



Mary of Magdala, ECC October 6, 2024

Celebration of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi

Father Teri Harroun presiding

Welcome and Announcements *Lector Lynne Barnes*

Preview of Synod MoM Video *David Cloyd*

Opening Song **Come O Jesus Come** (R; V1; R; V2; R) no
interlude

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

May the Love of God, the care and compassion of the Incarnation,
and the Breath of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

(Adlib)

Penitential Rite

Let us humbly turn to our God, ready to receive God's mercy and be
transformed.....



Beloved God, where there is hatred, You sow love. God, fill us with mercy. **ALL: God, fill us with mercy.**

Beloved Jesus, where there is injury, You offer pardon. Christ, fill us with mercy.

All: Christ, fill us with mercy.

Beloved Spirit, where there is despair, You bring hope. Spirit fill us with mercy.

All: Spirit, fill us with mercy.

Hear the Good News! Christ's life, death and resurrection have revealed life eternal for you. Your sins are forgiven. Be a channel of God's peace. Be refreshed and renewed in the name of God, in the name of Love, in the name of New Life. As God is merciful, may you also be merciful. Together now we pray. **All: Amen**

Let us celebrate God's glory with our voices as together we sing...

Gloria *Mass of the Desert*

Opening Prayer

Let us pray,

Blessed be God, the Spirit blowing through Creation.



Your sacred Breath breathes in birds and beasts, fish and fowl, pets and animals throughout Creation.

Through our pets we are blessed with comfort and companionship. Our pets and farm animals, all animals know the rhythm of your world God. May they be blessed by your gentle hand, God who created them all. We ask especially for your blessing of protection and care. We pray for pets who have been abandoned that a good home may be found for them.

We remember the animals who provide food and other goods for our survival. We thank them, knowing we have been blessed by their presence in the circle of life.

We remember the animals who have been affected by fires and hurricanes and other natural disasters. May they come to find safety and new habitats for their thriving.

May we take seriously your commissioning to us to be good stewards of this earth and all its creatures. We remember this especially as we care for our pets, but know that you ask us to take that same passion of care to all the creatures of the world.

We ask for this blessing, in the name of the Spirit blowing through Creation. **All: Amen.**

Let us joyfully listen to the Word of God, the good news in our midst. Some stories today will be from our Scriptures but one is from St. Francis, reminding us that God keeps speaking into the world in new ways.

**First Reading: Genesis 1:24-25***Lector Lynne Barnes*

God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle, creeping things and wild animals of the earth." And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that crawls upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

The Word of the Priestly Writer.

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm 148*Lector Lynne Barnes*

Our Response is: We Praise You, Alleluia.

Praise God!

Alleluia from the heavens! Praise God in the spheres!

Praise God, all angels!

Sing alleluia! Cosmic glory!

Response: We Praise You, Alleluia

Praise God, sun and moon.

Praise God, all you shining stars!

Praise God, deepest space, and all beyond the universe!

Let them praise the Holy Name;

for God spoke, and they were created.

Response: We Praise You, Alleluia



Praise God from the earth,
you great sea creatures in all the deeps;
fire and hail, snow and frost,
stormy winds that do God's bidding!
You mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars;
wild animals and all cattle, small creatures and flying birds!

Response: We Praise You, Alleluia

Rulers of the earth and all peoples,
leaders and *all* who abide on the earth!
All young men and women alike, people of all genders,
old and young together!

Response: We Praise You, Alleluia

Second Reading *To Brother Leo*, by St. Francis of Assisi

Lector Pedro Engel

To Brother Leo

Brother Leo, wish thy brother Francis health and peace!
I say to thee: Yes, my son, and as a mother; for in this word and
counsel I sum up briefly all the words we said on the way, and if
afterwards thou hast need to come to me for advice, thus I advise
you: In whatever way it seems best to thee to please our God and to
follow His footsteps and poverty, so do with the blessing of our God



and in my obedience. And if it be necessary for thee on account of thy soul or other consolation and thou wishes, Leo, to come to me, come!

Words Inspired by God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia *Mass of the Desert (inclusive verse)*

Gospel

Father Teri: The Word of Christ be with you all. **All: And Also with you.**

A proclamation of the Holy Gospel according to Luke (12:23-28)

All: Glory to you, O God+

Then Jesus said to his disciples: “I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body and what you will wear. Life is more than food and the body more than clothing. Consider the ravens. They do not sow or reap. They have no storeroom or barn. Yet God feeds them.

“Who of you, by worrying, can add a single hour to your life? Since you cannot do this very little thing, why do you worry about the rest?

Consider how the wildflowers grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet, I tell you, not even Solomon—in all his splendor—was dressed like



one of these. If God so clothes the grass in the field that grows today and is thrown in the oven tomorrow, will God not provide much more for you, O you of little faith?

The Gospel, the Good News of our God.

All: Praise to you, Jesus the Christ.

Homily

No Creed

Prayers of the People

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

Lector Pedro Engel

Our response is: Creator God, hear our prayers.

For Brother sun, Sister Moon, and Mother Earth that humankind will seek ways to renew and restore the damage we have caused, we pray, **Response: Creator God, hear our prayers.**

For people who are affected by extreme weather, wildfires, and wars that they may have the resources to rebuild their homes and cities we pray, **Creator God, hear our prayers.**



For all Indigenous people and Native Americans that they may be treated with respect and dignity and be asked to share their knowledge of the sacred care of Mother Earth, we pray, Response: **Creator God, hear our prayers.**

The prayers from the sanctuary are: we pray, Response: **Creator God, hear our prayers.**

Are there prayers from those on zoom? We pray, Response: **Creator God, hear our prayers.**

And for all the people on our prayer list and the prayers we hold in our hearts we pray, Response: **Creator God, hear our prayers.**

Father Teri: Collect (*adlib*)

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 that peace, both virtually and 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 that these our gifts, our lives, may continue to be blessed by our Loving God.

Let us sing together . . .

Offertory Song **Prayer of Saint Francis. (V1; V2; V3; V4)**

Preparation of the Gifts (*during Offertory Song*)

Blessed are you, Loving God of all Creation, through your goodness we have these gifts to place on your table. They represent our entire lives, and all that we have to offer. May they become the Light of Christ in your world. **All: Blessed be God forever.** Blessed are you, Loving God of all Creation, through your goodness we have this bread and this wine to place on your table. Work of earth and human hands. May these become our spiritual food and drink. **All: Blessed be God forever.**

Wash away my iniquity, cleanse me.

Pray my siblings in Christ, that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God, our Almighty 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

(adapted from Anglican Church of South Africa, Eucharistic Prayer for the Season of Creation)

The peace of our God be with you all.

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.

God, our Creator, You spoke the Word and all that is in heaven and on the earth, all things came to be. Your Spirit brought forth life in all its forms, including our fragile earth and all its inhabitants.

As our past is in you, so our hope for the future rests with you. We turn now, Creator God, to the warmth of your love. Through You, all things are brought to new life. The earth sings your praise and shares your joy. Now with creation, with the choirs of angels and shepherds and birds and trees, let us proclaim of our glory to God together as we sing:



Holy -sung

Mass of the Desert

God, united in Christ with all on earth and in heaven, in science and story and pottery and poetry, united at kitchen tables and altar tables and tables of all sorts, we worship you.

God, send your Holy Spirit upon us gathered around tables throughout your world and gathered as one Body that we may become signs of your love and transforming work in the world. + Let also your Spirit come upon these gifts of bread and wine before us to make them holy so that they may become for us the Body and Blood of our brother, Jesus the Christ.

Today, we gather to remember that on the night before he died, Jesus ate with his followers and his friends. We recall how he took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it, he broke it, and gave it to them saying -

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

We remember also, that on the night before Jesus died, He took the cup filled with wine, and after giving thanks, passed it to his friends, 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.

(sung) Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.....

Memorial Acclamation *Mass of the Desert*

Therefore, Creator God, we remember the life, death, and resurrection of our Beloved Brother Jesus. In the breaking of the Bread, Christ's Body, there is an opening up, a healing, and a hoping. In the spilling of the Wine, Christ's Blood, are the roots of sharing and reconciliation. As we look in our world, our lives, and in our hearts for the presence of Christ, may we recognize the Christ in our midst, calling us to unity in love with all of your creation.

May we serve in love, with love, for love, loving you, and loving our neighbors as we love ourselves. May we recognize that all are made in your image, and everyone, everyone is our neighbor. May we share the good news that your table here in our midst is open to all; no one shall be excluded based on creed, nationality, race, gender, sexuality, political affiliation, or even religion. We pray that under the guidance of our chosen shepherds Bishop Kae and Bishop Paul, we may move closer to unity with all of creation in love and grace and your embrace.

Remember our sisters and brothers and family who have gone to their rest in the hope of rising in your light. Bring them and all the



departed into the embrace of your presence with Mary, Jesus' mother, with the apostles and friends and all the ones like St. Francis who have modeled your will throughout time. May we praise you in dancing with them in glory now and forever.

(Lift elements)

Together now, we say.....

All: Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for all glory and honor is yours self-emptying/life-giving God, forever and ever. Together let us sing

Great Amen. *Mass of the Desert*

The Prayer of Jesus

(Turn to the cameras and) Let us join hearts together, a symbol of how God is circling the world right now and let us pray in words that have been prayed with Jesus for centuries.

All: Abba/Amma, God in heaven, Holy is your name. Your kingdom 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! - *Mass of the Desert*

This is the Body and Blood of Christ. This is the one who transforms the world. Blessed are we who are called to this meal.

All: Jesus, I am ready to receive you. Because 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.

May the mystery of our participation in the sacred mystery, enliven our faith, inspire our service, and incarnate God's compassionate love where-ever we may be.



Whether partaking here, or at our home tables, this food from God is offered to the people of God, without exception. All are welcome at the banquet of Christ's kin-dom.

Communion Song: One Bread One Cup. V1; R; V2; R) no bridge

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray... St. Francis said, "In this world, I cannot see the Son of God except in this Body and Blood." May we see and know God in the meal we have shared. May we become the Body of Christ visible in the world, that all may know God's love and presence God in the world our God has created through love. In Jesus name let us pray

All: Amen

Blessing of Mary of Magdala Synod delegates

All: O Holy One, guide all our synod delegates, those from Mary of Magdala, and those throughout the Ecumenical Catholic Communion. May their travel be safe and their time in Colorado refreshing. May they live holy lives, seeking your guidance and good will. May this Holy Synod build up your Church, and reveal Your Love in the world. May all who gather be united with Christ, while honoring our diversity in Christ. We promise to hold our Synod delegates in prayers, especially Jean Christen, David Cloyd, Linda Joyce, Tom Moos, M. Rosean Amaral, and Jim Berry.



May they go forth from here to serve You well, O God. Bless them! Together we pray.....Amen.

The Love of God be with you.

All: And also with you.

Concluding Rite and Dismissal

Let us open our hearts as we ask for God's blessing.

God with us today, bless us. Bless us with the Peace of Christ. May we share that blessing throughout creation. We ask for this blessing now, in the name of our Creator God, the Eternal Son, and the Holy Spirit. **All: Amen.**

We are the family known as Mary of Magdala. As our Mass continues into our lives, let us go forth now, loving and serving God as we get to love and serve in God's world.

All: Thanks be to God.

Closing Song: Let All The Earth. (R; V1; R; V2; R)