**Mary of Magdala, ECC –- July 19, 2026**

**Celebrating the Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time and**

**The Feast of Mary of Magdala –Together Wherever We Are**

**Presider and Homilist: Mother Rosean Amaral**

**Welcome and Announcements:** *Lector Artie Bavoso*

**Entrance** **A Rightful Place (R; V1; R; V2; R)**

## Greeting

Let us continue as one expression of God's people, in the name of Amma/Abba God, our brother Jesus, and the Holy Spirit Sophia.

**All: Amen**

May the grace of Jesus Christ, the Love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**All: And also with you.**

**Mother Rosean welcomes…AD Lib**

Let us remember our connectedness to God…

## PENITENTIAL RITE

O God, may we see your feminine face in our female ancestors and in all women.

**All: May we open our hearts, like Mary of Magdala to the Risen Christ.**



Jesus the Christ, may we see the divine reality in the person of a woman especially in women who are called to serve you.

**All: May we, like Mary of Magdala, proclaim the Good News with courage.**

Holy Spirit, may we trust you moving with us, in us, and through us, leading us to guidance, courage, healing and empowerment.

**All: Spirit Sophia moves through our humanity and our divinity.**

God of Love, grant us your forgiveness and let your Spirit guide

us to everlasting life.

**All: Amen**

## Gloria **Glory To God** *(MoMM)*

## Opening Prayer

Let us pray…

God of the garden,

Womb of new life,

Breath that stirs creation into being,

You meet us in places of loss

and call us by name.

When we are bent down by grief,

when hope feels distant,

when we are tired,

when the world trembles with fear—

You are there.

Calling us into life.

Calling us into joy.

Give us the faith and courage of Mary of Magdala,

to remain near the tomb,

to recognize you in unexpected places,

and to proclaim, even when the world is not ready,

that love is stronger than death.

We ask this in Jesus' name,

**All: Amen** (Future Church)

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

## Liturgy of the Word

**First Reading** *God Blesses You,* by Anonymous. *Lector Artie Bavoso*

Dear ones,

God blesses you, reminding you that you are made of stardust and so are filled with light,

held in the light, held in love.



A love that cannot be taken from you, and that sees you, and knows you, in the fullness of who you are now, as you have been, and as you yet will be.

Every part of you is seen, and known, and loved

In the wholeness of this universe.

In the midst of this life filled with so much loss, struggle, and grief, may you never forget this love that holds you and sees you, and holds every part of you needing blessing right now -- your hardest grief, your deepest questions, your widest worry, your greatest blessing.

May you remember your strength, your courage, your creativity, your wisdom, and your joy. A joy that cannot be taken from you. A joy that is yours.

And in this, may you always know, you are never alone. You are held always, in love. A love that is yours.

A love that you were made by, and made for, whatever comes your way. Trust in this love.

Words inspired by God.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm** **This Is The Day (R; V2; R; V3; R; V4; R)**

**Gospel Acclamation** *(MoMM v3)*

**Gospel** John 20: 1-18, and the Gospel of Mary of Magdala -- Mother Rosean

May the Love of the Risen Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

A Proclamation of the Holy Gospels attributed to John and to Mary of Magdala

**All: Glory to You, O God.**

On the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning, while it was still dark, and saw the stone removed from the tomb.

So she ran and went to Simon Peter and to the other disciple and told them, “They have taken the Rabbi from the tomb, and we don’t know where they put him.”

So Peter and the other disciple went out to the tomb.

They both ran, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter and arrived at the tomb first, bent down and saw the burial cloths there, but did not go in.

When Simon Peter arrived after, he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered Jesus’ head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place.



Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and saw and believed.

For they did not yet understand the scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.

Then the disciples returned home.

But Mary stayed outside the tomb weeping.

And as she wept, she bent over into the tomb and saw two angels in white sitting there, one at the head and one at the feet where the body of Jesus had been.

And they said to her, “Why are you weeping?”

She said to them, “They have taken my Rabbi, and I don’t know where they laid him.”

When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus there, but did not know it was Jesus.

Jesus said to her, “Why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?”

She thought it was the gardener and said, “Please, if you carried Jesus away, tell me where you laid him, and I will take him.”

Jesus said to her, “Mary!”

She turned and said in Hebrew, “Rabbouni!,” which means my Teacher.

Jesus said to her, “Stop holding on to me, for I have not yet ascended to God.

But go to the sisters and brothers and tell them, ‘I am going to my Amma/Abba God and your Amma/Abba God.’”



Mary of Magdala went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Teacher,” and what the Savior told her.

## **A reading from the Gospel of Mary of Magdala**.

Jesus spoke, “Sisters and Brothers,

Go then and preach the gospel of the kindom.”

When the Blessed One said this, he left.

The students were grieved.

They wept profoundly, saying,

“How can we go to the gentiles and preach

the gospel of the kindom of the son of man?

If they did not spare him, will we be spared?”

Then Mary of Magdala stood up, greeted them all,

and said to her brothers,

“Do not weep and do not grieve or be irresolute,

for his grace will be fully with you and will protect you.

Rather, let us praise his greatness.



He prepared us and made us truly human."

When Mary said this,

she turned their hearts to the good,

and they began to discuss the words of the savior.

Peter said to Mary,

"Sister, we know that the savior loved you

more than other women.

Tell us the words of the savior that you remember,

which you know and we do not. We have not heard them."

Mary answered, saying,

"What is hidden from you I will reveal to you."

The Good News of Jesus, our Christ.

**All: Praise to you Jesus, our Christ.**

## Homily – Mother Rosean

Let us bring forth our prayers for all of creation…

## Prayers of the People *Lector Matt Chavez*



**Our response is: Loving God, receive our prayers.**

For the members of Mary of Magdala ECC as we celebrate our patron saint, that they may continue to raise their voices in support of inclusive, just, and loving programs and services as her legacy, we pray,

**Response: Loving God, receive our prayers.**

For global communities who seek to bring peace, equality, and justice to their community that they may empower the people they work with to expand these truths**,** we pray**,**

**Response**: **Loving God, receive our prayers.**

For the people affected by the wildfires—firefighters, first responders, and home-owners, that they may remain safe as they contain the fires and protect the people and land, and that needed supplies and resources are made available, we pray,

**Response: Loving God, receive our prayers.**

The prayers from the sanctuary are....we pray,

**Response: Loving God, receive our prayers.**

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

**Response: Loving God receive our prayers.**



And for all those on our prayer lists and the prayers we hold sacred in our hearts, we pray,

**Response: Loving God, receive our prayers**

Brother Jesus, may the prayers of your people reach your gentle and humble heart and may you lift the burdens of your children who suffer here on earth. We pray,

**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 within you all.

**All: And also within you.**

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

## LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

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. Please continue to give as you are able.



Let us sing together…

## Offertory Song. **Alleluia Love Is Alive (V1; R; V3; R)**

## Preparation of the Gifts **(During Offertory Song)**

Blessed are You, Loving God of all Creation, through Your goodness we have this bread to place on Your table. Work of earth and human hands. May it become our spiritual food.

**All: Blessed be God forever**

Blessed are You, Loving God of all Creation, through Your goodness we have this wine to place on Your table. Work of earth and human hands. May it become our spiritual drink.

**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.

Wash away my iniquity, cleanse me.

## Prayer over the Gifts

Pray my siblings in Christ, that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God, our Mother and Father.



**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.**

## Eucharistic Prayer *(From Women's Ordination Conference and Dr. Bridget Mary Meehan, Roman Catholic Women Priest)*

May the Risen Christ live within you**. All: And also within you.**

Let us open up our hearts. **All: We open them up to God.**

Let us give thanks to our loving God**.**

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

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,

to glorify you in all things, Creator God, whose mercy is not less than your power,

through Christ our brother.

Jesus appeared in the garden and revealed himself to Mary of Magdala, who had loved him in life, witnessed him dying on the Cross, sought him as he lay in the tomb,

and was the first to adore him, newly risen from the dead.

He honored her with the office of being an Apostle to the Apostles,

so that the good news of new life might reach the ends of the earth.

And so, God, with all the Angels and Saints,

we, too, give you thanks, as in exultatio**n** we acclaim:



**Holy, Holy, Holy** *(MoMM)*

O Heart of Love, Your Spirit moved through Mary of Magdala as she taught us that we are unified and undivided in continuous communion with you. Your Spirit moves through the love within us, expanding out in widening circles to embrace all people and creation in our evolving universe. Pour out Your Spirit anew to rest upon this bread and wine that it may become for us the + Body and Blood of Jesus, the Christ, and that we may become more deeply the Christ Presence in our world.

On the night before he was killed, Jesus sat with all those he loved. He took the bread, blessed and broke it, saying,

**All: Take this, all of you, and eat it: this is my body which will be given up for you.**

After supper, Jesus poured a cup of wine and shared it with all, saying,

**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. (sung)

**Memorial Acclamation** *(MoMM) When We Eat*



Embracing Presence, we remember all the companions who have gone before us: Mary, Mother of Jesus, Mary of Magdala and all the holy men and women who are rising up in loving service to heal our world. We pause now to remember our personal communion of saints.

(pause)

And so, Creator most holy, as we eat and drink, bind us closer together as a community of love, courageous in seeking justice and humble in our service. When our pilgrimage on earth is complete, welcome us into your heavenly home, where we shall dwell with you forever.

Together now we say…

**All: For it is through living as Jesus lived, and loving as he loved, that we awaken to Your Spirit empowering us to work for justice and equality for all citizens in our country and for the life of your planet Earth.**

**Amen** *(MoMM)*

## The Prayer of Jesus

Please turn toward our siblings at home and let us pray in the words Jesus taught us…



**All: Amma/Abba God, who are 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 and the power and the glory are Yours now and forever.**

**Amen**

## THE SHARED TABLE

### Lamb of God *(MoMM)*

This is Jesus, our brother, who called women and men to be partners and equals, and who liberates, heals and transforms us and our world. Happy 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 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.**

An open invitation awaits all of you at this table where Jesus Christ is the host. An invitation to be fed and to be loved without measure. Each one of you is a precious child of God. All are invited to partake of this sacred banquet of love.

Invite the cup ministers up. (need 2)

**(gluten free in center, red wine and white grape juice in the metal cups)**

## Communion Song **Christ In Me Arise. (R; V1; R; V2; R)**

## Meditation **The Ballad of Mary Magdalene**

## Prayer after Communion

Let us pray…

Thank You, Creator God, for touching us again with Your life through bread and wine;

For joining our lives with Yours through Jesus;

And for renewing resurrection in our hearts through your Holy Spirit and Saint Mary of Magdala.

In Jesus' name we pray. (https://sacredise.com/)

**All: Amen**



## Blessing

May the love of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Let us open our hearts and ask for God's blessing…

May you have the courage of Mary of Magdala to proclaim hope and joy even when others doubt you; to remain faithful when the path is difficult; and to use your voice with confidence and love. May we each continue the work of building a church and creating a world where every person's gifts are welcomed, every calling is nurtured, and every voice can help proclaim the joy of the Resurrection. *(Bridget Mary Meehan, Roman Catholic Women Priests)*

We ask for this blessing now in the name of Amma/Abba God, our brother Jesus, and the Holy Spirit Sophia.

**All: Amen**

## Dismissal

Go out into the world, proclaiming in word and action



that love is alive, that justice is rising,

and that resurrection is already unfolding.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## Closing Song **With One Voice** *(V1; R; V2; R*