Mary of Magdala, ECC— November 15, 2026

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Kin-dom of God – All Together Everywhere

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Welcome and Announcements *Lector Matt Chavez*

Entrance Song **Christ Be Our Light (V1; R; V2; R)**

REV. JANE Greeting

Welcome to our Mass on the 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time. Today's 1st reading of losing yourself, the 2nd reading of being awake, and Gospel reading of the Talents are all linked by the person who buried their one talent and their resulting regret and grief.

Again, I invite everyone here and at home to sit, let go of the news of the day, let go of whatever is heavy on your heart, take a deep breath and another, try to relax into this sacred space, drop your

shoulders and release some of the stress you hold in your body. Relax into the warmth of God, a God who holds us in the mystery of infinite and unconditional love. Call forth the calm and serene brilliant light within you. Surrender your heart and mind to God in this hour.

DEACON DORI:

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

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

Penitential Rite

REV. JANE

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

All: 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 as humans to know you and love you as you once were human in Jesus.

REV. JANE

Jesus, you, yourself are the Sacrament of the Incarnate God, the unfolding of humanity. Help us to put our own desires aside and listen to each other. When we hear each other in openness, we turn toward you.

All: Jesus, open us with humility to hear each other.

Christ, help us as your Body to return to you by releasing and striving to be pure of heart.

All: Christ, grant us the grace to grow in purity of heart.

Spirit of Wisdom, open our hearts to compassion for all of us: the members, family, and friends of Mary of Magdala.

All: Spirit of Wisdom, send your flame of compassion into our hearts.



O Holy Compassion, we are a community of pilgrims putting one foot in front of the other along your Way. Help us to see ourselves as you see us. With hearts flaming, may we have confidence in your faithfulness as we grieve what was not, as we grieve and accept what we cannot do, and as we humbly celebrate your steadfast compassion.

For our desire for Holy Wisdom, we give you thanks.

All: Amen.

DEACON DORI

In thanksgiving that grief can open doors to a fuller life in Christ, let us lift our voices in praise and sing glory of God!

Gloria (MOW)

Opening Prayer

DEACON DORI

Let us pray --

REV. JANE

O Holy One, you gather us here to hear your words of Love of Creation. Bless our offering of ourselves to you as the eyes, hands, and feet of Christ. Give us the courage to take the risk to accept our gifts and their responsibility. Give us the wisdom to say 'yes' even in the face of grief. Give us the Grace to hear your Word that frees through reconciliation. Open our reconciled hearts to hear you.

All: Amen

LITURGY OF THE WORD

DEACON DORI

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

First Reading

First Reading ***For Grief*** **by John O'Donohue from To Bless the Space Between Us** *Lector. Matt Chavez*

What if the grief is for you, yourself, when lost

When you lose someone you love,



Your life becomes strange,

The ground beneath you gets fragile,

Your thoughts make your eyes unsure;

And some dead echo drags your voice down

Where words have no confidence.

Your heart has grown heavy with loss;

And though this loss has wounded others too,

No one knows what has been taken from you

When the silence of absence deepens.

Flickers of guilt kindle regret

For all that was left unsaid or undone.

There are days when you wake up happy;

Again inside the fullness of life,

Until the moment breaks

And you are thrown back

Onto the black tide of loss.



Days when you have your heart back,

You are able to function well

Until in the middle of work or encounter,

Suddenly with no warning,

You are ambushed by grief.

It becomes hard to trust yourself.

All you can depend on now is that

Sorrow will remain faithful to itself.

More than you, it knows its way

And will find the right time

To pull and pull the rope of grief

Until that coiled hill of tears

Has reduced to its last drop.

Gradually, you will learn acquaintance

With the invisible form of your departed;

And when the work of grief is done,

The wound of loss will heal

And you will have learned



To wean your eyes

From that gap in the air

And be able to enter the hearth

In your soul where your loved one

Has awaited your return

All the time.

The Inspired Word of God

All: Thanks be to God

Psalm To You O God (R cantored, R all; V1; C; R all; VeC; R; V3C; R)

Second Reading 1Thessalonians 5: 1-6 *Lector Pedro Engel*

Now, beloved, about times and dates we do not need to write to you, for you know very well that the Day of God is coming like a thief in the night. While people are saying, “Peace has come! Safety is ours!” then sudden disaster will come upon them, like labor pains for a



pregnant woman.

They will not escape.

But you, beloved, are not unaware. The Day of God will not overtake you like a thief. You are awake, alert, and ready. We do not live in fear or ignorance. So then, let us not sleep as the rest do, but let us rather be sober and awake.

Listen to the Spirit speaking to God's people.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation (MOW)

Gospel – DEACON DORI

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

A Proclamation of the Gospel attributed to Matthew **25:14-30**

All: Glory to you O God.

Jesus continued to teach the disciples:

The kin-dom of heaven is like a wealthy landowner who was



going on a journey and called in three workers, entrusting some funds to them. The first was given five talents, the second two talents, and the third one talent, according to each one's ability. (A talent was worth more than 15 years of a laborer's wages.)

The landowner then went away.

Immediately the worker who received the five talents invested it and made another five. In the same way, the worker who received the two talents doubled that figure. But the worker who received one talent instead went off and dug a hole in the ground and buried the money.

After a long absence, the traveler returned home and settled accounts with the workers. The one who had received five talents came forward bringing the additional five, saying, “You entrusted me with five talents; here are five more.”

The landowner said, “Well done! You are a good and faithful worker. Since you were dependable in a small matter, I will put in you in charge of larger affairs. Come, share my joy!”

The one who had received two talents then stepped forward with the additional two, saying, “You entrusted me with two talents; here are two more.”



The landowner said to this one, “Well done! You too are a good and faithful worker. Since you were dependable in a small matter, I will put you in charge of larger affairs. Come, share my joy!”

Finally, the one who had received one talent stepped forward and said to the landowner, “Knowing your ruthlessness—you who reap where you did not sow and gather where you did not scatter—and fearing your wrath, I went off and buried your talent in the ground. Here is your money back.”

The landowner exclaimed, “You lout! So, you know that I reap where I do not sow and gather where I do not scatter, do you? Should you not then have put my money in the bank so that I could have got it back with interest on my return? Now then,” the landowner said to assistants, “take the talent from this one, and give it to the one with ten talents.”

“For to all those who have, more will be given and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. So, throw this so-called worker into obscurity, where there will weeping and gnashing of teeth.”



The Good News of Jesus our Christ.

All: Praise to You, Jesus our Christ.

Homily - Pastor Jane

CREED

DEACON DORI

Let us pray

All: We believe in one God, one human family, one planetary community, one body, 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.

Prayers of the People *Lector Pedro Engel*



Lector: You, O Holy One know our needs even before we know them, hear our plea.

Our response is: Creator God, Receive our prayers.

For all faith communities, especially our 301 Faith Partners, that we may continue to serve those in need, those who seek, those who are ill or healing with compassion and love, we pray,

Response: Creator God, receive our prayers.

For people recovering from floods and wildfires that they may find the resources they need to rebuild their communities, we pray,

Response: Creator God, receive our prayers.

For ongoing awareness of the environmental impacts on our air, water, and soils that we may take action to preserve and restore it, we pray,

Response: Creator God, receive our prayers.

The prayers from the sanctuary are…we pray,

Response: Creator God, receive our prayers.

Are there prayers from our members on zoom?…

Response: Creator God, receive our prayers.

And for all the prayers we hold sacred in our hearts, please pause and call them to mind, (wait 10 seconds)..we pray,

Response: Creator God receive our prayers

DEACON DORI

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

DEACON DORI

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

DEACON DORI

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 **Awake O Sleeper (V1; V2; R; V3; R) (No Bridge)**

Preparation of the Gifts

REV. JANE

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 to offer. 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.

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.

DEACON DORI

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.**

REV. JANE

Blessed are you, compassionate and faithful God—to you we offer



thanks and praise everywhere and always. All of creation has its origin in You. You 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, thereby calling us to live your Holy Way through both our unique gifts and our communal gifts. The Spirit of Jesus calls us to a deeper reality, a fuller humanity, that can overwhelm us with grief even as it overwhelms us with Beauty.

DEACON DORI

For this and many more gifts, we never cease to thank and praise you, and joining with cosmic choirs we sing to your glory:

Holy **(MOW))**

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. May we be that hand. Jesus the Christ is the Way that leads to peace.

Flowing from the Exquisite Love visible and invisible throughout the entire cosmos, send your Holy Spirit to heal our lives. Please join us by stretching out your hands as we bless the bread and wine together:
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.

DEACON DORI

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

Memorial Acclamation. (MOW)

REV. JANE

Loving God, with gratitude we remember the passion of Jesus, his suffering at the hands of a broken humanity confused, angry, and violent. 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. In our emptiness 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 (MOW)

The Prayer of Jesus

DEACON DORI

As we pray the Prayer Jesus taught, please turn to the camera, joining our hearts as one as we pray...

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

Lamb of God (MOW)

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

DEACON DORI

As we strive to become this living sacrament, 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.

DEACON DORI

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

(remind about gluten-free hosts)

Communion Song **Fly Like A Bird (R; V1; R; V2; R)**

Prayer after Communion

DEACON DORI

Please stand as you are able. Let us pray....

REV. JANE

Christ within 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

reconciliation among us and our planet becomes reality: when our swords are melted into plowshares and "…no hurt or harm be done anywhere along the Holy Mountain."

All: Amen

Concluding Rite and Dismissal

DEACON DORI

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

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

REV. JANE

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.**

The Sending Forth

DEACON DORI



Go now out into the world being and seeing and being Christ everywhere you go.

All: Thanks be to God.

Closing Song **We Are The Light** **(R; V1; R; V3; R; V3; R)**