



Mary of Magdala, ECC – October 23 2022

Celebrating the 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Together Wherever We Are

Reverend Jane Reina Presiding

**Welcome and Announcements:
Social Justice Reflection**

Lector Cathy Engel

Rev. Jane Reina

Entrance Song

Open the Eyes of My Heart

Refrain

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord,
open the eyes of my heart.

I want to see you.

I want to see you.

Verse

To see you high and lifted up,
shining in the light of your glory.

Pour out your pow'r and love
as we sing "Holy, holy, holy."

Melody 1

Holy, holy, holy,
holy, holy, holy,
holy, holy, holy,
I want to see you.

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Greeting and Welcome

In the name of Abba/Amma God, of Jesus the
Christ, and of the Holy Spirit, Sophia.

All: Amen

May the grace and peace Jesus the Christ be with
you in abundance.

All: And also with you.

Welcome everyone, to our celebration of the
liturgy of the union of the Body of Christ Jesus,
and of the Body of Christ, we, ourselves.

Penitential Rite

Together, we turn to you, Amma/Abba God, who awaits our turning back. We ask that you bless us with a deeper experience of forgiveness and acceptance so that we may forgive and accept all in our oneness with You.

Jesus our Christ, you forgave everyone from the
Cross, even those who persecuted you. Teach us
to walk in your Way of forgiveness. Jesus have
mercy on us all. **All: Jesus, have mercy on us all.**

Christ, you are Divinity in all. Break open the
Divine in us to see the Divinity in all. Christ, have
mercy on us all. **All: Christ, have mercy on us all.**

Jesus our Christ, you showed us the Way of

Compassion. When we know and see the
injustice around us, enlighten our hearts to
respond for the benefit of others. Christ, have
mercy on us all. **All: Christ, have mercy on us all.**

May the God of Compassion have mercy on us,
and light our way. **All: Amen**

In thanksgiving for God's open and eternal
invitation to love, united we sing...



Gloria – *Mass of the Desert*

Refrain
Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to all people here on earth.

1. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you,
we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great
glory,

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Opening Prayer

Let us pray... Mysterious and compassionate
God, lighten our hearts with your presence, free
us from fear, fill us with the experience of your
eternal message through Jesus the Christ and the

gifts of the Spirit, bringing us again to this
physical and virtual space as the Body of Christ.

All: Amen

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Let us listen to the Word inspired by God

First Reading: *Lector Cathy Engel*

A Reading from the Wisdom of Ben Sira (Sirach) 25. 15-22

A Reading from the Wisdom of Ben Sira (also
known as Sirach)

Our God is a God of divine justice, a Judge who
doesn't play favorites. God never shows partiality
at the expense of those who are poor; rather,
God hears the prayer of those who are exploited.

God will never ignore the pleas of children who
have no home, or the bereft when they pour out
their hearts.

See how the tears that stream down their cheeks
cry out against the one who causes them to fall!
But you who wholeheartedly live yourselves to
God will be welcomed.

Your prayer will reach the heavens and be carried
upon the clouds. Indeed, the prayer of the
humble heart pierces the clouds:

Until it is heard, it will not rest, nor will there be
comfort for them.

Yet they do not give up until God responds,
granting justice to the just, granting grace to the
humble.

But alas for those who are unmerciful!
Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial: Psalm 34

Lector Cathy Engel

Our Psalm Response is: The Beloved hears our cry

Response: The Beloved hears our cry.



I will bless God at all times.
Praise will continually be on my lips.
In God alone shall I glory.
Let all who are humble hear this, and be glad.
Response: The Beloved hears our cry.

My vulnerable spirit cried, and was heard by God.
I was lifted up and carried through troubled times.
The angel of God wraps around us,
and tends to all who long for love.
Response: The Beloved hears our cry.

Come, my children. Listen to me.
I will teach you to love God fearlessly and fiercely.
Fix your gaze upon God, and your face will grow radiant.

You will never hang your head in shame.
Many are the troubles of the righteous,
but in God you will not be condemned,
you will be delivered into the fullness of life.
Response: The Beloved hears our cry.

God is near to the broken-hearted.
God helps those whose spirit is crushed.
The eyes of God are on those who seek justice.
God's ears are attentive to their cry.
Response: The Beloved hears our cry.

Who loves to see the good days? Who delights in life? Keep your tongue from evil and your lips from speaking lies.

Turn from evil and do good.
Seek peace and pursue it.
Response: The Beloved hears our cry.

Second Reading: Thea Bowman Reading

Lector Pedro Engel

An excerpt from, "Lord Let Me Live Till I Die", by S. Thea Bowman, from *Praying Magazine*.

O a little talk with Jesus makes it right, all right,
Little talk with Jesus makes it right, all right,
Troubles of ev'ry kind,
Thank God I'll always find
That a little talk with Jesus makes it right.
—African American spiritual

Our old folks would go to church and pray, and they'd come home happy. Within the traditional prayer of the black community, there were ways of controlling the mind, the mood and even the body, and doing it in Jesus' name. I thank God for the gift of my people. . .

Our prayer tradition attempts to go to God with feeling and passion and emotion and intensity. I want to be a part of what Jesus felt as he hung on the cross. I want to feel the anguish. I want to feel the love that motivated him to save us. He's the Almighty Word who leapt down from heaven. He's the son of the eternal father who became human like us in all things save sin. Yet, he accepted the sufferings of a lifetime as a human being to give us life. I want to feel that love, that compassion. . .

Words Inspired by God.
All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation – *Mass of the Desert*

Refrain:
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

1. Your words are spirit and life.
You have the words Of everlasting life.

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Gospel Reading: Luke 18:9-14, 18-24 — Rev. Jane Reina

The Word of Christ be with you all.
A Proclamation from the Gospel attributed to Luke.

All: and also with you.
All: Glory to you, O God

My siblings in Christ,

To some who trusted in their own righteousness and looked down on others, Jesus told this parable:

“Two people went up to the Temple to pray, one a Pharisee, the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing alone, was praying like this: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week. I give a tenth of all my earnings.’ But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but while breast-beating said: ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’ I tell you, this one went back home justified before God, rather than the other. For all who raise themselves up will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be raised up.”

Later, an official asked Jesus this question, “Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?”

Jesus answered, “Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: ‘You shall not commit adultery; you shall not kill; you shall not steal; you shall not bear false witness; you shall honor your father and your mother.’”

The official replied, “All of these I have observed from my youth.”

When Jesus heard this he said, “There is still one thing left for you. Sell all that you have and distribute it to the poor, and you will have a treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.”

When the official heard this he became very sad, for he was very rich. When Jesus saw that the official was filled with sorrow, Jesus was also sad and said, “How hard it is for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!”

The Good News of Jesus our Christ.
All: Praise to you, Jesus our Christ.

Homily — Rev. Jane Reina

Creed of Equality - by Bridget Mary Meehan and Mary Theresa Streck, ARCWP

Let us profess our faith together: We believe in God...

All: ... who is creator and nurturer of all. We believe in Jesus, the Christ, who is our love, our hope, and our Light. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the breath of Wisdom Sophia, who energizes and guides us to build caring communities and to challenge oppression, exploitation, and injustice.

We believe that God loves us passionately and forgives us everything. We believe that we are radiant images of God who calls us to live fully, love tenderly, and serve generously. We believe

in the communion of saints, our heavenly friends, who support us on life's journey. We believe in the partnership and equality of women and men in our church and world.

We believe that all are one in the Heart of God. We believe that women's liberation is human liberation. Here we dwell in loving relationships. Here we live our prophetic call of Gospel equality. Amen



Prayers of the People

Reverend Jane

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus reaffirms his message. Time and place are not his concern; his concern is that we know God's love and that we love our kin in the world. Knowing our relationship with Christ deepens as we live out this message in truth, we lift our prayers, confident that God hears us:

Lector Pedro Engel

Our response is: Loving God, receive our prayers.
Response: Loving God, hear our prayers.

For all people who have lost much in hurricanes, flooding, and wildfires that they may find the resources needed to rebuild their homes, lives, and communities, we pray, **Response: Loving God, hear our prayers.**

For leaders of all countries that they may be willing to sit down and discuss ways to end wars,

gang violence, and political divisiveness, while listening to their citizens needs and concerns, we pray, **Response: Loving God, hear our prayers.**

For all those who live with chronic physical illness or mental illness that they may receive your healing grace and return to wholeness in mind, body, and spirit, we pray, **Response: Loving God, hear our prayers.**

I will now read the prayers requested from those in the sanctuary... .. We pray....**Response: Loving God, receive our prayers.**

For those on zoom, please unmute and speak your prayer so all may pray with you,**Response: Loving God, receive our prayers.**

And for all those on our prayer list and the prayers you hold in your hearts, we pray, **Response: Loving God, receive our prayers.**

Rev. Jane Reina

Loving God who calls us, hear our petitions and help us in our daily lives. We ask all these things through Jesus, the Christ. **All: Amen**

The Peace

Jesus, our Christ, you said to your disciples:
"Peace be with you; my peace I give you."

Celebrating your Love, virtually and in person, let us share a sign of Christ's peace.

May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

As we prepare our tables, offering food and drink here and virtually, 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 called and able.

Procession with Bread and Wine



Offertory Song

The Cry of the Poor

Refrain
The Lord hears the cry of the poor.
Blessed be the Lord.

1. I will bless the Lord at all times,
with praise ever in my mouth.
Let my soul glory in the Lord,
who will hear the cry of the poor.

2. Let the lowly hear and be glad:

the Lord listens to their pleas;
and to hearts broken, God is near,
who will hear the cry of the poor.

3. Ev'ry spirit crushed, God will save;
will be ransom for their lives;
will be safe shelter for their fears,
and will hear the cry of the poor.

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Preparation of the Gifts *(During Offertory Song)*

Blessed are you, Loving God of all creation.
Through your goodness, we have this bread to
offer, which earth has given and human hands
have made. It will become for us the bread of
life. **All: Blessed be God forever.**

Blessed are you, God of all creation. Through
your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of
the vine and work of human hands. It will
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.

Beloved God, we ask you to receive us and be
pleased with these gifts we offer you with
humble and contrite hearts.

O God, wash away my iniquity, cleanse me from
my sin.

Prayer over the Gifts

Pray, my beloved siblings, that our sacrifice may
be acceptable to God.

**All: May God accept the sacrifice at your hands
for the praise and glory of God's name for our
good and the good of all God's creation.**

Eucharistic Prayer

The peace of our God be with you.
Lift up your hearts.
Let us give thanks to our God of Love.

All And also with you.
All: We lift them up to God.
All: It is right to give God thanks and praise

Oh God, we do well always and everywhere to
offer you thanks through Jesus our Christ.

Jesus our Christ, with the force of the Divine
Mother's Love, heal those besieged by illness,
fear, trauma, guilt, and blame. They yearn for



Love as we yearn for Love and to Love. Your presence, O Christ, continues as an ever-expanding, evolving love for us, and for all, leading us to a fullness of life here and beyond death.

And so we joyfully join our voices in unison with the song of Creation throughout the Kin-dom,

Holy – (Sung)
Mass of the Desert

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God,
Lord God, Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name
of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

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Flowing from Life visible in all Creation, and with that Love revealed in the message of Jesus, send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts.

Bless these gifts and make them holy that they may become the living sign of Christ's enduring Love, the Body and Blood of Jesus our Christ. Together, we, the Body of Christ gathered in all locations, remember what Jesus did at table and in life.

Who on the night before he was betrayed and among friends gathered around a table,

He took bread and gave you thanks.
He broke the bread,
gave it to his disciples, 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 his disciples, 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 our faith

Memorial Acclamation (Sung)
Save Us Savior - Mass of the Desert

**Save us, Savior of the world,
for by your Cross and Resurrection
you have set us free.**

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In memory of his death and resurrection, we offer you, Amma/Abba God, this life-giving bread and wine. We thank you for inviting us to taste and to serve. May all of us who share in this sacrament be brought together in unity by the Holy Spirit.

Loving Divinity, Compassionate Mystery, we celebrate the life and death of Jesus, our Christ, and all that Christ continues to do. We ask that you remember all people of every faith and tradition who journey to you, along with us, your church.

Help us live your Love as our salvation, not our possession. Continue to guide us as one, gathering as the Body of Christ, praying especially for its local incarnation in the 301 Faith Community.

Remember O Loving God, all those who have died. Welcome them into your all-embracing presence through the promise of the Risen Christ, in union with Mary, Mother of the World, Mary of Magdala, Teresa of Avila, St. Francis of Assisi, Teresa of Calcutta, Dorothy Day, and all who strive to give their lives to you today.

May we praise You in union with them, giving



glory to Christ.

**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 *(Sung) Mass of The Desert*

Amen, amen, amen.

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The Prayer of Jesus

Let us pray in the words our Savior gave 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 *(Sung)*

Mass of the Desert

**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the
world, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the
world, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the
world, grant us peace.**

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This is the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin
of the world, by restoring relationships with God,
and with one another, and with all Creation.
Happy are we who are called to this supper.

**All: Jesus, I am ready to receive you, and by your
invitation, I am here.**

Invitation to Communion

As we share in this nourishment set before us, let
us proclaim 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.**

This food of and from God is offered to all of us,
without exception. All are welcomed to the
Feast of Life. Come, everyone, and share this
banquet.

Communion Song

Piano Meditation by Rosanna Bateman



Prayer after Communion

Let us pray...
Holy Mystery, we give You thanks for the gift of
Eucharistic faith this day. Empower us as we go
about our daily lives as witnesses to your Love in

the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus our
Christ.

All: Amen.

Gray La Fond will be confirmed on Sunday, November 6, 2022, at 5pm Mass. Bishop Kae Madden will be our
presider. Let us pray together in support of Gray's reception of the blessing of this Holy Sacrament:

**All: Creator Spirit, strengthen Gray with your
gifts of grace, to love and serve as a disciple of
Christ.**

**Grant that they may grow into the fullness of
the stature of Christ.**

Fill Gray with the joy of your presence.

**Increase in them the fruit of your Spirit: the
spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of
love, patience and gentleness, the spirit of
wonder and true holiness.**

**In Jesus' name we pray,
Amen**

Blessing and Dismissal

God is with you **All: And also with you.**

Let us together expand our hearts and let God's
blessing enter us:

May God who is the spark of all creation, bless us
with a brighter spark each moment.

May the depth of God's compassion, bless us
with unlimited compassion for all.

May the Holy Spirit, She who offers us life
without end, bless us with this understanding.

In the name of Amma/Abba, God, Jesus our
Christ, and the Holy Spirit, Sophia **All: Amen**

From the center of our being, let our lives
continue the work of Christ in our world.

All: Thanks be to God

Closing Song

Send Your Glory Down

1. O Radiant Light Divine,
shine within this heart of mine;
Word of God, dispel our darkness.
O Image of the Light Sublime,
our God Incarnate beyond time,
that fills this place with heaven's glory:

Refrain
Send your glory down,

send your glory down,
send your glory down! **(Repeat)**

2. Lord Jesus Christ, as daylight fades
we give you thanks for all our days,
the work, the toil, the pain, the glory.
We praise the Father with the Son,
the Spirit blest and with them one.
We stand united as your fam'ly.