



Mary of Magdala, ECC Sunday Service celebrating the Feast of Pentecost and our Graduates – May 31, 2020

Announcements – *Matt Chavez*

Opening Song (*please, join in while muted with Bill Smith*)

Holy Spirit

Refrain: All

Holy Spirit, come into our lives.

Holy Spirit, make us truly wise.

1. Give us a spirit of wisdom,
an understanding heart.
Give us a spirit of knowledge,
and lead us to the truth.

2. Give us a spirit of courage,
and judgment that is wise.
Give us a spirit of reverence,
of wonder and of awe

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Greeting – *Deacon Jane*

Opening Prayer – *Deacon Rosean*

Let us pray:

Almighty God, who sent the flame of the Holy Spirit to light our faith path and give us the courage and wisdom to have Christ Consciousness, Mercifully give us faith to be

Light Bearers, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen

All: AMEN

Penitential Rite – *Deacon Jane*

O Holy Spirit

Unlock the door of our anxiety and guide us in the uncertain

ALL: Lord have mercy

Bring us beyond our fear and into your abundant Love

ALL: Christ have mercy

Grant us your Peace beyond all understanding

ALL: Lord have mercy



Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: 1st Reading: Acts 2. 1-11 – *Jared Orsi, Lector, father of Rain Orsi*

When the day of Pentecost arrived, they all met in one room. Suddenly they heard what sounded like a violent, rushing wind from heaven; the noise filled the entire house in which they were sitting.

Something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each one. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak in other languages as she enabled them.

Now there were devout people living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled. But they were bewildered to hear their native languages being spoken. They were amazed and astonished:

“Surely all of these people speaking are Galileans! How does it happen that each of us hears their words in our native tongue? We are Parthians, Medes, and Elamites, people from Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontas and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya around Cyrene, as wells as visitors from Rome—all Jews, or converts to Judaism—Cretans and Arabs, too. We hear them preaching, each in our own language about the marvels of God!”

Listen to the Spirit speaking to God’s people.

All: Thanks be to God

Second Reading: 1Corinthians 12. 3-7,12-13– *Matt Chavez, Lector, father of James and Daniel Chavez*

Sisters and Brothers,
It is for this reason that I want you to understand that no one can be speaking under the influence of the Holy Spirit and say “Curse Jesus”; by the same token, no one can say, “Jesus Christ reigns supreme,” unless under the influence of the Holy Spirit.

There are a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit. There are a variety of ministries, but we serve the same One. There are a variety of outcomes but the same God—who is working in

all of them. To each person is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

The body is one, even though it has many parts; all the parts—many though they are—comprise a single body. And so it is with Christ. It was by one Spirit that all of us, whether we are Jews or Greeks, slaves or citizens, were baptized into one body. All of us have been given to drink of the one Spirit.

The Word of God

All: Thanks be to God

The ‘Alleluia’ – *Sung by Bill Smith (please join in while muted)*

Refrain

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.
Alleluia. Alleluia

Verse

God will send his Spirit to you.
He will teach you all his truths.
Holy Spirit, shine on us
The radiance of your light.

Steve Angrisano/Tom Tomaszek



Gospel *Deacon Jane*

The Risen Christ be with you all.
A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

ALL: And also with you
ALL: Glory to you, O God+

Gospel: John 20. 19-23 *Olivia Kail, CSU* *Spiritual Care Resident*

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were locked in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Temple authorities.

Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” Having said this, the savior showed them the marks of crucifixion.

The disciples were filled with joy when they saw Jesus, who said to them again, “Peace be with you. As Amma/Abba God sent me, so I am sending you.”

After saying this, Jesus breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone’s sins, they are forgiven. If you retain anyone’s sins, they are retained.”

The Good News of Salvation of Jesus Christ.
All: Praise to You, Lord, Jesus Christ

Homily *-Deacons Rosean and Jane*

Recognition of Graduates – *Deacons Rosean and Jane*

1. Testimonials by their parents (hold applause until after blessing)

College Graduates: Miranda Bateman, Daniel Chavez

High School Graduates: James Chavez, Justin Hartberg, Cynthia Hughes, Latifah Hirchi-Vogl, Rain Orsi, Michael Schoenbauer

2. Blessing of the Graduates: *Deacons Rosean and Jane*

Creator God, Song of our Soul,
We are gathered today to ask your blessing on our 2020 graduates—these engaged and engaging young adults. Some of us have watched them as they grew from babies to adults. We cherish those memories, and will hold those memories close as we applaud their achievements. They have completed their academic course work for high school or college degrees. **ALL: Bless them.**

Their parents and families are pleased and proud of their many diverse accomplishments—

and more so about the integrity and fortitude each has shown in their young lives—especially as our schools and society shut down physically during this Novel Covid Pandemic protocol upending their daily lives. **ALL: Bless them.**

We know they grieve the loss of all the Spring traditions to which Seniors look forward; from academic recognition, sporting events and awards, dance galas, and most importantly, saying goodbyes to friends, teachers and mentors. Hold them close as they work to let go



of these bittersweet disappointments. Bless them.

We, the people of Mary of Magdala ask you to bless them with resilience, curiosity, and perseverance as they discover and expand their charisms in the world. They will be challenged by the changing landscape of our world's new way of being. **ALL: Bless them**

Bless each of them: Miranda, Daniel, Cynthia, James, Justin, Latifah, Michael and Rain. Each has different dreams and a sense of purpose. Drench them with your Light of Love—so they may have a discerning mind and clear vision as they meet every opportunity or challenge.

Infuse them with courage to focus on the good in all people they meet.

Surround them with faith, hope, and peace as they make decisions.

Continue to embrace them lovingly as they grow into their new roles, help them know all will be well, all will be well, and all manner of things will be well. They, who can shape the future of our society in many ways, will be well, do well, and are well. **ALL: Bless them fully, today and all their days. Amen**

3. Congratulations by the Community with pompoms, noise makers, balloons, hat throwing

YOUTH CREED

We believe that

everyone is welcome no matter gender, race, religion, or sexuality.

We believe that

we should make an effort to help everyone enjoy their time in the church.

We believe in storytelling.

We believe that we can touch the sky with love.

We believe that our God is not gender specific.

We believe that our God loves everyone.

We believe that our God is an environmental activist.

We believe that our God is present in our togetherness.

We believe that Jesus leads to God.

We believe in the Holy Spirit as much as we do Jesus and God.

Amen

Prayers of the People - *Matt Chavez, Lector, father of Daniel and James Chavez*

Deacon Jane – Let us now take a moment to listen to the spirit, that She may help us articulate our true needs.

Matt -Loving and gracious God, you send us forth with the Holy Spirit to be Jesus' hands and heart in this world and with your help, we are and we now lift up our prayers for your graces and blessings on our needs. The response will be: Hear our prayers

ALL: Hear our prayers



For all churches and faith traditions as they discern when and how to re-open worship safely in a physical building, that they may be led by the Spirit to do what is best for all their members, we pray. **Response: Hear our prayers**

For all our graduates, that they may move forward with clarity of heart and vision, adapting to the changing situations they will face at home,

in their chosen college or profession, and in the world, we pray. **Response: Hear our prayers**

For all parents of graduates that they may embrace this new stage of life in their young adults, trusting the roots they have given them to use their wings to succeed all ways. **Response: Hear our prayers**

I now invite you to add your own prayers, by clicking on the Chat feature at the bottom of the screen and typing in your prayer or press down the space bar to speak your prayer.... (Matt will read each prayer on “chat”)we pray, **Response: Hear our prayers**

And for all the prayers we hold in the privacy of our hearts, we pray. **Response: Hear our prayers**

Deacon Jane –

Loving God, your care for us is constant. We ask that you hear our prayers made in faith and trust, through the Spirit of Sophia. **ALL: AMEN**

Sign of Peace

Deacon Rosean - The Love of God be with you.

ALL: And, also with you.

Let us all go to “gallery view” on our screens and share with one another the sign of Christ’s peace. (*All are unmuted to share a sign of peace.*)

Song of Celebration: Fly Like a Bird

Refrain

Fly like a bird to the Lord, my soul.
I want to soar like an eagle.
Though I may journey far away from home,
I know I'll never be alone.

1. O God, you know who I am.
You know my hopes and my dreams.
In my pondering and fears,
in my joy and in my tears,
O God, your presence is real.

2. Where can I run from your love?
Where can I hide from my God?
From the dawn of morning's light
to the darkness of the night.
O God, your presence is real.

3. When I am down and afraid,
when I am falling away,
you extend a gentle hand,
and I know you understand.
O God, your presence is real.



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Our Celebration of God— *Deacons Rosean and Jane*

May the love of God be with you
Lift up your hearts.
Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

God, Song of my Soul, across the few or many miles that separate us at this time we praise you, having been graced with the Holy Spirit/Sophia Wisdom's gifts of wisdom, courage, and truth.

For you chose us in Christ before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in your sight.

And this was your purpose: That when the time is ripe you would gather us all together from wherever we are—in heaven or on earth—to be with you in Christ forever.

Indeed, now is that time, now is the day! The promise of this sweet communion became our reality when we heard the message of truth, the gospel of our salvation.

On this Day of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit, Sophia Wisdom came to mark the apostles so they would be Light Bearers, a seal of the flame of truth. This flame of truth is carried by our bishops, priests, and deacons and they voice truth and love to all people.

All: And, also with you.
All: We lift them up to God.
All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

All who receive that flame and are your Light Bearers are sent out into the world to be the hands and heart of Christ to all people.

Today we remember a story of your Eternal Son, Jesus, who on the night before he died gathered at a table with his family and friends. That night he took bread, he took wine, for they were the food and drink on the table before him. He blessed them and shared them with all those who were present. He told them that his love for them was boundless because your love for creation is boundless.

Let us take the food before us, and let us be confident that you have blessed this food as well. May it be a blessing to our bodies, that our bodies may be a blessing to your world. May we be open to the ways you ask to make us one in the Spirit with you. In Jesus' name we pray.

ALL: AMEN

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*all together on mute*)

Deacon Rosean: Let us pray in the words our Savior gave us.

ALL: Our Father, who are in Heaven, hallowed be our name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us, and let us not enter into temptation, but deliver us from evil.



For the Kingdom, the power, and the glory

are yours now and forever. Amen.

Reception for Spiritual Communion - Deacon Jane

Before we share in eating the food on our tables, I'd like to remind you that God invited you here today. Where-ever you are on your journey, God is with you. Let us share together these words of celebration of God with the food God has provided:

All: Jesus, our hearts are Your Tabernacle. You live in us. You love in us. Come now, and visit us with Your grace. Make us to be more like

You. May we receive Your fullness in this food as You desire. May we become Your Body in the world today. Amen.

Our homes and our hearts are a dwelling place for God. The Christ-child in each of us. The food before us is sacrament, and God's grace is abundant and in our midst. Please spend a moment now, celebrating God with food.

Communion Song --(please join in while muted)

Benediction

1. May the peace of God be with you.
May the favor of the Lord upon you rest.
May his grace upon you shine
and give you light in darkest times.
May the peace of God be yours.

2. May the love of God be with you.
May your faithful trust in him never fail.
May he shower you with grace,
may you feel his warm embrace.
May the love of God be yours.

3. May the joy of God be with you.
May you spring up living water in your soul.
May you run and never tire,
may his will be your desire.
May the joy of God be yours.

4. May the hope of God be with you.
May he lift your spirit up on angel's wings.
May your very presence be a fragrant offering.
May the hope of God: Father, Son and Spirit—
may the blessings of God be yours.
May they be yours.

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Prayer after the meal

Deacon Jane Let us Pray:

Deacon Rosean

Good God, through the grace that is ours through the death and resurrection of your Son, and empowered by your indwelling Spirit, our very being is transformed. As this meal shared in His memory unites us, make

us increasingly aware of our unity in Christ. To your honor and glory, today and forever.

The Lord is with you.

ALL: And also, with you.



Blessing –

Deacon Jane: Let us open our hearts to ask for God’s blessing.

Eternal Lamp of Love, remind us often of how much radiance comes from the glow of one small candle flame.

ALL: AMEN

Radiant Star of our hearts,
in every generation you pass into holy souls.
Thank you for the illuminated beings who have touched our lives with their goodness.

ALL: AMEN

Stream your loving kindness through us.
We will open our minds and hearts to your presence as you greet us in the unexpected and the challenging.

ALL: AMEN

May our Gracious and Loving God bless you, Creator, Eternal Word, and Holy Living Spirit

ALL: AMEN

May almighty God Bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit

ALL: AMEN

Dismissal

Deacon Rosean

We are the Body of Christ empowered by the Holy Spirit. Let us live as such, loving and serving God as we love and serve in God’s world. **ALL: Thanks be to God.**

Closing Song – *please remain muted*

Pomp and Circumstance

Final round of applause

Zoom will remain open after the service for community to visit.