



Mary of Magdala, ECC Sunday Service – July 5, 2020 Fourteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Greeting and Announcements – *Lector Cindy Cloyd*

Opening Song (*please, join in while muted with Bill Smith*)

Our God is here

1. Here in this time, here in this place,
here we are standing face to face.
Here in our hearts, here in our lives,
our God is here.

Here for the broken, here for the strong,
here in this temple we belong.
Here in our hearts, here in our lives,
our God is here.
And we cry:

Refrain

“Holy! Holy! Holy are you!”
We cry: “Holy! Holy! Holy and true!”
Amen, we do believe our God is here.

Our God is here.

2. Here in the Word, God is revealed,
here where the wounded can be healed.
Here in our hearts, here in our lives,
our God is here.

Here we become what we receive,
here in this Eucharistic feast.
We are his body, living as one;
our God is here.
And we cry:

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Greeting – *Father Teri*

Let us begin as one expression of God’s people. + Father, Son, Holy Spirit. **ALL: AMEN**

May the Holy Kiss of God, the tender care of the Incarnation, and the unity of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **ALL: And also with you**

Penitential Rite – *Father Teri*

Let us remember our God of all nations.....
God, you create all people in your image, Lord
have mercy.
All: Lord have mercy.

Jesus, you came to live among the world and
invite us to share a yoke with you, Christ have
mercy.
All: Christ have mercy.

Spirit of God, you are mindful of all of us, and
dream of universal flourishing, Lord have
mercy.
All: Lord have mercy.

May our loving God shower us with grace, be
forever present to us, forgive our sins, and
bring us to everlasting joy and light
All: Amen

Opening Prayer Declaration of Interdependence (Written by Melanie Bacon and adapted):–



Father Teri

Let us pray:

God of interdependence, help us hold these truths to be self-evident:

That all life is interconnected, and endowed by You, our Creator, with certain inalienable rights and responsibilities,

That among these are presence, compassion, and the pursuit of happiness. That to secure these rights and responsibilities,

We open our minds and hearts to the needs of others, and our own true needs,

We hear the sound of the living universe in our ears and add our voices to the song.

And for the support of this Declaration, we pledge to each other our love and our breath,

For the freedom of the one is the freedom of the all, and the pain of the one is the pain of the all; The breath of the one is the breath of the all, and the breath of the all is the breath of God.

We ask this in the name of the Creator of all

All: Amen

Liturgy of the Word

1st Reading

Freedom, by Langston Hughes - *Lector Cindy Cloyd*

Freedom will not come
Today, this year
Nor ever
Through compromise and fear.

I have as much right
As the other fellow has
To stand
On my two feet
And own the land.

I tire so of hearing people say,
Let things take their course.
Tomorrow is another day.

I do not need my freedom when I'm dead.
I cannot live on tomorrow's bread.

Freedom
Is a strong seed
Planted
In a great need.
I live here, too.
I want my freedom
Just as you.

Words inspired by God.

All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm 145 - *Lector Cindy Cloyd*

The Response is: Beloved, I choose Love!

My soul yearns for You, Eternal Flame of Love,
longing to reconnect to the Great Mystery!
Every day I will bless You as

I follow the Voice of Truth.

Response: Beloved, I choose Love!



The Beloved is gracious and merciful,
allowing every soul free will to follow
the ego's illusions or to choose Life.

Lift up your hearts, all you
who choose the path of Life!

Response: Beloved, I choose Love!

Choose Love that you might overcome
oppression and blind obedience to false idols!
Divine Light shines in those who live in Love.

Response: Beloved, I choose Love!

I call each of you to open your inner ears, to
see with spiritual eyes,
And to trust that even amidst the outward
chaos,
all is working toward the wholeness of
humanity.

Response: Beloved I choose Love!

2nd Reading: Romans 8: 9, 11-13 – Lector David Cloyd

Sisters and brothers,
You are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit,
since the Spirit of God dwells in you.
Those who do not have the Spirit of Christ
do not belong to Christ.

But if the Spirit of the One who raised Jesus
from the dead dwells in you,
then the One who raised Christ from the dead
will also bring your mortal bodies to life also,
through the Spirit dwelling in you.

Therefore, we are under an obligation,
my sisters and brothers, but not to the flesh
or to live according to the flesh.
If you live according to the flesh,
you will die, but if you live by the Spirit,
you will put to death the evil deeds of the body
and you will live.

The Word of God.

The 'Alleluia' – Sung by Bill Smith (please join in while muted)

Refrain

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.
Alleluia. Alleluia

VERSE:

3. I call you my friends, says the Lord, for I have made
known to you all that the Father has told me.

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Father Teri blesses Deacon Rosean

Gospel: Matthew 11. 25-30 – Deacon Rosean

The Gospel of our God.
A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew 10:37-42

ALL: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ
ALL: Glory to you, O God+



Then Jesus prayed,
“Amma/Abba, Creator of heaven and earth,
to you I offer praise;
for what you have hidden from the learned and
the clever,
you have revealed to the youngest children.
Yes, Amma/Abba, everything is as you want it to
be.”

Jesus continued,
“Everything has been handed over to me by
Amma/Abba God.
No one knows the Only Begotten except
Amma/Abba God,
and no one knows Amma/Abba God
except the Only Begotten—

and those to whom the Only Begotten
wants to give that revelation.

Come to me, all you who labor
and carry heavy burdens,
and I will give you rest.
Take my yoke upon your shoulders
and learn from me,
for I am gentle and humble of heart.
Here you will find rest for your souls,
for my yoke is easy
and my burden is light.”

The Good News of Jesus, our Christ.

All: Praise to You, Lord, Jesus Christ

Homily *-Father Teri*

Creed from Inclusive Worship Aids by Bridget Mary Meehan

Deacon Rosean – We are using a new creed today from one of the Catholic women priests, Bridget Mary Meehan

All:

I believe in God, the creator of heaven and
earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, child of God,
born of Mary, human like us.

I believe Jesus came to teach us God’s love, to
heal our minds, our bodies, our spirit, to bring
hope and a new vision, to show us how to live
in the fullness of grace.

I believe that Jesus threatened the
establishment. Jesus called for God’s people
to focus on the kin-dom within. I believe
because of the message that Jesus
proclaimed, Jesus was condemned to die.

Jesus was put to death through crucifixion,
buried in a borrowed tomb.

I believe that the women, faithful to Jesus, went to
the tomb to anoint his body. I believe that the
body of Jesus was gone, and Jesus overcame
death through the resurrection.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, eternally living in our
hearts, present in our world, in our universe. I
believe the holy Catholic Church is the people
gathered in worship and song. I believe that all
God’s children will one day be with God
experiencing life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Father Teri: Always mindful of God's love and care for us, we now bring the needs of the people throughout the world to our loving God.



Lector David Cloyd - The response for the “Prayers of the People” will be: **Receive our prayers.**

ALL: Receive our prayers.

Creator God, Spirit of Justice, we turn to you during these times of awakening fully to the many injustices and bias toward our sisters and brothers who are people of color, and we lift up our prayers,

For all churches and faith traditions to awaken and speak up for the many ways People of Color are oppressed, denied, and unnoticed that true change can happen, we pray, **Response: Receive our prayers.**

For the United States of America, especially our elected leaders and officials, to listen to the People of Color that they may have the freedom, opportunity, and justice to pursue their dreams without fear, we pray, **Response: Receive our prayers.**

For all who are sick, physically or mentally, or recovering from medical procedures and their caregivers that they may receive all the help they need to fully recover wholeness of health, we pray, **Response: Receive our prayers.**

Now I 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 (*David will read each prayer on “chat”*)we pray, **Response: Receive our Prayers**

And for all the prayers we hold in the privacy of our hearts, we pray. **Response: Receive our Prayers**

Father Teri–

Hear our petitions, O Christ, for ourselves and for our sisters and brothers in You. May we be bread for others as you are bread for us; hear our prayers spoken in faith, hope and love.

All: Amen.

Sign of Peace

Deacon Rosean – The Love of God the Gift of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you

Let us all go to “gallery view” on our screens and share with one another the sign of Christ’s peace. (*All are unmuted to share a sign of peace.*)

Our Celebration of the Feast of the Eucharist with Food– *Father Teri*

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

Blessed are you, Loving God of all Creation,
through your goodness we have this food



before us. May we offer our gratitude for all the ways you nurture us, body, mind and spirit. We bless you God, with our gratitude.

Teri: We give you thanks for the myriad of ways you show up in our lives as both Creator and Creation. We thank you for all that is, and for the Breath of Life that is You throughout the cosmos. We see You in one another, and throughout creation. We now share your Breath with one another, with our ancestors, and with all those yet to be. Even in these strange and challenging times, You are bringing to birth through us a new heaven joined with a new earth, and we choose to yoke ourselves to you through your Eternal Son Jesus.

Teri: Holy Breath of God, the One who blesses us and calls us Beloved, Send your Holy Spirit upon us gathered around tables throughout your world and gathered as one in You that we may become visible signs of Your love in the world.

Today we remember a story of Jesus, who on the night before he died gathered at a table with his family and friends. That night he took bread, he took wine, for they were the food and drink on the table before him. He blessed them and shared them with all those who were present. He told them that his love for them was boundless because your love for creation is boundless. Let us take the food before us, and let us be confident that you have blessed this food as well. May it be a blessing to our bodies, that our bodies may be a blessing to your world.

God of Connection and Relationship, You have made this food which feeds us. May we be open to the ways you connect to us in relationship and in your holy dance. In Jesus' name we pray.

All: Amen

HAIL MARY AND THE LORD'S PRAYER *(all together on mute)*

Father Teri – Let us turn to God in prayer. Let us pray together both the Hail Mary and the prayer known as the Lord's Prayer.

ALL: Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed are thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us, now and at the hour of our death. Amen

Our Father, who are in Heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom 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 kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Reception for Spiritual Communion – *Father Teri*



Before we share in eating the food on our tables, I'd like to remind you that God invited you here today. Where-ever you are on your journey, God is with you. Let us share together these words of celebration of God with the food God has provided:

ALL: Jesus, our hearts are Your Tabernacle. You live in us. You love in us. Come now, and visit us with Your grace. Make us to be more like You. May we receive Your fullness in this

food as You desire. May we become Your Body in the world today. Amen

Our homes and our hearts are a dwelling place for God. The Christ-child is in each of us. The food before us is sacrament, and God's grace is abundant and in our midst.

Please spend a moment now, sharing food with God, knowing that God is present with you and God's grace is abundant

Communion Song --(please join in while muted) **Many and One**

Refrain

We are many, yet we are one.
We are sep'rate, yet bound in his love.
And together we are all his hands and his feet,
bringing mercy and peace to this world.
We are many and one.

1. We are fallen but we are forgiven;
broken and scattered, yet being made whole
by our redeemer, one Lord and one savior,
the shepherd who gathers us all,
gathers us all.

2. We are diff'rent as morning and evening,
each of us living as we have been called,
all of us seeking, each of us reaching to
the shepherd who gathers us all,
gathers us all.

3. We are brothers and sisters in spirit,
found in all nations yet near to the Lord,
each one belonging, together now longing for
the shepherd who gathers us all,
gathers us all.

Final Refrain

We are many, yet we are one.
We are sep'rate, yet bound in his love.
And together we are all his hands and his feet,
bringing mercy and peace to this world,
bringing mercy and peace to this world,
bringing mercy and peace to this world.
We are many and one.

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Prayer after the meal

Father Teri - Let us Pray:

God at the center of all tables:
May this meal we share feed us, and
encourage us to live as One into the Body of

Christ. May we be filled with the Love of God,
the three in One. In Jesus' name we pray.

All: Amen

Regional Prayer for Calling a Bishop - *Deacon Rosean*

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.

Blessing –*Father Teri*

The Love of God be with you all

ALL And also with you.

Please open you hearts as we ask for God’s blessing

God of all peoples, to be blessed by you is to be part of you. May we share our blessing with all the world, that all may know your blessing. We ask for this blessing now, in

the name of the Three in One, the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. **(AMEN)**

Dismissal

Deacon Rosean

We are a Light of the Nations. As that Light, may we love and serve God as we get to love and serve in God’s world. **ALL: Thanks be to God.**

Closing Song – *please remain muted*

We shall overcome

1. We shall overcome
We shall overcome
We shall overcome, some day

Refrian:

Oh, deep in my heart
I do believe
We shall overcome, some day

2. We'll walk hand in hand
We'll walk hand in hand

We'll walk hand in hand, some day
Refrain

3. We shall all be free
We shall all be free
We shall all be free, some day

Refrain

Repeat verse 1 and refrain

Zoom will remain open after the service for community to visit.