



Mary of Magdala, ECC – March 13, 2022
Celebrating the 2nd Sunday in Lent - Together Wherever We Are
Mother Rosean Amaral Presiding

Welcome and Announcements:
Social Justice Reflection

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Entrance Song
Transfigure Us, O Lord

Refrain
Transfigure us, O Lord,
transfigure us, O Lord.
Break the chains that bind us;
speak your healing word,
and where you lead we'll follow.
Transfigure us, O Lord.

1. Down from heights of glory
into the depths below,
the love of God self-emptied,
the love of God to show.

You light the path before us,
the way that we must go.

3. Pardon for the sinner,
a shepherd for the sheep,
a drink of living water
for all who thirst and seek,
and feasting at your table,
the lowly and the least.

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Greeting

In the name of Mother/Father God, our Brother
Jesus, and the Holy Spirit Sophia.

ALL: Amen

May the grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with
you all.

ALL: And also with you.

Mother Rosean welcomes the community...

Penitential Rite

Let us remember God's mercy...

Compassionate Christ, you are aware of our
needs even before we are. Have mercy on us.

ALL: Have mercy on us all.

Eternal Hope, You are our exuberant hope in
times of hardship. Have mercy on us.

ALL: Have mercy on us all.

Healing Presence, let your Spirit enter the
deadened places within us, and bring us back to
life in You. Have mercy on us.

ALL: Have mercy on us all



Opening Prayer

Let us pray...

Mender of hearts and souls,
You know what is needed to make each one of us
whole. Let your heart reach out and enliven your

Spirit within us. Our hope is in you, through your
Son, our Brother Jesus, the Christ.

ALL: Amen

LITURGY OF THE WORD

And now let us listen to our scripture readings and a reading inspired by God.

First Reading:

Lector Cathy Engles

Our first reading is from **One Who Heals, by Joyce Rupp, from Jesus, Friend of my Soul**

Everywhere he went Jesus engendered some type of healing. Twisted limbs on bodies straightened out. Wild spirits fled. Minds functioned normally again. Wounded people found hope and regained self-esteem. No wonder throngs of people pressed closely to be touched by him. The dictionary defines healing as "to free from injury or disease: to make sound or whole." Sometimes healing takes a long time. It took the man by the Bethesda pool thirty-eight years. . . .

. . . .People do not always know they have need of healing. At age fifty, I left my regular work for two years of graduate study in psychology. I

sensed a remote, inner voice whispering, "Pray for healing." I questioned that. I felt fine, inside and out. What needed to be made well? I went on to pray for healing, anyway. How astounded I was to discover during those years that parts of me did, indeed, need to be made well. . . .The Spirit of Jesus touched my unhealthy self through the skilled care of a therapist and devoted teachers who restored my inner health. I learned that the Great Healer knows what needs be made whole and will provide healing. .

Words inspired by God

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Second Reading: *Lector Pedro Engel*

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles 9:36-43

In Joppa, there was a disciple, a woman named Tabitha, which in Greek is "Dorcas". She never tired of doing kind things or helping those who were poor. About the time when some other disciples of Jesus were passing through, she grew ill and died. Some women washed her and laid her in an upstairs room.

Lydda was near Joppa, so the disciples, who heard that Peter was in Lydda, sent two couriers to him with the request, "Please come at once." So Peter got up and went.

When he arrived, they took him to the upstairs room. All the townswomen who had been widowed were there, weeping. They showed



Peter tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made. Turning to the body, he said, “Tabitha, rise up.” Then Tabitha opened her eyes, looked around, and sat up. She was helped to her feet. Then Peter called for all the saints, especially the widows, and showed them that she was alive.

The Word of an Early Church Historian..
ALL: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation – *Mass of the Desert*

Refrain:
Glory to you, Word of God, Jesus the Christ.

but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.

2. One does not live on bread alone,

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Gospel Reading: Luke 7: 11-17

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May the love of God be with you all.
A proclamation of the Good News attributed to Luke.

ALL: And also with you.
ALL: Glory to you, O God.

Jesus went to a town called Nain. The disciples and a large crowd accompanied him there. As Jesus approached the entrance to the town, a body was being carried out on a bier—the only child, a son, of a widowed mother. A considerable crowd of townspeople were with her.

Jesus gave him back to his mother.

Moved with pity upon seeing her, Jesus said, “Don’t grieve. Don’t mourn.” Then Jesus stepped forward and touched the bier. At this, the bearers halted. Jesus said, “Young man, get up.” The dead youth sat up and began to speak.

Awe seized them all, and they began to praise God. “A great prophet has risen among us,” they said. “Truly, God has visited us.”

This report about Jesus spread throughout Judea and the surrounding country.

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

Homily:

Mother Rosean Amaral

Prayers of the People

Mother Rosean Amaral :

God of Hope, we turn to you in prayer for our needs and the needs of the world. .

Lector Pedro Engel

The response is: Merciful God, receive our prayers. **ALL: Merciful God, receive our prayers.**

that they may receive God’s healing graces and return to wholeness, we pray, **All: Merciful God, receive our prayers.**

For all who are sick or recovering from medical procedures, and their families and caregivers,



For all soldiers, civilians, and medical staff who bravely stand up against war and violence in their native countries, that they may find solace and helping hands as they continue to believe and hope in peaceful solutions, we pray, **All: Merciful God, receive our prayers**

We pray for the people of Ukraine and of Russia. We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons. We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow, that your Spirit of comfort would

draw near to them. We pray for those with power over war or peace, for wisdom, discernment, and compassion to guide their decisions. Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear, that you would hold and protect them. We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace.

All: Merciful God, receive our prayers.

(Prayer composed by the Church of England)

For the prayers requested by those attending in the Sanctuary and in those placed in the chat featurewe pray

All: Merciful God, receive our prayer.

For those on Zoom, if you would like to share your prayer aloud, please unmute now for all to hear,we pray,

All: Merciful God, receive our prayer.

And for those on our Prayer List and all the prayers held in our hearts, we pray,

All: Merciful God, receive our prayers.

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Great Healer, help us to be a healing presence for those who ache in body, mind, and spirit. Our prayers, spoken and silent, rest in your hands, in the name of your Son, Jesus. **All: Amen.**

The Peace

Jesus, you said to your apostles, "I leave you peace, my peace I give you." Such a gift heals relationships and empowers our service to one another. May the peace of Christ be with you always.

ALL: And also with you.

Virtually and in person, let us share with one another a sign of Christ's peace.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Preparation of the Gifts

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 church. Please continue to give as you are called and able.

Offertory Song

Into the Desert

1. Come, beloved, and rest your mind;
leave the things of this world behind.
Here I will be your daily bread,
all that you need.

Refrain
Into the desert I will lead;
here in the silence my word will speak.
And you will find the peace you seek
here in the desert.



3. From this desert your life will bloom;
out of despair is hope renewed.
And from this death you shall arise,

arise with me.

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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.
Blessed be God forever.

Blessed are you, loving 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. 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.

Washing of the hands

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

Prayer over the Gifts

Pray, my sisters and brothers in Christ, 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 people.**

Eucharistic Prayer

May the love of God be with you.
Open your hearts.
Let us give thanks to our Loving God.

ALL: And also with you.

ALL: We open them to God.

ALL: it is right to give God thanks and praise.

Eternal God, in the abundance of your love
you have caused all things to be; from dust and
spirit you have woven our humanity;
in all our wanderings you will never cease to call
us to fullness of life. You gave us Jesus, son of
Mary, the Bread of life broken for the world;
he fed us and feasted with us,
he healed us and suffered for us;
his dying and rising have set us free.

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, with the broken saints and

redeemed people of all ages, we sing the
unending song of your praise:

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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We ask that your Holy Spirit will come upon us and upon these gifts that these fragile, earthly things may be the holy Body + and Blood of our Brother, Jesus Christ, who, on the night he was betrayed, gathered with his friends for a meal that tasted of freedom. Calling them, to his table, he took the 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 praise, gave the cup to his disciples, and 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 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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Therefore, in our eating and drinking we are filled with the life-giving presence of Christ; we proclaim him as creation's host, transforming poverty into plenty in the reckless generosity of love. In communion with each other and our bishops Kae, and Francis, inspire us with the hope that one day death and greed will be no more and people without number will come from east and west, north and south to share the kingdom meal in company with blessed Mary, Saint Francis. Mary of Magdala, and all the saints. May we praise you in union with them, and give you glory through your Son, Jesus the Christ.

ALL: Through Christ, with Christ and 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:

AMEN - *(Sung)*
Mass of The Desert

Amen, amen, amen.

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The Prayer of Jesus

Let us pray with the words that Jesus has taught us:

ALL: Mother/Father 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, 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 transforms the sin of the world. Happy we who are called to this communion.

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 all a Eucharistic people, the Body of Christ Incarnate, the Blood of Christ poured out for the life of the world.

(Mother Rosean welcomes all to communion)

Communion Song Christ in Me Arise

Refrain

Christ in me arise and dispel all the darkness.
Christ in me arise with your power and your strength.
Christ in me pour out your blessing and healing.
Christ in me arise and I shall rise with you.

1. Be now my vision; open these eyes,
showing me all that I must see.
Onward to the kingdom, you are the way.
Arise in me and I shall rise with you.

2. Be now my footsteps, leading the way,
taking me where I must go.
Onward to the kingdom, you are the way.
Arise in me and I shall rise with you.

Bridge

You know my heart and you know my ways,
you who formed me in my mother's womb.
I live and move in you, my whole being thrives in you.

Final Refrain

Christ in me arise and dispel all the darkness.
Christ in me arise with your power and your strength.
Christ in me pour out your blessing and healing.
Christ in me arise and I shall rise with you.
Christ in me arise, Christ in me arise,
Christ in me arise and I shall rise with you.

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Prayer after Communion

Let us pray...

Merciful God,
You never fail to give us the food of life. You are our guide, the joy of our hearts, the author of our hope, and the object of our love. We come seeking healing and peace. Show us your mercy,

relieve our fears and anxieties, and grant us a quiet mind and an expectant heart, that by the assurance of your presence we may learn to abide in you. Grant this through Christ Jesus.

ALL: Amen

(Adapted from the Book of Common Prayer)



Concluding Rite

Blessing

May God be with you! **ALL: And also with you.**

Let us bow our heads and receive God's blessing... May God shine the light of glory into your hearts.

May Christ be with you and never leave you.

And may the Spirit renew the image of God within you.

Receive this blessing in the name of Mother/Father God, our Brother Jesus, and the Holy Spirit, Sophia.

ALL: Amen

Dismissal:

Let us go forth into the world open to God's healing for us, and willing to be God's healing hands to our sisters and brothers in Christ.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Closing Song

Bless be the Lord

Refrain

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
bless God's holy name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
bless God's holy name.

1. Remember the kindness of our God,
who showers us with blessing
all our days.

2. Remember the justice of our God,
who stands with those
forgotten and confused.

3. Remember the healing love of God,
who calls us to be whole
and to be free.

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