



Mary of Magdala, ECC – May 15, 2022

Celebrating the 5th Sunday of Easter- Together Wherever We Are Father Michael Nicosia Presiding

Welcome and Announcements: Social Justice Reflection

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Entrance Song At the Name

1. You took upon yourself
our cruel and heavy cross.
You conquered death itself to ransom all the lost,
humbled yourself before a world of sin.

Refrain

That at the name every knee should bow,
every tongue confess
you are Lord;
and at the name every heart should sing,
every tongue confess
you are Lord, you are Lord, you are Lord.

2. You split the night in two;

one bright and holy day,
and with the mighty truth
you rolled the stone away.
You are exalted by the Light of Love.

Bridge

Oh, you were lifted high.
You were the sacrifice:
the death that saved our lives!
Oh, you are lifted high.
You are the sacrifice:
the love that saves our lives!

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Greeting

In the name of the Father, ✠ and of the Son, and of
the Holy Spirit. **All: Amen.**

The grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and
the love of God, and the communion of the Holy
Spirit be with you all.
All: And also with you

Penitential Rite

As we prepare to celebrate the Sacrament that
unites us, we pray: God of Solidarity, for the
times we have been so self-absorbed
that we have separated ourselves from others,
have mercy on us.

All: Have mercy on us.

God of the Prophets, for the times we are made
aware of an injustice but are too timid to
speak, have mercy on us.

All: Have mercy on us.

God of Resurrection, for the times we have let
certainty shut the door to your doing something
new, have mercy on us.

All: Have mercy on us.

May the God of challenge have mercy on us, ✠
forgive us our sins, and bring us to the life that is
only abundant when all are included in the
blessing.

All: Amen



In response to God's inclusive invitation, united we sing

Gloria: Glory to God – *Mass of Mary Magdalene*

Refrain
Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to all people here on earth.

1. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you,
we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great
glory,

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Opening Prayer

Let us pray in confident hope and Easter joy

Loving Embrace, you gather all things to yourself in
the Resurrected Life of Jesus, your Son.

He is present wherever your word is proclaimed,
his bread is broken, and his love is mirrored.

Affirm our testimony of that presence until he comes
in glory. Until then we praise you through him in the
Holy Spirit now and forever.

All: Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Let us listen to the Good News and the message of the healing power of Jesus, our Christ.

First Reading: Acts 14:21-27

Lector Cathy Engel

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

After Paul and Barnabas had proclaimed the
good news to the city of Derbe and made a
considerable number of disciples, they returned
to Lystra, Iconium, and Antioch. In each place,
they strengthened the spirits of the disciples and
exhorted them to persevere in the faith, saying,
“It is necessary for us to undergo many hardships
to enter the reign of God.”

They appointed presbyters (vocations) for them
in each church and, with prayer and fasting,
commended them to God in whom they had put
their faith.

Then, they traveled through Pisidia and reached
Pamphylia. After proclaiming the word at Perga
they went down to Attalia. From there they
sailed back to Antioch where they had been
commended to the grace of God for the work
they had now accomplished.

When they arrived, they called the church
together and related all that God had done with
them, and how God had opened a door of faith
for the Gentiles. Paul and Barnabas stayed there
with the disciples for some time.

The Word of God.

All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm - Isaiah 56. 1, 4-8

Lector Cathy Engel



The response is: My house shall be a house of prayer for all. **All: My house shall be a house of prayer for all.**

This is a word from God: "Make fair judgment your concern. Guard the common good. Do what is right. For soon all will be set right. My justice is coming."

Response: My house shall be a house of prayer for all.

Do not let the foreigner who would follow God say, "God will surely exclude me from the chosen people." Do not let the eunuch say, "I am just a dry tree."

Response: My house shall be a house of prayer for all.

For this is God's word: "I will give to all who choose the things that please Me, a monument and a name, in my house and within my walls. It will be better than offspring, children to carry on one's name. I will give them an everlasting name

that shall not be cut off."

Response: My house shall be a house of prayer for all.

And this is God's word to the foreigners who join themselves to God in order to do the work of God, and to love the name of God, and to be servants of God: "All these are welcome. Make them joyful in my house of prayer! For my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples."

Response: My house shall be a house of prayer for all.

This is what God says, the One who gathers the outcasts of Israel: "I will gather others to them besides those already gathered."

Response: My house shall be a house of prayer for all.

Second Reading: Revelation 21. 1-6 *Lector Pedro Engels*

A reading from the Book of Revelation.

Then I saw new heavens and a new earth. The first heavens, and the first earth, had passed away. The sea was no more.

I saw the holy city, a new Jerusalem, coming down out of the skies, adorned as a couple ready for their wedding day. I heard a loud voice calling: "See, the home of God is among human beings. God will dwell among them. They shall be God's people, God will be with them, Immanuel! God will wipe away every tear from their eyes. Death will

be no more. Mourning and sadness and pain will be no more. The old order, the world of the past is gone."

Then the Holy One said, "See I am making all things new. Write this down, for these words are sure and true: It is completed! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To all who are thirsty, I will give water from the well-spring of life as a gift.

The Word of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation *Mass of Mary Magdalene*

Refrain:

Alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia.

Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life;
You have the words of everlasting life.

Refrain



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Gospel Reading: John 21:1-14

Our God be with you.

A Proclamation of the Gospel of John

All: And also with you.

All: Glory to You, O God.

The risen Christ appeared to the disciples, this time at the Sea of Tiberias (also known as the Sea of Galilee). This is what happened: Simon Peter, Thomas (nicknamed "Twin"), Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the brothers Zebedee, and two other disciples were together. Simon Peter announced, "I'm going fishing." The rest of them replied, "We're going with you." They went out and got in the boat. They caught nothing that night.

When the sun came up, Jesus was standing on the beach, but they didn't recognize him. Jesus spoke to them: "Good morning! Did you catch anything for breakfast?" They answered, "No." He said, "Throw the net off the right side of the boat and see what happens." They did what he said. All of a sudden there were so many fish in it, the disciples weren't strong enough to pull it in.

Then the disciple Jesus loved said to Peter, "It's Jesus!"

When Simon Peter realized that it was the Teacher, he threw on some clothes, for he was stripped for work, and then dived into the sea.

The other disciples came in by boat for they weren't far from land, a hundred yards or so, pulling along the net full of fish. When they got out of the boat, they saw a fire laid, with fish and bread already cooking on it.

Jesus said, "Bring some of the fish you've just caught." Simon Peter joined them and pulled the net to shore—153 big fish! And even with all those fish, the net didn't rip.

Jesus said, "Come and eat. Breakfast is ready." Not one of the disciples dared ask, "Who are you?" They knew who it was. Jesus then took the bread and gave it to them. He did the same with the fish.

This was now the third-time Jesus had shown himself alive to the disciples since being raised from the dead.

The Good News of the Resurrection of Jesus our Christ.

All: Praise to You, Jesus the Christ

Homily: "A vision of now" –Fr. Michael Nicosia

Our Truth

Jesus' first disciples were witnesses to what we have come to believe, affirmed not only by the Holy Spirit but by our experiences of the Risen Christ in our midst. Together let us profess our truth.

All: We believe in God, our Mother out-pouring, our Father uniting, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is seen and yet to be revealed.

We believe in Jesus Christ, the Word eternally spoken by God, our brother and teacher, through whom all things were made and hold together. By the power of the Holy Spirit he

was born of the Virgin Mary, and became fully human.

For the sake of the truth he suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; and on the third day rose from the dead. He ascended into heaven yet remains active in our midst. He will come again in glory to unite



the living and the dead, and our communion with him will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the spirit of truth and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son as the dynamic expression of their relationship and channel of their love. With the Father and the Son, She is worshiped and glorified.

We believe in the ways She unites us: through her prophetic challenge, through the Body of Christ, the Church, in our shared baptism, in our sacrifices on behalf of others, in our hope in the resurrection, and in the fulfillment of God's promise in eternity. Amen

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Prayers of the People

Let our love of Jesus spill out into love of neighbor and Church. Let us pray..

Lector Pedro Engel

The response is: Loving God, receive our prayers.
Loving God, receive our prayers.

For the people of Ukraine, Russia, and all countries experiencing war and its aftermath; that they may find a way to create peace between their countries and heal the damage the current war is causing, we pray,
Response: Loving God, receive our prayers.

For the people graduating from college, or high school; that they may have clear vision of the many and varied paths ahead of them and choose wisely so they move forward joyfully, we pray,
Response: Loving God, receive our prayers.

For Mother Nature as she bursts forth in Spring growth; that there may be plenty of water and sun for our earth, for farmers, for ranchers and all growing things, that the cycle of life may continue to feed us and amaze us, we pray,
Response: Loving God, receive our prayers.

For people in need of housing, food, medical care, and jobs; that they may access the programs and people who can help them, we pray,
Response: Loving God, receive our prayers

I will now read the prayers in the chat feature,we pray
Response: Loving God, receive our prayer.

If you would like to share your prayer aloud, please unmute and speak your prayer request now,we pray,
Response: Loving God, receive our prayer.

And for those on our Prayer List and all the prayers held in our hearts, we pray,
Response: Loving God, receive our prayers.

F. Michael Nicosia:

Holy God, attentive to every need, we are witnesses to our Risen Lord's presence in our midst. Hear our prayers, and through them transform our attentiveness, that we may love and serve all the more, to your honor and glory forever and ever .
All: Amen.



The Peace

Risen One, your disciples were assured of your presence by the peace you gave them.
Look on our faith and grant us the peace and unity of your kin-dom where you live and reign now and always. Amen.

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..

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Father Michael Nicosia

Please take a moment to look around your table, at who is sitting with you, and breath in the miracle of life before us. At this time, we remember that our offerings of time, talent, and treasure sustain God's church. Thank you for any offering you give.

Let us sing together.

Offertory Song Remain in Me

Refrain
Remain in me, I am the vine.
Remain in me; you shall have life.
You are the branches: bear fruit for all to see.
I am the vine, remain in me.

1. No branch can live without the tree,
nor grow or serve apart from me.
This I have told you that you may see
my love in you, your joy complete.

2. No longer slaves, I call you friends.
I shall be with you to the end.
Keep my commandments; I dwell in you.
So, now bear witness to the truth.

5. I am the way, the truth, the life.
I am your living sacrifice.
I offer freely my life for you.
Go now and do as I would do.

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Preparation of the Gifts *(During Offertory Song)*

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.
Through your goodness we have this bread to offer which earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the bread of life.*(if prayer audible)* Blessed is 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.
Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.
Through your goodness we have this wine to

offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands.
It will become our spiritual drink.
(if prayer audible) Blessed is God forever.

Lord God, we ask you to receive us
and to be pleased with the sacrifice we offer you
with humble and contrite hearts.

Lord, wash away my iniquity; cleanse me from my sin



Prayer over the Gifts

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

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 creation.

God of our awakening, receive these gifts offered by those who have been commended to your grace for the work ahead.

May the great love we share embrace the world leading to your praise until it reaches its perfection in heaven. In Jesus' name we pray.

All: Amen

Preface, *Mary our Mother and Our Inspiration* by Michael J. Nicosia © 2013, 2022

Our God is with you.
Lift up your hearts.
Let us give thanks to our Loving God.

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

Creator God, ever faithful and true, we do well always and everywhere to give you thanks. Your grace becomes active in the world through our cooperation with your saving will. For inspiration we look to the Blessed Virgin Mary who was filled with your Spirit, gave her flesh to your Word eternal and was herself transformed by her daily encounter with your divine presence in our world, who is Jesus, your Son. Loving mother that she was, it must have been her attentiveness to the needs of those around her that instilled in her son a heart responsive to every need. Walking with her in the Sacred Mysteries of Christ's life we, too, become increasingly aware

of your presence and your saving activity within us and beyond ourselves. Transformed, we become part of the whole of your family universal; and so we raise our voices with Mary our Mother and all the angels and saints in heaven and on earth to sing of your glory:

Holy (Sung)

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**Ho -- ly, Ho -- ly, Holy Lord God of Hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Mass of Mary Magdalene – Sarah Hart

Eucharistic Prayer

We commit ourselves to the community of faith in which this song resonates, calling upon You, most merciful God, to send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon the offerings we have set before You.

Bless ✕ these gifts that they may become for us the body and blood of our Risen Lord—indeed, the bread of life and the cup of unity that transcends all that would divide us.

Before he was given up to death, a death he freely accepted, 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 the supper was ended, he took the cup of wine. Again he gave you thanks and praise, gave the cup to the disciples, and 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.**

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Memorial Acclamation: (Sung)

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**When we eat this bread and drink this cup, We
proclaim your death, O Christ, Until you come
again.**

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In memory of his death and resurrection, we offer you, Father/Mother, this life-giving bread, this saving cup. We thank you for counting us worthy to be in your presence and serve you. May all of us who share in the body and blood of Christ be brought together in unity by the Holy Spirit.

Lord, remember your church throughout the world. Strengthen the bonds of our shared ministry within our Rocky Mountain Region in union with our bishop, Kae.

Keep us united in faith through the holy conversations across our Communion, and

united in love through our sharing of our gifts with our ecumenical partners.

Remember all your children of many faiths and spiritual paths, who each bring their own insights and blessings to our world. May your grace pierce the veils that separate us, may the inspiration of your Spirit make us one, and may the brilliant light of Christ lead us to discover your love in every human heart.

Remember, Lord, those who have died... May these, and all who now see you face to face, find in your presence light, happiness, and peace.

For ourselves, too, we ask some share in the communion flowing from your Triune Being and enjoyed by Mary, our Mother, our patron Mary of Magdala, and all your apostles, martyrs, and saints as they enjoy the fullness of your promises in heaven.

Together let us 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 (Sung) *Mass of Mary Magdalene*

**Amen. Amen.
Amen. Amen. Amen.**

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The Prayer of Jesus

Let us pray in the words our Savior 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

Lamb of God *(Sung)*

Lamb of God you take away The sins of the world, Have mercy, mercy on us. Lamb of God you take away The sins of the world, Have mercy, mercy on us. Lamb of God you take away The sins of the world, Grant us, grant us peace.

May this mingling of the body and blood of Christ bring eternal life to us who receive it. Integral to our Resurrected Life with faith in your love and mercy, we eat your body and drink your blood. Let it not bring us condemnation, but health in mind and body.

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Invitation to Communion

This table is the source and substance of our kinship with Christ and one another. In truth, all are welcome.

May the mystery of our participation in this sacred mystery enliven our faith, inspire our service, and incarnate Christ's love wherever we may be. Let us affirm...

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.

Behold Jesus, the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Happy are we who are called to this communion.

All: Jesus, I am ready to receive you, and by your invitation I am here.

By one sacrifice Christ has forever perfected those who are being sanctified. (*Hebrews 10:14*) May the body and blood of Christ bring us to everlasting life.

Communion Song Remembrance

1. Oh, how could it be
that my God would welcome me
into this mystery?
say, "Take this bread, take this wine"?
Now the simple made divine
for any to receive.
By your mercy we come to your table,
by your grace you are making us faithful.

Refrain
Lord, we remember you,
and remembrance leads us to worship.
And as we worship you,

our worship leads to communion.
We respond to your invitation;
we remember you.

2. See his body, his blood,
know that he has overcome
every trial we will face.
And none too lost to be saved,
none too broken or ashamed.
All are welcome in this place.
By your mercy we come to your table,
by your grace you are making us faithful.

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Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

Holy God, you are enthroned on the praises of your people. Through this holy communion with your Son's self-gift, may we learn how to best love and serve one another.

This we ask and can do through the same Jesus, our Risen brother. **All: Amen.**

Blessing and Dismissal

The God of Abundance is with you.

All: And also with you.

May almighty God bless you the Source of All-being, ✠ the Eternal Word and the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

The mass is ended, let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord and one another.

All: Thanks be to God.

Closing Song

Alleluia! Alleluia! Let the Holy Anthem Rise

1. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let the holy anthem rise,
and the choirs of heaven chant it
in the temple of the skies;
let the mountain skip with gladness,
and the joyful valleys ring
with hosannas in the highest
to our Savior and our King!

2. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Like the sun from out the wave,
he has risen up in triumph
from the darkness of the grave.
He's the splendor of the nations,

he's the lamp of endless day;
he's the very Lord of glory
who is risen up today!

3. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Blessed Jesus, make us rise
from the life of this corruption
to the life that never dies.
May your glory be our portion,
when the days of time are past,
and the dead shall be awakened
by the trumpet's mighty blast!

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