



Mary of Magdala, ECC – August 3, 2025

**Celebrating the 18th Sunday of Ordinary Time—Together
Wherever We Are**

Mother Rosean Amaral Presiding

Welcome and Announcements *Lector Ruth Alexander*

Social Justice Reflection *Tom Moos*

Entrance Song **Come O (Lord) Jesus Come (R; V1; R; V2; R)**

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 All...

Let us turn to our God with humble hearts...

PENITENTIAL RITE

Loving Creator,

Renew your world in the image of Your Love.

God, Your Love sustains us.

All: God, Your Love sustains us.

Brother Jesus,

Give us what we need for today, and a hunger to see justice done!

Jesus,

let Justice be done.

All: Jesus, let Justice be done.



Holy Spirit, give us courage to follow your call.

Holy Spirit, give us courage.

All: Holy Spirit, give us courage.

Merciful God,

renew us by your nurture and blessing, forgive us our failings, and bring us to life everlasting. (adapted from a prayer written by Sarah Dylan Breuer)

All: Amen.

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

Gloria Glory to God (Mass of Renewal)

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 *Lector Ruth Alexander*

A Reading from the Book of Ecclesiastes 1:2, 2:21-23

“Meaningless! Meaningless!” says the Teacher. “Utterly meaningless! Everything is meaningless.”



Here is one who has labored with wisdom and knowledge and skill, and their legacy must be left to another to enjoy, someone who has not toiled for it! This is meaningless and a great misfortune! What do humans profit from all the toil and anxious striving with which they labor under the sun? Each day sorrow and grief are their occupation. Even at night their minds do not rest. This is meaningless.

The Word of a Wisdom Writer.

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm In Every Age (V1; R; V2; R; V3; R)

Second Reading *Lector Pedro Engel*

A Reading from the Letter to the Colossians 3:1-5, 8-11

Since you have been raised with Christ, set your minds on cosmic things, for the Christ now permeates the cosmos. Set your hearts on things that matter, things that endure. For with Christ, you also have died, and your life is now everlasting. The glory of the Christ appears again in and through you, even now.

Put to death, therefore, whatever kills the Spirit: evil, greed, selfishness, idolatry.

Rid yourselves of things like anger, rage, malice, gossip, and ugly language. Do

not lie to each other. Strip yourselves of bad habits. Clothe yourselves with a new

self which is always being renewed in the image of its Creator. In that renewal,



there is no Gentile or Judean, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free. Christ is all and in all.

Listen to the Spirit speaking to God's people.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acc Alleluia (MOR) (V1)

Gospel Pastor Mother Rosean

May our Loving God be with you. **All: And also with you.**

A Proclamation of the Gospel attributed to Luke 11:1-10,13

All: Glory to you, O God.

Jesus was praying in a certain place. After he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Teacher, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." Jesus responded,

"When you pray, say:

'Loving Creator [Greek: "Pater"/Father]

Your name be honored.

Your reign come.

Give us each day our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.

And do not bring us into a time of trial.' "



Jesus continued, “Suppose one of you has a friend, whom you visit at midnight and say, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves of bread. A friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set on the table.’ Your friend answers from within, ‘Don't bother me. The door has already been locked. I, and my children, are in bed. I can't get up and give you anything.’ I tell you, even though your friend will not get up and give you anything you want just because you are friends, if you are persistent, your friend will get up and give you whatever you need.

“So, I say to you, *Ask, and it will be given to you. Seek, and you will find. Knock, and the door will be opened for you.* Everyone who asks, receives. Everyone who seeks, finds. For everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. If you, who are lacking and limited, know how to provide to others what is needed, how much more will the God of All give the Holy Spirit to those who ask!”

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 Pedro Engel

Our response is: Loving God, receive our prayers.

All: Loving God, receive our prayers.

For the continuing health and wellbeing of our pastors, Mother Rosean and Reverend Jane, and their families, we pray.

All: Loving God, receive our prayers.

For the continuing courage and safety of those seeking the truth in journalism, education, science, philosophy, and religion, we pray.

All: Loving God, receive our prayers.

For courage and wisdom in our usage and treatment of Mother Earth, our home planet, we pray.

All: Loving God, receive our prayers.

Read the prayers from the Sanctuary . . . , we pray.

All: Loving God, receive our prayers.

Are there prayers from our zoom attendees? . . . , we pray.

All: Loving God, receive our prayers.

For those on our Prayer List and those held in the quiet of 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 who have been excluded socially because of their race, economic status, sexual orientation, disability, or age. May the dignity that is theirs be restored to them.

For Jesus' sake,

All: Amen

The Peace



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

also with you.

All: And

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 Renew (V1; V2; R; V3; R)

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 our 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 their children. And so, with all the angels and saints, we sing the joyful hymn of Your praise:

Holy (MOR)

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. Great and merciful God, we ask You to

Send down Your Holy Spirit to hallow these gifts of bread and wine,

that they may become for us the **Body + and Blood** of our brother, 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:

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 Acc (MOR)

And so, Creator most holy, we celebrate the memory of Christ, Your Son, we proclaim the work of Your love, and we offer You the bread of life and the cup of eternal blessing. Through the power of Your Spirit of love, include us now and forever 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, our 301 Faith Partnership 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 (MOR)

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 (MOR)

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. Both red wine and white grape juice are available in the metal cups)

Communion Pescador De Hombres (V1/Eng; R/Spain; V2/Eng; R/Spain)

Prayer after Communion:

Let us pray...

Thank You, Brother Jesus, for this meal of remembrance.

We come before You with open hearts, yearning to deepen our connection with You. Help us to seek Your presence in every moment, to listen for Your voice in the silence, and to embrace Your love in our daily lives.

May our faith grow stronger, and may we draw closer to You, finding peace and purpose in our relationship with You.

In Jesus' name,

All: Amen.

Blessing for Dori Healy and Jim Berry

Gracious and Loving God, we raise our hands, hearts, and voices to bless Dori and Jim as they continue the journey of discernment toward ordained ministry with Mary of Magdala. Enliven them with clarity of vision and insight, guide them to willingly accept what unfolds for them. May our blessing help sustain their journey in Christ. 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...



Jesus, You are the Way, the Truth, and the Life. A more meaningful life is rooted in the greatest commandment that You remind us of... Love. Bless our hearts to be fueled by love. Let all we do honor You, and may we find a more meaningful life as we seek more of You. May we receive this blessing now, In the name of Amma/Abba God, our brother Jesus, and the Holy Spirit Sophia. **All: Amen.**

Dismissal

Go now into the world, sharing your meaningful lives with all God's children.

All: Thanks be to God.

Closing Go Make A Difference (R; V1; R; V2; R; V3; R)