



Mary of Magdala, ECC Sunday Service – Oct 18, 2020

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Preparations include participants preparing their home tables with a lit candle,
and the food and drink to be remotely shared.

Black Lives Matter

Announcements – Lector Ruth Alexander

Entrance Song (please join in with Bill while muted)

Come to Jesus

1. People of the God of ages,
welcome to your brand new day.
Leave the world and all its trappings,
come into amazing grace.
Let go your ev'ry fear.
There is only mercy here.

Refrain
Come to Jesus,
hope that frees us,
life that breathes in us.
Come to Jesus,
and believe that he is love.
Oh, come.

2. All who walk alone in shadow,
all who stand with faith assured,
those who follow with abandon,
those who long for something more,
these are the gifts we bring,
our lives, the offering.

Bridge
Welcome pauper, rich man, leper,
hungry exiled, joyful, poor,
come you pris'ner, free man, sinner,
come to the Lord. Come to the Lord.

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Greeting

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

Fr. Michael 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

To be church well, we must continual review our
priorities and our choices. Knowing the
distracties we can face, we ask for God's merciful
guidance.

Lord Jesus, you challenge our allegiances. Lord,
have mercy. **All: Lord, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you direct us in the use of our gifts.
Christ, have mercy. **All: Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you call us to participate in your saving
mission. Lord, have mercy. **All: Lord, have mercy**

May God Ever-faithful have mercy on us, ✠ forgive
us our sins, and bring us to life everlasting.
All: Amen.



Gloria - Deacon Rosean

Renewed by grace, we are bold to sing:

Glory to God in the highest and peace to God's
People on earth. Father/Mother God, heavenly
Sovereign, Almighty and Self-emptying, we
worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You
for Your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father/Mother,
Lord God, Lamb of God, You take away the sins of

the world, have mercy on us. You are seated at
the right hand of the Majesty, receive our prayer.

For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the
Lord, You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit in the glory of our
Father/Mother God. Amen.

Opening Prayer – Father Michael

God, to you alone is our allegiance due. Guide and strengthen us in the faith and in the hope which you give us through your Son, our brother Jesus Christ, who in the unity of the Holy Spirit lives and works with you, now and forever. Amen.

Liturgy of the Word

1st Reading : Isaiah 45:1, 4-6 Lector Ruth Alexander

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.
Thus says the LORD to his anointed, Cyrus, whose
right hand I grasp, subduing nations before him,
and making kings run in his service, opening doors
before him and leaving the gates unbarred:

For the sake of Jacob, my servant, of Israel, my
chosen one, I have called you by your name, giving
you a title, though you knew me not. I am the
LORD and there is no other, there is no God

besides me.

It is I who arm you, though you know me not,
so that toward the rising and the setting of the
sun people may know that there is none besides
me. I am the LORD, there is no other.

Listen to the Spirit speaking to God's
All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm 96.1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10 Lector Ruth Alexander

The response is: Give God glory and honor. **All: Give God glory and honor**

Sing to God a new song;
sing to God, all you lands.
Tell of God's glory among the nations;
among all people, God's wondrous deeds.
R. Give God glory and honor.

For great is God and highly to be praised;
awesome and beyond all gods.
For all the gods of the nations are things of
nought, but God made the heavens.
R. Give God glory and honor.

Give to God, you families of nations,
give to God glory and praise;
give to God the glory due his name!
Bring gifts, and enter God's courts.

R. Give God glory and honor.
Worship the Most High, in holy attire;
tremble before him, all the earth;
say among the nations: The God reigns over all
and governs the people with equity.
R. Give God glory and honor.



2nd Reading: 1 THES 1:1-5 *Lector Cindy Cloyd*

A reading from Paul's first letter to the Thessalonians

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy to the church of the Thessalonians in our Father/Mother God and the Lord Jesus Christ: grace to you and peace.

We give thanks to God always for all of you, remembering you in our prayers, unceasingly calling to mind your work of faith and labor of love and endurance in hope of our Lord Jesus Christ, before our Father/Mother God,

knowing, brothers and sisters loved by God, how you were chosen.

For our gospel did not come to you in word alone, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with much conviction.

The Word of God.

All: Thanks be to God

'Alleluia' - Mass of the Joyful Heart - *(please join in with Bill while muted)*

Refrain

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.
Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia

Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life;
You have the words of everlasting life.
Let your heart rejoice in the Lord.
Let your word proclaim his deeds.
Let your voice sing out to the world

that our God has come to save.

Chanted Verse: Cantor

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Gospel: Mathew 22:15-21 – *Deacon Rosean*

The Lord is with you.

A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew.

The Pharisees went off and plotted how they might entrap Jesus in speech. They sent their disciples to him, with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are a truthful man and that you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth.

And you are not concerned with anyone's opinion, for you do not regard a person's status. Tell us, then, what is your opinion: Is it lawful to pay the census tax to Caesar or not?" Knowing their malice, Jesus said, "Why are you testing me, you hypocrites?

All: And also with you.

All: Glory to you, O Christ.

Show me the coin that pays the census tax."
Then they handed him the Roman coin.
He said to them, "Whose image is this and whose inscription?" They replied, "Caesar's."

At that he said to them, "Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God."

The Good News of Salvation of Jesus, our Christ!

All: Glory and praise to our Savior Jesus Christ!

Homily - "We Pledge Allegiance"

Father Michael



Regional Prayer for Calling a Bishop - *Father Michael*

**ALL: Holy One, Enlivening Spirit,
In the wilderness of new,
root the Body of Christ fully into our “Yes,”
blooming in Your Holy Season.
Together. Amen.**

Renewal of Baptismal Promises

Father Michael

Dear friends -- our calling, our ministry, our allegiances as the people of God are lived out in the community of faith.

Let us renew the promises we made in baptism,
when we rejected Satan and his works and
promised to serve God faithfully in his anointed.
And so, do you reject Satan? **ALL: I do.**

And all his works? **ALL: I do.**

And all her empty promises? **ALL: I do.**

Do you reject the distractions of self-serving
allegiances and refuse to be mastered by the
priorities of this world, so as to live in the freedom
of the children of God? **ALL: I do.**

Do you believe in God, our Self-emptying Mother,
our Nurturing Father, creator of heaven and
earth? **ALL: I do..**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our
Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary, was
crucified, died, and was buried, rose from the
dead, and has now assumed the fullness of
dominion and glory? **ALL: I do.**

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic
Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness
of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life
everlasting? **ALL: I do.**

May God keep us faithful to our grounding in
Christ now and always. **ALL: Amen**

Prayers of the People –

Father Michael

Motivated by the gospel message and the Spirit’s power let us intercede for the needs of the Church and the world.

Lector Cindy Cloyd

The response for the “Prayers of the People” is: Hear our prayers. **All: Hear our prayers**

For leaders of all organizations, schools,
businesses, churches, and governments, may they
serve their people with integrity and honesty, we
pray. **All: Hear our prayers**

For those burdened by financial hardship, may
they be given opportunities and assistance, and
may we all work to disconnect racism from the
accumulation of wealth, we pray.

All: Hear our prayers

For Kay Strong Nicolas and her family, we pray
All: Hear our prayers

May our daily question be 'where do I need to
stretch for the sake of love today?', we pray
All: Hear our prayers



I now invite you to share your prayers so that we may pray in community with you. If you feel comfortable, you could press the space bar and say your prayer, OR you could type the prayer into the chat box.

(Cindy to read each prayer on "chat")we pray **All: Hear our prayers**

And for all the prayers we hold in the privacy of our hearts, we pray: **All Hear our prayers**

Father Michael

God of Mission and Service, for the sake of your All: you have chosen us and called us each by name. Hear these prayers together with those still deep within our hearts, and enable us to carry on the work of faith, the labor of love, and the steadfastness of hope that is ours through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sign of Peace

Celebrating the power of mercy and love, may the peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Deacon Rosean

Let us all go to "gallery view" and please unmute yourself by holding down your space bar so all can hear you offering a sign of Christ's peace.

Offertory/Meditation Song - (please join in with Bill while muted)

Refrain

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.
The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

1. He lets me rest in open fields so green.
He leads me to the quiet streams.
He gives me strength
and guides me in his ways.
He renews his promises each day.

2. He is my guide, my shepherd and my king,
and in my fear he offers peace.
Though I walk through the valley,
I will not be afraid.
You will protect me; I'll be saved.

3. He goes before me;
my enemies will fall.
He is my shepherd and my shield.
His anointing is upon me,
and I will overcome.
His blessing cannot be undone.

4. You set a table before me.
My cup overflows. Goodness and love follow me
everywhere I go.

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Preparation of our Tables

As we prepare our tables, offering food and drink from our cupboards, we are reminded that our offerings of time, talent and treasure sustain the mission of God's Church. Continue to give as you are called and able.

has given and human hands have made.
In the sharing may we be trained to live together well.

All: Blessed be God forever.

Offertory

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.
We set before you this humble food which earth

Prayer over the Gifts

God and creator of the world, we offer bread and wine and prepare the supper of your Son.



All tables are Christ's table.

As you now gather us around it, wherever we may be, so unite us with all your saints at the supper

of your coming kingdom through the same Jesus Christ, our brother.

Invited into Fullness

The Lord is with you.

Lift up your hearts.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: And also with you.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

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

Across the miles that separate us we praise you, Father/Mother God, having been graced with every spiritual blessing.

For you chose us in Christ before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in your sight. And this was your purpose: that when the time is ripe you would gather us all together from wherever we are—in heaven or on earth—to be with you in Christ forever.

Indeed, now is that time, now is the day! The promise of this sweet communion became our reality when we heard the message of truth, the gospel of our salvation.

When we believed, we were marked in him with a seal, his Advocate, the Spirit of wisdom and truth, so that we might come to know you better, know ourselves better, opening our eyes and hearts to embrace the hope to which we have been called.

In awe of so great a mystery, we join the angels and saints in their unending song of praise, we say:

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, 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.

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 in our homes.

Bless ✠ these gifts that we may experience our life and unity in Christ. Nurtured by hope and love and faith may our sharing be a sign that You are truly present and that we are truly united in You. Though now gathered in separate locations we remember what your Son did at table and in life, foreshadowing the self-gift that was his death.

Jesus took bread, gave You thanks and praise, broke the bread, and gave it to the disciples saying:

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.

Loving God, we celebrate the memory of Christ, your Son, all that he did and continues to do to bring your blessings to the whole of your Creation.

Lord, while we ask you to remember all our sisters and brothers of many faiths and spiritual paths, who each bring their own insights and blessings to our world, remember, too, your Church, united across the miles.



Make us grow in love, together with all who hold and spread the hope handed down to us from the Apostles.

Continue to empower us as laypersons, deacons and priests for the special ministry given to the Body of Christ, praying especially for its local incarnation, in union with our bishops, Francis and Denise.

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.

Welcome them into your glorious presence with Mary, your Mother, our patron Mary of Magdala, your apostles and martyrs, and all the saints as they enjoy the fullness of the communion that is our destiny.

Through Christ, with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father/Mother, forever and ever.

All: Amen.

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Lord's Prayer

Fr. Michael

Let us pray in the words our Savior gave us: *Our Father, ...*

ALL: Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kin-dom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass

against us, and let us not enter into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For the kin-dom and the power and the glory are Yours now and forever. Amen.

The Shared Table

Fr. Michael

As we partake of the sustenance laid before us, let us affirm together: In this we are a Eucharistic people

All: The Body of Christ incarnate, the Blood of Christ poured out for the life of the world

Communion - Sacred Music by Bill

Prayer after the Meal

Good and faithful God, you have gathered us in the supper of your Son wherein he demonstrated his allegiance to service and selfless love.

May your Spirit continue to work in us, fine-tune

us, and keep us faithful to our calling as his ministers to the world.

This we ask and can do through Christ, our Lord.

All: Amen.

Concluding Rite - Father Micheal

The Lord is with you.

All: And also with you.



Blessing - *Father Micheal*

May almighty God bless you: the Source of All-Being,
the Eternal Word ✠ and the Holy Spirit. **All: AMEN**

Dismissal – Deacon Rosean

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Closing Song - *(please join in with Bill while muted)*

Holy God, We Praise thy Name

Holy God, we praise thy name;
Lord of all, we bow before thee!
All on earth thy scepter claim,
All in heav'n above adore thee;
Infinite, thy vast domain,
Everlasting is thy reign.

2. Hark! the loud celestial hymn
Angel choirs above are raising;
Cherubim and Seraphim,
In unceasing chorus praising;
Fill the heav'ns with sweet accord:
“Holy, holy, holy Lord!”

Bridge
Holy is your name;

ever you shall reign.
Heav'n and earth proclaim:
Holy is your name!

3. Holy Father, Holy Son,
Holy Spirit, Three we name thee;
While in essence only One,
Undivided God we claim thee;
And adoring, bend the knee,
While we own the mystery.

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