



**Mary of Magdala, ECC— July 12, 2026**

**Celebrating 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time — All Together Everywhere**

**Presider and Homilist: Reverend Jane Reina**

**Welcome and Announcements**    *Lector Deb Klein*

**Social Justice Reflection**            *Tom Moos*

**Entrance Song**        **Now Is The Time To Worship (V1; V2; B; V1; V2)**

**Greeting**    *Rev. Jane Reina*

Welcome to the 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time. Jesus words and thoughts are indeed beyond our own and yet they echo today. Our faith across 2000 years can give us hope!

Again, I invite everyone here and at home to sit, try to relax, take a deep breath, maybe two, drop your shoulders and try to release the stress we all hold in our bodies. Relax into the warmth of God, a God who holds us in infinite and unconditional love, truly a mystery. Let us open ourselves to God's call which we may hear in today's scripture and homily.

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

**Penitential Rite**

In humble gratitude for God's never-ending, cherishing 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 within our own hearts.**

Rev. Jane: We turn back to you, O God, when we confine You within our human mindset and deny that you are the Ultimate Unfolding Process within us. **All: We thank you, O Ancient One, for calling us your own.**

We turn back to you, O Christ, when we forget that You are our consciousness shining in all creation as the Kin-dom of God. **All: We thank you, O Christ, for being All in All.**

We turn back to you, Holy Spirit, when we forget that hope strengthens us during times of challenge. **All: We thank you, Holy Spirit, for strengthening our resolve to follow the Way as the Way of Hope.**

**Gloria** Glory To God (MOD)

## **Opening Prayer**

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



Let us pray: As we gather here today, may we hear as the Spirit guides us to hear. May we be aware of those whose needs are great at this moment and reach out in body as well as mind and heart. May we draw strength from each other and may we know in our bodies that love surrounds us.

**All: Amen.**

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please be seated as we are presented with the inspired Word of God.

**First Reading**    **Isaiah 55: 6-13**    *Lector Deb Klein*

Prophet says to the people:

“Seek God while God can be found.

Call upon God Who is near.

Let evil doers forsake their ways,

and those who seek violence abandon their thoughts.

Let them turn to God and find compassion,

to the One Who generously forgives.”

God says to the Prophet:

“For My thoughts are not your thoughts,

nor are your ways My ways.”



“As the cosmos extends vastly beyond Earth,  
so are My ways beyond your ways,  
My thoughts beyond your thoughts.  
“Yet as the rain and the snow come down from above  
and do not return before watering the earth,  
making it fertile and fruitful,  
yielding seed for the sower and bread for the hungry,  
So shall My word be that goes out from My mouth:  
It will not return to Me empty.  
but will accomplish what I desire.  
achieving what I sent it to do.”

Prophet says to the people:  
“Yes, in joy you shall go forth.  
In peace, you shall be brought home.”

The Word of an Isaian prophet.

**All: Thanks be to God.**



**Responsorial Psalm** Isaiah 43

*Lector Deb Klein,*

**Our Response is: Do not fear, I am with you.**

But now, says God,

“the One Who created you and formed you:

Do not fear, for I have set you free.

I have called you by name. You are Mine.

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;

through the rivers, you shall not be overwhelmed.

When you walk through fire you shall not be burned,

flames will not consume you.”

**Response: Do not fear, I am with you.**

“For I, the holy One, am Your God.

You are precious in My sight, and honored, and I love you.

Fear not for I am with you.

I will gather unto Myself all children from the east,

and those from the west I will hold in My arms.

I will say to the north, 'Send me My own!'

and to the south, 'Do not hold them back!'

Bring back my sons from far away,



My daughters from the ends of the earth!”

**Response: Do not fear, I am with you.**

“All who are called by My name,

I created in glory and splendor,

I formed them and made them.

I love you. I have called you by name. You are Mine.”

**Response: Do not fear, I am with you.**

**Second Reading   Romans 8:19-25    *Lector Pedro Engel***

(adapted from *The Message* by Eugene Peterson)

The whole, holy creation waits in eager longing for the next thing to come. All around us we observe a pregnant creation. Creation is becoming. It was made that way—an unfolding process. We are on a journey, destined to be brought into the freedom at the heart of God.

The pain throughout the world is the groaning of birth pangs. And it's not only in the creation around us. It's within us. We ourselves groan inwardly as we wait



adoption, the redemption of our bodies. The Spirit stirs within us, awakening us to yet unseen possibilities. For it is hope that delivers us and sets us free.

Now hope that is seen is not hope.

For who hopes for what they already have?

But if we hope for what we do

not yet have, we persevere with patience. And the

waiting does not diminish us, any more than waiting

diminishes a pregnant woman. We are enlarged in the

waiting. The longer we wait, the larger we become, and

the more joyful our expectancy.

Listen to the Spirit speaking to God's people.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation. (Alleluia; V1)**

**Gospel**

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



A Proclamation of the Gospel attributed to Matthew 12:22-37

**All: Glory to you O God.**

Then some people brought to Jesus a demoniac who was blind and mute. He cured the mute person to both speak and see.

The crowd was astounded, and said, “Could this be the heir of David and Bathsheba?” When the Pharisees heard this, they said, “This one drives out demons by the power of Beelzebul, the prince of demons.”

Jesus knew what they were thinking and said to them, “Every kindom or nation divided against itself will be laid waste. No town or house divided against itself will stand. If Satan drives out Satan, Satan is divided against Satan’s own self. How, then, will such a kindom stand? And if I drive out demons by Beelzebul, by whom do you and your people drive them out? Therefore, they will be your judges. But if it’s by the Spirit of God that I drive out demons, then the reign of God, the *kin-dom* of God, has come upon you.



“How can anyone enter a strong person’s house and steal their property, without first tying up the strong person?

Only then can the intruder plunder the house.

“Whoever is not with me is against me. Whoever does not gather with me, scatters. Therefore, I say to you, every sin and blasphemy will be forgiven; but blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven. Whoever speaks a word against the Chosen One, will be forgiven; but whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven, in this age or in the age to come.

“Either make the tree good and its fruit good or make the tree rotten and its fruit rotten; for a tree is known by its fruit.

“You brood of vipers! How can you say good things when you are evil? For out of the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks. A good person brings good things out of good treasure; but an evil person brings evil things out of evil treasure. I tell you, on the day of judgment people will have to account for every careless word they speak. By your words you will be acquitted, and by your words



you will be condemned.”

The Good News of Jesus our Christ.

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

**Homily:** *Rev. Jane Reina*

## **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.**

*A Profession of Faith, from Christogenesis*

**Prayers of the People**      *Lector. Pedro Engel*

*Lector: It always feels right to me that the lector should introduce with a prayer. The lector’s praying is as good as mine, maybe better.*



**May our plea to God transform us into the Love and Peace that heals what is open to healing.**

**Our response is: Loving God, unite us in your Love.**

We lift up all summer travelers that they may travel safely, enjoy leisure time, and be renewed in body and spirit, we pray,

**Response; Loving God, unite us in your Love.**

We lift up all the firefighters, first responders and the people living close to fires that they may be blessed and be safe as they work to control the fires and preserve the landscapes, homes, and cities, we pray,

**Response: Loving God, unite us in your Love.**

We lift up all clergy, especially our 301 Faith Partners, that they may be blessed with enough rest and clear vision as they continue to serve God in their communities and let their blessings flow to the world, we pray,

**Response: Loving God, unite us in your Love.**

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

**Response: Loving God, unite us in your Love.**

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

**Response: Loving God, unite us in your Love.**

And for all the prayers we hold sacred in our hearts, we pray,

**Response: Loving God unite us in your Love.**



*Rev. Jane* O Holy Mystery, hear our prayers joined with all the prayers world-wide for peace. Help us awaken to your call to care for all creation through the nonviolent Jesus.

**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 expressed within and through you.

**All: And also within and through 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 Open My Eyes (V1; V2; V3; B; V4)**



## **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 Foundation of our 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 these, our gifts, may be acceptable to God.

**All: May God accept our gifts 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 soften our hearts.

**All: We have softened and opened them 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 the Mystery that is 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 individual unique gifts and our communal gifts. The Spirit of Jesus calls us to a deeper reality that can overwhelm us with the grief of violence even as it overwhelms us with the beauty of creation. This is a paradox of the Cross. Therefore, we gladly join our voices praising you with the entire cosmos, the whole of creation:

**Holy**        *MOD*

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 wheat, grapes, and water from our 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    Save Us Savior    MOD**

God of Compassion and Peace, through Jesus our Christ you have entrusted us with this Passover meal, your pledge of Faithfulness and 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 grasping pattern of this passing world, and conform us to the abundant pattern of Christ.

Remember, O Holy Mystery, all those who have died. *Pause to recollect 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 MOD**

## **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 while the Eucharistic ministers break the bread**

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 power and vulnerability, of community and individuality, of pain and joy, 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. Coming to this table, or your table at home, Christ calls us to a deeper kinship than we can imagine. Come to the table, join in this feast, the feast of everlasting love.

**Communion Song    I Will Choose Christ. (R; V1; R; V2; R)**

### **Prayer after Communion**

If you are able, please stand. Let us pray. . .Loving and generous God, we thank you for gathering us at your tables as the Body of Christ. May we remain hopeful that your compassion, deep within us, shines within our world. Nudge us to share our gifts with all of life: to serve this Earth planet and all that populates it, helping to heal and reconcile all of us back into unity. We humbly accept you as the gift that nourishes us on our journey.

**All: Amen**

### **Blessing and Dismissal**

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



May God bless us with wisdom and courage to be led by the Holy Spirit in truth and in compassion.

In the name of the Sacred Un-nameable, the Eternal Christ, and the Wisdom Spirit, Sophia.

**All: Amen**

Let us go as active followers of The Way.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Closing Song     Can We Love.   (R; V1; R; V2; R; V3; R)**