Mary of Magdala, ECC **February 8, 2026**
Celebrating the 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time —All Together Everywhere
Presider and Homilist: Reverend Jane Reina

The Word of God – Jesus' most important teaching is the Sermon on the Mount. Today's teaching builds on the depth and breath of last Sunday: Radical turning from the economics and cheap slave labor of his day, and ours. Jesus continuous to preach how to heal ourselves through following him into nonviolent peace.

Welcome and Announcements *Lector Matt Chavez*

Entrance Song With One Voice **(**V2, R; V3, R)

Greeting *Rev. Jane Reina*

Welcome to 5th Sunday in OT. We have been called and are answering the call to accept radical Christianity through the Sermon on the Mount. The sermon is only the beginning of His teaching on peacefulness. We are called to put down our weapons and to bring the light of nonviolence and peace into our world.

Please feel free to sit or stand as together, here and at home, we take a deep breath and relax. Notice how you are feeling today, and enter into the presence of our nonviolent God who loves us infinitely and unconditionally. Welcoming peace into our hearts, we pray:

+ In the name of the All-Compassionate Creative Mystery we call God, Jesus -- our Christ, and the Holy Spirit -- Sophia. **All: Amen**

Penitential Rite

In humble gratitude for God's never-ending love 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 both *knowledge* and *experience* of you as we turn with deep longing and open hearts for the oneness you offer. We come in fragility and vulnerability recognizing the violence in our own hearts.

Rev. Jane We turn back to you, Jesus our Christ, when we remember our anger, and you call us as peace makers.

All: We thank you, Jesus our Christ, for your Peace.

We turn back to you, O God, when we encounter our fear and release it in the name of Love. **All: We thank you, O God, for your Love.**

We turn back to you, Holy Spirit, when we realize that your Wisdom Way is the path to Holiness.
All: We thank you, Holy Spirit, for your Wisdom Way.

Jesus of Nazareth, you became one of us from the Self-Emptying Love Mystery. Now as Christ, you call us to find our peace in you through your teaching to love our enemies and to pray for those who persecute us, truly making us one with you. **All: Amen**

Glory to God (Mass of Renewal)

Opening Prayer

God, the blessed Holy Three, is within you **All: And also within you**.

Let us pray: God of Peace, God of Love, you continually create wonderous beauty, rich in diversity and complexity, fill us with your light. Send your Spirit of the nonviolent Jesus more deeply into our wounded selves, so hatred may dissolve through understanding, fear and violence may lessen as we stand on common ground, and divisions may loosen their grip and unity be planted.
May the Spirit of Christ breathe peace into our hearts. **All: Amen.**

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please be seated as we listen to the inspired Word of God speaking to us.

First Reading *Lector Matt Chavez*

First Reading From Leviticus: **Kedoshim (Holy)**, in *Torah Journeys: The Inner Path to the Promised Land,* by Rabbi Shefa.
"And here is the challenge of *Kedoshim*: The divine holiness that is in us must be expressed in the shaping of our lives.
WHEN I AM CONNECTED TO THAT DIVINE CORE OF HOLINESS, THEN:
I have reverence for my parents,
where I come from,
I protect and cherish the sacred times of rest,
I leave the corner of the field,
a portion of my earnings for the poor and the stranger,
I do not steal or lie or swear falsely,
I pay my workers fairly and on time.

WHEN I AM CONNECTED TO THAT DIVINE CORE OF HOLINESS, THEN:
I do not curse the deaf or
put obstacles before the blind,
I am fair to rich and poor alike,
I don't gossip,
I cannot ignore the violence in my world,
I don't hold grudges or hatred in my heart.

WHEN I AM CONNECTED TO THAT DIVINE CORE OF HOLINESS, THEN:

I tell the truth even when it's hard,
I love my neighbor as I would myself,
I keep separate what needs to be
separate for its integrity,
when I eat I am mindful of resources,
I live in awe of the holiness of the world,
and the presence of the stranger
awakens compassion in me.

Kedoshim GIVES ME THESE MEASURES, so that I can examine my life and see just how connected I am to the divine core of holiness within me."

The Inspired Word of a Jewish priest. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm **Psalm** 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34 *Lector Matt Chavez*

Our response to the reading is: Help us to know You, O Wisdom.

All: Help us to know You, O Wisdom.

Blessed are those whose way is clear,

who live with spiritual integrity.

Blessed are those who choose what is good

and seek You with their whole heart.

All: Help us to know You, O Wisdom.

You have shown us the way of truth,

the way that leads to freedom.

O, that we might ever walk on those paths,

and know inner peace!

All: Help us to know You, O Wisdom.

Be bountiful with Your people, O God,

that we may be Your Word.

Open the eyes of our hearts that we may see

the wondrous blessings of creation.

All: Help us to know You, O Wisdom.

Help us to know You, O Wisdom.

In Your love is the power to calm storms of adversity.

O, that we might learn to bless others selflessly,

to be a silent benediction!

All: Help us to know You, O Wisdom.

Second Reading: (Honoring Black History Month) **For Those Who Feel Helpless** by Cole Arthur Riley in *Black Liturgies,* 2024

Lector Jim Berry

"God who reclaims,
We have known what it is like to feel helpless. To have our agency stripped and voices snuffed out. We are grateful to those who have shown us that on the other side of trauma, abuse, and grief, there can be power magnified. Bind the will of the oppressors and abusers. Remember your promises to the vulnerable, poor, marginalized, and immigrant, to raise us up in honor and lead us from captivity. We have been forgotten for so long; do not forget us, God. Subvert the propaganda imparted by the white capitalist patriarchy and deliver us into a rich ecosystem of diverse power expressions. Speak gently into the hearts of those recently removed from harm. Keep us from punishing ourselves for what has been withheld from us.
It is not our fault. We reclaim what's ours. Amen."

Words Inspired by God. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Proclamation Alleluia (MOR)

Gospel **Matthew** 5: 21-30

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

A proclamation of the Gospel according to Matthew.

All: Glory to you O God.

"You have heard that it was said to your ancestors, 'You shall not kill; and whoever kills will be liable to judgment.' But I say to you, whoever is angry with their kin will be liable to judgment, and whoever says to their own family, 'Raqa,' will be answerable to the Sanhedrin, and whoever says, 'You fool,' will be liable to fiery Gehenna. Therefore, if you bring your gift to the altar and, there, recall that your kin has anything against you, leave your gift there at the altar. Go! First be reconciled; then come and offer your gift.

"Settle with your opponent quickly while on the way to court. Otherwise your opponent will hand you over to the judge, and the judge will hand you over to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. Amen, I say to you, you will not be released until you have paid the last penny.

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

Homily Rev. Jane Reina

A Creed

All: We believe in one God, one human family, one planetary community, one body, one love, uniting all in beauty, for God's infinite love is infinite, fecund and beautiful.

We believe we are entangled with all earth life and all living creatures,
We believe this future is the relational unity of all living things in God.
We believe this earth has a future entangled with God.
We believe the heart of God is love. Amen.

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Prayers of the People

Rev. Jane: May Love and Peace shine through us, bringing healing and peace to all creation. So we pray… *Lector Jim Berry*

Our response to our prayer requests today is: Loving God, receive our prayers.

All: Loving God, receive our prayers.

For peace, we pray… Peace for ourselves, for those suffering in war-torn countries, for families with quarrels and discord that disturb their peace, and for peace in our country and in our interactions, we pray…

All: Loving God, receive our prayers.

For racial justice, we pray…Justice and equity for our black and brown brothers and sisters who have been denied their dignity as humans including freedom, respect, agency, power, and the basic needs of work, housing, food and healthcare, and all that contributes to a good life. For all who have suffered racial injustice, we pray…

All: Loving God, receive our prayers.

For openness to serve and to support our Community of Mary of Magdala in its volunteer ministries, service projects, and financial needs as we seek to be the hands and heart of Christ in our world, we pray…

All: Loving God, receive our prayers.

For the prayers from the sanctuary…we pray,

All: Loving God, receive our prayers.

Are there prayers from our members on Zoom? **All: Loving God…**

And for all on our Prayer Lists and the prayers we hold closely in our hearts, we pray

All: Loving God, receive our prayers.

Rev. Jane O Holy Mystery, hear our prayers joined with all the prayers world-wide for peace. Help us awaken to our own power from you to love and unite through nonviolence and peace. **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 in all of you.

All: And also within you.

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

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

As we prepare our tables with what food we have, 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: Holy is God's (His) Name (V1, R; V2, R)

Preparation of the Gifts *(during Offertory song)*

Blessed are You, God of all creation. Through Your goodness we have this bread and wine to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the Sustenance of Life. {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. {All: Blessed be God forever.}

O God, wash away my iniquity and ambivalence, cleanse my heart and soul.

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

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

Eucharistic Prayer

Christ is within you. **All: And also within you.**
Let us open our hearts**.** **All: We open them up to God.**

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

Blessed are you, compassionate and faithful God—to you we offer thanks and praise everywhere and always. All that exists has its origin in you. You, O God, are creation's desired fulfillment. We thank you for our planetary home and our living cosmos beyond our understanding, all holy and sacred.

We thank you for emptying Yourself into time through Jesus.
For the life of Jesus—compassionate, nonviolent, forgiving, healing, and eternally present—transforms our living. The life of Jesus calls us to a deeper reality not of this world.

Therefore, we gladly join our voices praising you with the entire cosmos, the whole of creation:

Holy, Holy, Holy *(MOR)*

Flowing from the Exquisite Love visible and invisible throughout the entire cosmos, send your Holy Spirit to heal us and our planet. Please join us in raising your hands over the gifts:

Sanctify these gifts of the earth, bread and wine ++, that they may become the Body and Blood of Jesus our Christ.

Together, we, the Body of Christ, remember what Jesus did at table and in life. Who, on the night before he was betrayed, and among friends, 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.

When supper was ended, he took the cup; again he gave you thanks and, handing 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 all so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in memory of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith.

Memorial Acclamation (MOR)

God of Love and Peace, through Jesus our Christ you have entrusted us with this Passover meal, this pledge of Love.

Together then with your servants of the Ecumenical Catholic Communion, and people of every faith and no faith, we remember that your Love is our salvation not our possession. May this love convert us from the pattern of this passing world, and conform us to the pattern of Christ.

Remember, O Holy Mystery, all those who have died. Welcome them into your all-embracing Love where you gather all people into yourself.

Setting our wisdom, our own wills, our words aside, emptying our hearts and bringing nothing in our hands, we yearn to unite with the Love Christ offers our world as 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.

Amen (MOR)

The Prayer of Jesus

Please turn to those of us at home. Joining together we pray the words that Jesus gave us…
All: Abba/Amma God 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, the power, and the glory are Yours, now and forever. Amen

The Shared Table (Eucharistic Ministers divide the bread, place the wine on the stands.)

Instrumental music

Rev. Jane: This is the living God. This is the One who transforms us and our world. Blessed 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 share in this living sacrament of love, let us proclaim 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.

This sacred meal is offered for all of us to share, without exception. All are called to "Step up to the table, Step into the Truth that in our reflection, God lives through us." (Dcn Bess of Cameroon)

Communion Song: Benediction (V1, V2, V3, V4)

Prayer after Communion -- If you are able, please stand.

Rev Jane: Let us pray. . .Loving and generous God, we thank you for gathering us as the Body of Christ. May this sacred food sustain our commitment to bring healing to creation, to overcome fear with love, injury with pardon, and hatred with nonviolent love. We ask this through Jesus our Christ. **All: Amen**

Concluding Rite and Dismissal

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

Open your hearts and stand if you recognize yourself:

May God bless you who are
the poets, philosophers and writers
the justice workers and the marginalized and silenced
the singers of heartache and joy and the uplifted by the singers
the visionaries and searchers of vision
the teachers and new and old students
the scientists and those with curiosity
the caregivers and the cared for
the helpers and those who need help
the servant leaders and the unacknowledged influencers
the families of all shapes, sizes, colors, and configuration and family supporters
those who need healing
those who ask for our prayers

May you be blessed to become great in the eyes of God and small in the eyes of the world.
All: Amen

May you see the sap of life in you and know you are eternally entangled and be at peace.
All: Amen

All this and more in the name of the Sacred Un-nameable, the Eternal Christ, and the Wisdom Spirit, Sophia. **All: Amen**

Go, being the light of love,
All: Thanks be to God.

Closing Song – Bless the Lord **(**R; V1, R; V2, R; V3, R)