



Mary of Magdala, ECC February 2, 2025

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time —Together Wherever We Are

Mother Rosean Amaral, presiding

Welcome and Announcements Pedro Engel, Lector

Social Justice Reflection Tom Moos, Social Justice Chair

Opening Hymn: Come To Jesus (V1; R; V2; R; B; R)

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.

Mother Rosean Welcomes...

Penitential Rite

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

God of Love,

Help me to love, while refusing to compromise my integrity. God have mercy.

All: God have mercy.

Compassionate Christ,

Help me to "suffer with" our siblings who are in fear. Christ have mercy.

All: Christ have mercy.

Breath of the Spirit,

Help me to have the courage to speak truth to power. Spirit have mercy.

All: Spirit have mercy.



May the Creator of all have mercy on us, forgive us our mis-steps, and bring us to life everlasting.

All: Amen.

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

Glory to God: (Mass of Renewal)

Opening Prayer

Let us pray...

Your love, O God,
is seen in what you do, not just in what you say:
in the blessing of children,
in the meals with outcasts,
in the touching of the untouchable,
in your presence,
and your self-giving,
in your opening of the way to life
to all who will come;

Your love, O God,
is an active love:
engaged,
involved,
immersed.

In Jesus' name we pray,

All: Amen

(Sacredise: John van de Laar)

Let us joyfully listen to the Word of God, the good news in our midst.

First Reading: Pedro Engel, Lector



A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah 1:4-10, 17-19

The word of God came to me:

“Before I formed you in the womb, I chose you.

Before you were born, I dedicated you:

I appointed you as a prophet to all peoples.”

I then replied: “Oh, but God, you know I do not know how to speak;

I am too young, only a child.”

But God replied: “Do not say, ‘I am only a child’

for to whomever I send you, you shall go;

whatever I say to you, you shall speak. Have no fear before them,

for I will be by your side, keeping you safe.” That was what God said.

Then God's hand extended to touch my mouth, and God said:

“There! I have put my words into your mouth.

See! Today I appoint you over nations and over dominions,

to uproot and to tear down, to destroy and to demolish, to build and to plant. So

now, Jeremiah, brace yourself for action. Stand up and tell them all that I say to

you. Do not break down in their presence, lest in their presence I break you down.

Look—today I make you a fortified city, a pillar of iron and a wall of bronze, so

that you may withstand the whole land: the rulers of Judah and the officials, its

priests and its people.

They will assault you, but they will not prevail,

for I am with you to keep you safe. It is God who speaks.”

The Word of the prophet Jeremiah.

All: Thanks be to God.



Psalm: God Is Kind And Merciful (R; R; V1; R; V2; R)

Second Reading: Matt Chavez, Lector

A Reading from a Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 12:31-13:13

You may desire and cultivate the greatest gifts; yet I will show you a still more excellent way:

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but have not love, I am only a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers and understand all mysteries and possess all knowledge, and if I have faith so that I can move mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. Even if I give all that I have to those who are poor, and if I dedicate my whole body to God, but have not love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient. Love is kind. Love does not envy or boast. It is not proud. It is not rude, dishonoring others. It is not self-seeking, insisting on its own way. It is not resentful, or easily angered. It keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in injustice but rejoices in the truth. Love always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

Love never ends. But where there are prophecies, they will cease. Where there are tongues, they will be stilled. Where there is knowledge, it will yield to truth. For we know in part, and prophesy in part; but when all is fulfilled, that which is only partial will vanish.



When I was a child, I talked like a child. I thought like a child. I reasoned like a child. When I became an adult, I grew out of childish ways.

Now we are looking in a mirror, dimly, but then we shall see face to face. Now we know in part, but then we shall know fully, even as we are fully known.

And so, faith, hope, and love endure, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

Listen to the spirit speaking to God's people.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia (MOR)

Gospel – (Luke 4:21-30) -- Mother Rosean

The Love of God is within you. **All: And also within you.**

A Proclamation of the Gospel attributed to Luke 4:21-30

All: Glory to You, O God.

Jesus was in the synagogue on the Sabbath and read from the scroll of Isaiah. The prophet wrote that the Spirit was upon him to bring good news to those who are poor and oppressed. After rolling up the scroll, Jesus said to them, "Today this scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." All in the synagogue spoke favorably of Jesus. They marveled at the eloquence of the words on his lips. They said, "Surely this isn't Mary and Joseph's son!"

Jesus said to them, "Doubtless you'll quote me the proverb, 'Physician, heal yourself,' and say, 'Do here in your hometown the things we heard you did in Capernaum.' But the truth is, prophets never gain acceptance in their hometowns.



The truth is that there were many women who were widowed in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the heavens remained closed for three and a half years and a great famine spread over the land. It was to none of these that Elijah was sent. Rather, he was sent to a woman who had been widowed in Zarephath, near Sidon. Recall, too, that many had leprosy in Israel in the time of Elisha the prophet; yet not one was cured except Naaman the Syrian.”

At these words, the whole congregation in the synagogue were filled with indignation. They rose up and dragged Jesus out of town, leading him to the brow of the hill on which the city was built, with the intention of hurling him over the edge. But Jesus moved straight through the crowd and walked away.

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...

Matt Chavez, Lector

Our response is: Loving God, receive our prayers.

All: Loving God, receive our prayers.

For the peace, trust, and strength to dispel our uncertainty, anxiety, and fear and to remember Jesus’ message that each one of us is a unique and necessary whole of the wholeness of the Body of Christ, we pray

All: Loving God, receive our prayers.



That we might continue in tireless striving stretching our love and resources to those displaced by hostile governments, poverty, climate change, fires, and fighting, we pray

All: Loving God, receive our prayers.

For grace, wisdom, for our president, our congress, our judicial, our governors as they make decisions and take action for the good of all US citizens and people of our planet, we pray

All: Loving God, receive our prayers.

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.

And for all the people on our prayer lists, and the people we hold in our hearts, we pray,

All: Loving God, receive our prayers.

God of all, You call us to share in Jesus' mission. May our prayers be in harmony with Your will and may our service to others be generous.

In Jesus' name we pray,

All: Amen

The Peace

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

All: And also with you.

Let us turn to the camera and share with our siblings both at home, and here in the sanctuary, a sign of Christ's peace.

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. . .

Offertory Song: Fill Me O God (V1; V2; R; V3; V4; R; V5/1)

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 as he humbled himself to share in our humanity.

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

The Love of 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.**

For the gentle power of love
in human life and history,



we give thanks and praise.

Long ago our ancestors knew love's power
and they became the tellers of love's tale.
Love bound them in covenant,
gathering them in community
with compassion and concern
for the poorest among them.

Yet centuries of domination and violence
shaped a different kind of community
based on selfishness and inequality,
and the lust for wealth and power.

In the struggle against oppression,
Jesus became the face of love,
showing us the way to abundant life.
In word and deed, he announced
love's new reign of justice, reconciliation, and peace.
Filled with the courage and passion of love's spirit,
he gave his life to challenge the unjust systems of this world.

Therefore, with all whom you have made, cherished and called,
with all who hunger for your kin-dom

and will not rest until all your children are fed,

we sing the unending song of your praise:

Holy: (MOR)

We ask that your Holy Spirit will come upon us and upon these gifts
that these fragile, earthly things may become
the + Holy Body and Blood of our brother, Jesus, the Christ.

On the night of his arrest,
as he shared a meal with his friends,
Jesus took bread, gave thanks, broke it,
and gave it to all saying:



**All: Take this all of you, and eat it: this is my Body,
which will be given up for you.**

When supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it to all, 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.**

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

Memorial Acclamation : Save Us (MOR)

God of love, spirit of compassion,
bless us and this bread and wine.
May this meal be food and drink for our journey—
renewing, strengthening, and sustaining us.

When we eat this bread and drink from this cup
we remember the life of Jesus
and dedicate our lives to his vision of a world
where all are fed with dignity and hope.

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.**

Great Amen: (MOR)

The Prayer of Jesus

(Turn to the cameras and let us join our hearts together and pray in the words that
Jesus taught 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: (MOR)

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 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.

Whether partaking here, or at our home tables, this food from God is offered to the people of God, without exception. You are each a precious child of God. All are welcome at this table where our brother Jesus is the Host.

(Gluten-free wafers in front of altar in the center. And there is wine and grape juice in the metal cups)

Communion Song: Do This In Memory (V1; R; V2; R) No Bridge

Prayer after Communion:

Let us pray...

Living and life-giving God, You have fed us at the table of your Son.

Grant us the courage to speak truth boldly, even in the face of opposition. May we be steadfast in our commitment to your Word, trusting in your guidance and



provision. Help us to confront unbelief with grace and humility, knowing that you alone have the power to transform hearts.

In Jesus' name,

All: Amen

Blessing of Dori Healy candidate for the diaconate...

All: Heavenly Father, Master of the Universe, we ask your blessing upon Dori as she discerns her call to be ordained as Deacon. May her deep faith and servant heart be open to clarify her call to ministry. May this process deepen the harmony of her heart and soul into right action. Mary, Mother of God, continue to be a beacon of light and hope for Dori. We, members of Mary of Magdala, promise to hold Dori in prayer and in our hearts as she makes this journey—a journey ever ancient and ever new. Dori be blessed with the flow of grace from our hands and hearts to you—knowing wisdom, wonder, and insight flow to strengthen you on your journey. May it be so.

Concluding Rite and Dismissal

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

May the love of Christ ever enfold you,
the love of God ever encircle you,
and the fellowship of the Spirit ever enrich you,
now and evermore!



We ask for this blessing in the name of Amma/Abba God, Jesus our brother, and the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen!

Since this Mass continues in each one of us, I'd like to send you out into the world with this final plea through the words of Episcopal Bishop Mariann Budde. Let her plea reach the hearts of all.

All: Thanks be to God. (Tom plays video –2 min)

Closing Song: Can We Love (R; V1; R; V2; R; V3; R)