



Mary of Magdala, ECC— September 28, 2025

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Celebrating the 4th Sunday in the Season of Creation and the 26th Sunday in OT and the marriage engagement of Rosana Bateman's son, Garrick, to Orla McGrath.

The Kin-dom of God – All Creation Together Everywhere

Reverend Jane Reina Presiding

Welcome and Announcements *Lector Matt Chavez*

Leadership Council Report *Kerrie Anderson*

Entrance Song **Send Your Glory Down (V1; R; V2; R)**

Greeting: Welcome to our Mass on the 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time and the 4th and last Sunday in the Season of Creation. In this world-wide prayer season we honor each other and all creation by staying the course of *Peace with Creation*. Some of the prayers today are taken from the Climate Witness Project at Church of the Servant, Grand Rapids, Michigan, a Reformed Dutch Christian Church and the South African Anglican Church, and the Anglican Church USA.

Living within the Divine Milieu, let us continue in priestly communal prayer as one expression of God's presence:



+In the name of the Creating Mystery, our Cosmic Christ, and the Holy Spirit, Sophia.

All: Amen.

Penitential Rite – Lament and Admission of Wrong-doing

Church of the Servant, Grand Rapids, Michigan

Rev. Jane: Friends, we are made in the divine image, and God called us good. Yet we go our own way, causing harm to ourselves, to one another, and to the Earth. So let us humbly turn back to God, lament, confess our profound mistakes to each other and be renewed by Grace.

There is only ONE transgression which we will follow with silence for a minute in reconciliation.

Rev. Jane: God of all mercy, we admit that we have caused harm to you.

All: We admit that we have participated in the exploitation of your creation through fossil fuel industries, through plastics that have suffocated our landscapes, the pollution of waterways, extinction of species, of places called home both near and far, and through a broken relationship with the earth which gives us life. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through Jesus our Christ, that we may abide in your Love and serve your purpose of shalom for the whole community of Creation. Amen.



SILENCE

Rev. Jane

Friends, filled with grace we can hear the good news: Jesus our Christ says, “See, I make everything new!” Let us raise our voices in praise and glory of God!

Gloria Glory to God (Mass of A Joyful Heart)

Opening Prayer South African Anglican Church

God of all creation, we give thanks for the beauty and goodness you have called into being and continually nurture and sustain. Our voices join in praise with all creation: with the sea that roars, the trees that protect, the birds that sing. May your Spirit weave us anew into your purposes for an abundant life, in the name of Jesus the Christ we pray.

All: Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please be seated as the Word of God speaks to us.

First Reading *Lector Matt Chavez*

Song of the Sky Loom from *Songs of the Tewa*. The Tewa are a linguistic group of Pueblo Native Americans and share the Pueblo culture.

O our Mother the Earth, O our Mother the Sky



Your children are we, and with tired backs

We bring you the gifts that you love.

Then weave for us a garment of brightness;

May the warp be the bright light of morning,

May the weft be the red light of evening,

May the fringes be the falling rain,

May the border be the standing rainbow,

Thus weave for us a garment of brightness

That we may walk fittingly where the birds sing,

That we may walk fittingly where the grass is green,

O our Mother the Earth, O our Father the Sky.

Tewa Prayer translated by Herbert Spinden – Songs of the Tewa, Southwestern Indian Weaving, by Mark Bahti, 2004, p2. Italics by Rev. Reina.

Psalm We Ever Will Praise You (R-C; R-A; V1-C; R-A; V2-C; R-A)

Second Reading *Pedro Engel*



***Creation as The Story of God* by Joachim Viens, Friend, Theologian, Monk**

I use the word “God” for want of a better word.

“God” is a code name for God (from Paul Tillich)

What I mean by God is the Holy Mystery within which we live,
more unknown than known, and at the same time,
I experience all of creation as God’s Body.

I start with experiences of spirit,
What is it that urges us forward and outward?
The love of God is poured out into our hearts,
by the spirit which has been given to us.

I move on to what God would look like if God
walked this earth—I find the life of Jesus
revelatory in this sense,
Jesus, the human face of God.

A human face of God, A classic for you, perhaps,

The classic for me!



And, finally I acknowledge God as the ultimate mystery,
The whither of my unrestricted desire to know and love,
but also, as that which urges me forward.

I experience the Holy Mystery as immanent, incarnate and transcendent,
a Trinitarian Mystery.

Listen to the Spirit speaking to God's people. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia (MOJH)

Gospel Luke 16:19-31

Our Loving God is within you. **All: And also within you.**

A Proclamation of the Gospel attributed to **Luke 16:19-31**

All: Glory to you, O God.

There was a rich man who dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. At his gate, on his doorstep, lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores. He longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table. Even the dogs would come to lick his sores.

The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Sarah and Abraham.

The rich man also died and was buried. From Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Sarah and Abraham far away with Lazarus by their side. He called



out, “Mother Sarah, Father Abraham, have mercy on me. Send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in the water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames.”

But they said, “Child, remember that during your lifetime you received good things, and Lazarus, evil things. Now he is comforted here and you are in agony. Apart from all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so; and no one can cross from there to us.”

The rich man said, “Then, I beg you. Send Lazarus to my mother and father’s house—for I have five siblings. Send Lazarus to warn them, so that they will be spared of this place of torment.” Abraham and Sarah replied, “They have Moses and the Prophets. They should listen to them.” The rich man persisted, saying, “No, no. I pray to you both. If someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.” Sarah and Abraham said to him, “If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.”

The Good News of Jesus our Christ.

All: Praise to you, Jesus, our Christ.

Homily Rev. Jane Reina

Prayers of the People

Presider: You, Compassionate One, who are here, you know our needs even before we know them.



Lector Pedro Engel

Our response to the prayers of creation is:

All: O God, we pray for renewed peace within creation and within ourselves.

For courage and wisdom of the Spirit to help us open our eyes and minds to truth, freedom, and justice for all, we pray.

All: O God, we pray for renewed peace within creation and within ourselves.

For courage and strength to walk the ancient paths in new ways that cherish the earth and all upon it, we pray.

All: O God, we pray for renewed peace within creation and within ourselves.

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

All: O God, we pray for renewed peace within creation and within ourselves.

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

All: O God, we pray for renewed peace within creation and within ourselves.

For those on our Prayer List and those held in the quiet of our hearts, we pray.

All: O God, we pray for renewed peace within creation and within ourselves.

Rev. Jane



Gracious God, grant that the future of our planet, the future of us humans, and the future of all evolving creation be held in both your hands and ours as co-creating stewards so we may live in peace. **All: Amen.**

Creed from Christogenesis

All: We believe in one God, one human family, one planetary community, one body, one love, uniting all in beauty, for God's infinite love is infinite, fecund and beautiful.

We believe we are entangled with all earth life and all living creatures,

We believe this future is the relational unity of all living things in God.

We believe this earth has a future entangled with God.

We believe the heart of God is love. Amen.

The Peace

Jesus said to his disciples, "Peace be with you. My peace I give you." May the peace of Christ, not of this world, be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Please turn and share a sign of peace with our siblings here virtually and then turn to share with one another.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST



As we prepare our tables with the food we have, here and at home, 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.

Let us sing together.

Offertory Christ In Me Arise (R; V1; R; V2; R)

Procession of the Bread and Wine by Eucharistic Ministers

Preparation of the Gifts *(During Offertory Song)* Blessed are you, God of all

Creation, through your goodness we have this bread and wine. All creation originated as star dust and star dust has evolved into wheat and grapes from the soil of the earth. We, too evolving from stardust, have made bread and wine. May this bread and wine become for us the sacred nourishment we seek. **All: Blessed be God forever.**

By the mystery of this water and wine, we share in the divinity of Christ who emptied himself sharing in our humanity. **All: Blessed be God forever.**

Prayer over the Gifts

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

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.

Christ is within You.

All: And also within You.

Let us open our hearts.

All: We open our hearts to God.



Let us give thanks to our Loving God. **All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

From the Anglican Church, USA

It is right to give you thanks, loving Creator. Your word is the impulse for all things to be, for space, stars, and stardust to appear, for Earth to emerge from the deep, for life to be born of Earth, and for humans to be born of Earth and the Spirit.

Your Spirit is the life impulse in all things, restoring the broken and healing the wounded, groaning in anticipation of a new creation, stirring with new life born of water and the Spirit.

You chose to be born a human being, to become a part of Earth, to suffer, die, and rise from death...to renew creation, and to reconcile all born of Earth and the Spirit.

Your presence is the living impulse in all things, the Christ deep among us, filling Earth—land, sea and air—filling every element and place, filling the grain and the grape we share with you this day.

Therefore with angels and archangels, ancient voices in the forest, high voices from the sky, deep voices from the sea, and the whole company of creation, we proclaim your presence among us.

Holy, Holy, Holy (MOR)

Eucharistic Prayer



Blessed are you, compassionate and faithful God. With loving tenderness, you fill us with a longing for your justice and peace. Jesus the Christ is the Way that leads to Peace, the Way that liberates us from injustice and violence, and shows us how to love. PAUSE
Flowing from this Exquisite Love visible and invisible throughout the entire cosmos, send your Holy Spirit to heal our planet. *All are invited to stretch out your hand over these gifts with Becky and Matt Chavez and me:*

All: O Mysterious Holiness, make these gifts of bread and wine ++holy, that they may become the Body and Blood of Jesus the Christ.

While he was at supper on the night before he died, 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.

At the end of the meal, he took the cup. Again, he praised you for your goodness, gave 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 faith.

Memorial Acclamation (MOR)



Loving God, with gratitude we remember the passion of Jesus, his suffering at the hands of a broken humanity filled with violence and enmity. He endured all this with a Love so deep and free that he died loving his enemies and forgiving his persecutors.

Together then with people of every faith and no faith, we remember that LOVE is our salvation, not our possession.

Remember, O Christ, those who have died and welcome them back into your Love, where you gather all into yourself. Comfort those who are in grief and mourning from loss.

With all creation, we proclaim,

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 (MOJH)

The Prayer of Jesus Please turn to the camera and let us join our hearts together as we pray the words that Jesus 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 – Meditation instrumental while bread is broken.

Rev. Jane: This is the Living God. This is the one who transforms us and our world.

Blessed are we who are called into this Love.

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

Invitation to Communion

As we rejoice in our coming together in this transforming energy, let us affirm:

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.

Where-ever we share this meal, here or at home, or in a café, all tables are God's table.

All are invited, no preconditions required, so come to this feast of unrestricted and unconditional Love. (*remind about gluten-free*)

Communion Give Us Your Peace (R; V1; R; V2; R)

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray... We give you thanks, O God, that you have fed us. Fill us now with a vision of your new creation where all may have abundant life, through Jesus our Christ, the

Bread of Life. Amen. Church of the Servant, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

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 peace of our God is within you. **All: And also within you.**

Let us open our hearts and receive God's blessing... Anglican Church, USA

May the Spirit of God,

who is above all and in all and through all,

fill you with the knowledge of God's presence in Earth

and the pulsing of Christ in creation,

through whom all things are reconciled and renewed.

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

All: Amen.

Dismissal -- Antiochene Syriac Maronite Church. Anaphora of Saint James, Brother of the Lord.

May we go living in peace with Creation.

All: Amen

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

