



Mary of Magdala, ECC – July 13, 2025

**Celebrating the 15th Sunday of Ordinary Time—Together Wherever We
Are**

Mother Rosean Amaral Presiding

Welcome and Announcements

Lector Lynne Barnes

Social Justice Reflection

Mary Vogl

Entrance Song

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

Greeting

Let us continue as one expression of God's people in the name of Creator God, the Risen Son, and the Holy Spirit. **All: Amen**

May the love of God, the peace of our brother Jesus, and the communion and friendship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **All: And also with you.**

Mother Rosean Welcomes. Ad Lib

Let us turn to God with humble hearts...

Penitential Rite

God of mercy, We pray that you would open our eyes to see people's deepest needs, and move our hands to comfort them. God, thank you for your mercy.

All: God, thank you for your mercy.

Christ of compassion,



We pray that you would touch our hearts to bring warmth to the despairing, and welcome strangers generously. Christ, thank you for your compassion.

All: Christ, thank you for your compassion.

Spirit of wisdom,

We pray that you would teach us to share our possessions with those in need, and offer care to all who need our love. Spirit, thank you for your wisdom.

All: Spirit, thank you for your wisdom.

(Inspired by a prayer of Canan Banana, Methodist minister and 1st President of Zimbabwe)

The Creator of all has granted us mercy, has forgiven our failings, and will bring us to life everlasting. **All: Amen.**

And now let us lift our voices in joyful praise to our God!

Glory to God MOJH

Opening Prayer

Let us pray...

God of love, give us a deep love for you, so that we can see the world as you see it, feel the compassion you feel, and be a people whose lives radiate your love to others.

Grant us the insight to see the need in our siblings in Christ, the wisdom to know what to



do, and the will to do it. In Jesus' name we pray,

All: Amen

Liturgy of the Word

Let us listen to the Word of God in our midst.

First Reading: A Reading from the Book of Deuteronomy 26:1-2 (abridged), 4-8, 9c,

10acd-11; 30:10-14 *Lector Lynne Barnes*

When you come into the land, take some first fruits of your harvest and place them in a basket. Then go to God's dwelling place. The priest will take the basket and place it in front of God's altar.

Then, declare in the presence of your God, "My ancestors were Aramean refugees who went down to Egypt with a small household and lived there as resident aliens. There, they became a great nation, strong and numerous. When the Egyptian ruling class maltreated, oppressed, and enslaved us, imposing harsh servitude upon us, we cried to God, the God of our ancestors. God heard our cry and saw our affliction, our toil and our oppression. God then brought us out of Egypt with a strong hand and outstretched arm, with terrifying power, with signs and wonders. God brought us to a land flowing with milk and honey. Now, therefore, I have brought the first fruits of the products of the soil."



You shall set your offering before God and bow down before God. Then, you and your household, together with the Levite and the resident aliens who live among you, shall celebrate with all these good things which God has given you.

Listen to the voice of God. Keep the commandments that I give you today, the commandments and decrees that are written in this Book of the Law. Turn to God with your whole heart and your whole being.

For the Law that I am commanding you today is not too difficult for you or beyond your reach. It is not up in heaven, so that you have to ask, “Who will ascend into heaven to get it and proclaim it to us so we may follow it?” Nor is it beyond the sea, so that you have to ask, “Who will cross the sea to get it and proclaim it to us so we may follow it?” No, the word is very near you. It is in your mouth, and in your heart, so you may follow it.

The Word of a Priestly Writer.

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm 15

Lector Lynne Barnes

Our response is: Speak to us, O God.

Who may abide in Your tent, O God?

Who may dwell on Your holy mountain?



God speaks:

Those who walk in integrity, and do what is right;

those who speak truth from the heart;

Those who do not use the tongue for slander,

and do not wrong others;

Those who never defame a neighbor.

Response: Speak to us, O God.

Who may abide in Your tent, O God?

Who may dwell on Your holy mountain?

God speaks:

Whoever despises evil,

and honors those who honor God;

Whoever keeps their word,

even if it does not benefit them;

Whoever lends money at no interest;

and accepts no bribe against the innocent.

All who do these things shall never be shaken.

Response: Speak to us, O God.

Second Reading: An Excerpt from One Candle Lighting Many, by Mark Nepo, from

surviving storms.

Lector Jim Berry

A revealing quote attributed to Buddha reads, “Thousands of candles can be lighted from a single candle, and the life of the candle will not be shortened.” this image affirms that

when we give from our center, our ability to give is endless. And so, the mystery of true



kindness is that when we give from the depth of our care, we are not diminished but enlivened. . . .

We all take turns being hard and giving. And knowing that our gifts are lent to us and can change everything. For being a carrier of light can be enlivening, while seeing ourselves as a source of light can be exhausting. As for me, I still believe that the human flower breaks ground regardless of the storm because we are meant to give one more time than take. I have found through the years that the joy is in the work, the process, in the expression of our care. And we can't pretend, regardless of our cynicism or hope, that we know the outcome. For the process is our teacher.

We have only to look to nature for our model. for as spring happens every year because of the miracle of pollination, kindness pollinates humanity. and each gesture entered with the full presence of an open heart stitches another rip in the Living Universe. Wisdom is woven from our shared humanity, one giving thread at a time.

Words Inspired by the Spirit.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia MOJH



Gospel

May the Love of God be with you. **All: And also with you.**

A Proclamation of the Holy Gospel attributed to Luke. (10: 25-37.)

All: Glory to you, O God.

An expert on the Law stood up to put Jesus to the test, saying, “Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” Jesus replied, “What is written in the law? How do you read it?” The expert on the Law replied, paraphrasing Torah, “You must love your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind...and your neighbor as yourself.” Jesus said, “You have answered correctly. Do this and you will live.”

The lawyer pressed on, anxious to justify the initial question: “And who is my neighbor?” Jesus replied, “There was a traveler going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, who fell prey to robbers. The traveler was beaten, stripped naked, and left half-dead. A priest happened to be going down the same road. The priest saw the traveler lying wounded beside the road, but passed by on the other side. Likewise, there was a Levite who came the same way. The Levite also saw the afflicted traveler. The Levite also passed by on the other side.

“But a Samaritan, who was taking the same road, came upon the traveler. Filled with compassion, the Samaritan approached the suffering person and dressed the wounds,



pouring oil and wine on them. Then the Samaritan put the wounded person on a donkey, went directly to an inn and, there, nursed the traveler even more.

“The next day, the Samaritan took out two silver pieces and gave them to the innkeeper with the request, ‘Look after my friend; and if there is any further expense, I will repay you on the way back.’”

Then Jesus posed the question: “Which of these three, in your opinion, was the neighbor to the traveler who fell in with the robbers?” The answer came: “The one who showed compassion.” Jesus replied, “Then go, and do likewise.”

The Good News of Jesus our Christ.

All: Praise to You, Jesus our Christ

Homily Mother Rosean

Prayers of the People

Let us bring forth our prayers for all of Creation...

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



For the 301 Faith Partners, all churches and faith traditions that they may use the muscles of hope and love to be places of restorative action in this time of uncertainty, we pray, **All: Loving God, receive our prayers.**

For all firefighters, rescuers, and emergency personnel that they may be safe as they do their jobs responding to the natural disasters of fires, floods, and hurricanes, we pray, **All: Loving God, receive our prayers.**

For the people who grieve the loss of loved ones in recent floods and fires, especially in Texas, that they may be comforted as they begin to rebuild their lives, houses, communities, we pray, **All: Loving God, receive our prayers.**

The prayers from the sanctuary are: ...we pray, **All: Loving God, receive our prayers.**

Are there prayers from our members on zoom?we pray, **All: Loving God, receive our prayers.**

And for all the people on our prayer list and those we hold in our hearts we pray, **All: Loving God, receive our prayers.**

Loving God, we pray for those who suffer atrocities because of war or oppressive governments. We pray for those we might cross the road to avoid. Those who have been excluded socially because of their race, their financial status, or their sexual orientation.

May the dignity that is theirs be restored to them.



In Jesus' Name,

All: Amen

The Peace

Celebrating God's endless faithfulness, may the peace of Christ be with you always. **All:**

And also with you.

Let us share with one another a sign of Christ's peace, first with our siblings at home and then here in the sanctuary.

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...

Procession of the Gifts

Offertory Song **Open My Eyes. (V1; V2; V3; B; V4)**

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 of my sin.

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 your hands for the praise and glory of God's name for our good and the good of all God's creation.

Eucharistic Prayer

The Risen Christ is with you. **All: And also with 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 to give you thanks, Merciful and faithful God,

It is fitting that we offer you praise. You sent Jesus Christ your Son among us as our redeemer. He was moved with compassion for the poor and the powerless, for the sick and



the sinner. He made himself neighbor to the oppressed. By his words and actions he proclaimed to the world that you care for us as a parent for her children. And so, with all the angels and saints,

We sing the joyful hymn of your praise:

Holy, Holy, Holy MOJH

We bless you, God of holiness:

You accompany us with love as we journey through life. Blessed too is your Son, Jesus Christ, who is present among us and whose love gathers us together. As once he did for his disciples,

Christ now opens the scriptures for us and breaks the bread. Great and merciful God, we ask you:

Send down your Holy Spirit to hallow these gifts of bread and wine,
that they may become for us the Body + and Blood of Jesus, the Christ.

On the eve of his passion and death, when at table with those he loved He took bread and gave you thanks: he broke the bread, gave it to all, 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 all, he said:

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.

Memorial Acclamation MOJH

And so, Creator most holy, We celebrate the memory of Christ, your Son,
whom you led through suffering and death on the cross to the glory of the resurrection and
a place at your right hand. We proclaim the work of your love, and we offer you the bread
of life and the cup of eternal blessing.

Look with favor on the offering of your Church in which we show forth the paschal
sacrifice of Christ entrusted to us. Through the power of your Spirit of love include us now
and for ever among the members of your Son, whose body and blood we share. Loving
God, perfect your Church in faith and love together with Leo, a sign of the worldwide
Catholic tradition, Kae and Pablo our Bishops, and all those your Son has gained for you.
Open our eyes to the needs of all; inspire us with words and deeds
to comfort those who labor and are burdened; keep our service of others
faithful to the example and command of Christ. Let your Church be a living witness to
truth and freedom, to justice and peace, that all people may be lifted up by the hope of a



world made new. Be mindful of our siblings who have fallen asleep in the peace of Christ, and all the dead whose faith only you can know. Lead them to the fullness of the resurrection and gladden them with the light of your face.

When our pilgrimage on earth is complete, welcome us into your heavenly home, where we shall dwell with you forever. There, with Mary, the Mother of God, With the apostles, the martyrs, and all the saints, we shall praise you and give you glory through Jesus Christ your Son.

Together now, we say...

All: Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, self-emptying, life- giving God, Forever and ever.

AMEN

MOHJ

The Prayer of Jesus

Let us turn to the camera and pray with the words that 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 (sung) MOJH

This is the Living God, the Body and Blood of Christ. This is the one who transforms the 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 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 welcome, no exceptions.

(gluten free hosts in center. Wine and grape juice in the metal cups is available)

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



Prayer after Communion:

Let us pray...

Thank You, Brother Jesus, for this meal of remembrance. May the love we find at this table be reflected in our lives. Let us not cross the road from human need. And may we, like the Good Samaritan, always 'go and do likewise'.

For Jesus' sake,

All: Amen

Blessing for Dori Healy and Jim Berry

All: Gracious and Loving God, we raise our hands, hearts, and voices to bless Dori and Jim as they continue the journey of discernment toward doing service ministry through ordination. Enliven them with clarity of vision and insight, embrace them with grace and compassion, guide them to truth and willingness to accept what unfolds for them. May they each receive the flow of grace from our hands to their hearts and souls. May it be so.

Concluding Rite and Dismissal

The Love of God be with you. **All: And also with you.**

Let us

open our hearts to receive God's blessing...

Lord Jesus, who was neighbor to all, Bless us to persevere in love.

Bless us to restore dignity to the suffering. Bless us to build a society based *not* on



exclusion, but on community. May we receive these blessings now, In the name of Amma/Abba God, our brother Jesus, and the Holy Spirit Sophia.

All: Amen.

Dismissal

Go now into the world,
inspired by the extravagant love of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Closing Song Can We Love (R; V1; R; V2; V3; V4; R)