pray the words that Jesus gave us...

All: Abba/Amma, God in heaven, Holy is your name. Your kingdom 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, the power, and the glory are Yours,
now and forever. Amen**

The Shared Table – Instrumental song while bread is broken

This is the Living God. This is the one who transforms us and our world. Blessed are we who are called out of ourselves and into this Love.

All: Jesus, I am ready to receive you because by your invitation I am here.

Invitation to Communion

Let us affirm:

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.

Whether sharing this meal here or at home, we all are invited to consume this healing sacrament. All are welcome to this feast of unrestricted and unconditional Love.

(remind about gluten-free hosts)

Communion Song Infinite Grace (V1; R; V2; R) No bridge

Prayer after Communion



Let us pray... Christ of all life, we thank you for your gifts of the Bread of Peace and the Cup of Blessing. We look forward to the day when hope becomes reality: when our swords are melted into plowshares and "...no harm is done anywhere along the Holy Mountain." **All: Amen**

Blessing of Dori and Jim

Gracious and Loving God, we raise our hands and hearts 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, and guide them to willingly accept what unfolds for them. May our blessing help sustain their journey in Christ. May it be so.

Concluding Rite and Dismissal

The peace of our God is within you. **All: And also within you.**

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

May the Mystery of Boundless Love bless you to abide in your own agency and by your own conscience as a priestly people.



In the name of Amma/Abba God, Jesus the Christ, and the Holy Spirit, Sophia. **All: Amen.**

Dismissal: Go now out into the world seeing Christ everywhere.

All: Thanks be to God.

Closing Song Your Grace Is Enough (V1; R; V2; R)