



**Mary of Magdala, ECC – May 8, 2022**  
**Celebrating the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter —Together Wherever We Are**  
**Mother Rosean Amaral Presiding**

**Welcome and Announcements:** *Lector Linda Joyce*  
**Social Justice Reflection** *Tom Moos, Social Justice Ministry*

**Entrance Song**  
**Hail, Holy Queen**

1. Hail, holy Queen enthroned above; O Maria!  
Hail, mother of mercy and of love. O Maria!

Refrain  
Triumph, all ye cherubim;  
Sing with us, ye seraphim!

Heav'n and earth resound the hymn:  
Salve, salve, salve, Regina!

2. Our life, our sweetness here below, O Maria!  
Our hope in sorrow and in woe. O Maria!

Text: 84 84 with refrain; *Salve, Regina, mater misericordiae*, ca. 1080; verses 1, 2, 5 and refrain tr. anon. in *Roman Hymnal*, 1884; verses 3, 4, 6, para. Music: Melchior Ludwig Herold, 1753–1810; *Choralmelodien zum Heiligen Gesänge*, 1808; arr. by Josh Blakesley..

**Greeting**

Let us continue as one expression of God's  
people in the name of our Creator, Redeemer,  
and Sustainer.  
**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.**

**Welcome**

**Thank you all for worshipping with us, both  
virtually and in the sanctuary. We are blessed  
by your presence among us.**

Today is a special time to thank God for mothers  
and for all those who are called to mother to a  
broken world.

It is also a time to celebrate our Mother Church  
where we are all united as family with God as our  
loving parent

**Penitential Rite**

Let us seek the embrace of God's love, forgiveness, and peace...

When we turn away from nurturing the needy,  
God have mercy.  
**All: Have mercy on us all.**

When we have no room in our lives for the  
broken-hearted, Christ have mercy.  
**All: Have mercy on us all.**

When we struggle to forgive those who have  
withheld their love from us, God have mercy.

**All: Have mercy on us all.**

Merciful God, you know our desire to serve you.  
Come to our aid that we might be a mothering  
presence to your children who are in need of  
your love, forgiveness and peace. Through Jesus  
our Christ.  
**All: Amen**



Let us sing our praises to our God:

## **Gloria** - *Mass of the Desert*

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

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

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## **Opening Prayer**

Nurturing God, we rejoice with thanks for all  
those who have mothered us in our lives. In a  
world that is broken and in need of your  
motherly love, please use us to help others, as  
you do to us, in providing comfort, nurture,  
protection and support.

We ask that you grow us as caring people to  
those who need us, so that we might celebrate  
your goodness together even **through** our own  
brokenness. In all your Holy Names we pray.

**All: Amen**

## **LITURGY OF THE WORD**

You may be seated as we listen to the Word of God in our midst...

### **First Reading: Exodus 2:1-10** *Lector Linda Joyce*

There was a man from the House of Levi who had  
married a Levite woman, and she conceived and  
gave birth to a boy. And she saw that the baby  
was good, so she hid it for three months. When  
she could hide the baby no longer, she took a  
papyrus basket, daubed it with bitumen and  
pitch, and put the child in it, and placed the  
basket among the reeds by the banks of the Nile.  
The baby's sister watched from a distance to  
learn what would happen.

Pharaoh's daughter came down to the Nile to  
bathe, while her attendants walked along the  
riverbank. She noticed the basket among the  
reeds, and sent her attendant to fetch it.  
Opening it, she saw the baby—and how it wept!

She was moved to pity and said, "This must be  
one of the Hebrews' children!"

Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Do  
you want me to go and find a nurse for you  
among the Hebrews to suckle the child for you?"

"Yes, go," she answered. So the sister went off  
and brought the baby's own mother. Pharaoh's  
daughter said to her, "Take this child with you  
and suckle it for me, and I myself will pay you."  
The woman took the child and nursed it. After  
the child was weaned, she brought it to  
Pharaoh's daughter, who adopted it as her own.  
She called him Moses—meaning "He Who Pulls  
Out"—for she said, "I pulled him out of the  
water."



The Word of God.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

## Responsorial Psalm 100: 1-2; 3; 4-5

*Lector Linda Joyce*

The response is: Serve Love with a glad heart.

**Response: Serve Love with a glad heart.**

Sing a joyful noise to the Beloved  
all peoples of the earth!  
Serve Love with a glad heart!  
Join hands in the great Dance of Life!

**Response: Serve Love with a glad heart.**

Know that the Beloved of your heart is the Divine  
Presence!  
Love created us, and we belong to the Most  
High;  
We are born to be loving,

expressions of the Creator's Divine Plan.

**Response: Serve Love with a glad heart.**

Open the gates of your heart with gratitude  
and enter Love's court with praise!  
Give thanks to the Beloved,  
bless Love's holy Name!

**Response: Serve Love with a glad heart.**

For Love is of God and lives in your heart forever,  
With faith, truth, and joy, now  
and in all that is to come.

Alleluia! Amen!

**Response: Serve Love with a glad heart.**

## Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 1: 3-4

*Lector David Cloyd*

Blessed be the God of our savior Jesus Christ, the Source of all mercies and the God of all consoling, who comforts us in all our troubles so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the same comforting God has given us.

The Word of God.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation – Mass of the Desert

*Refrain:*

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

7. God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might have eternal life..

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## Gospel Reading: John 19: 25-27

*Mother Rosean Amaral*

May the love of God be with you.

A proclamation of the Gospel attributed to John.

**ALL: And also with you**

**ALL: Glory to You, O God.**

Sisters and brothers,  
Standing close to Jesus' cross were his mother,  
his mother's sister, Mary, the wife of Clopas,  
and Mary of Magdala. When Jesus saw his

mother and the disciple whom he loved  
standing there, he said to his mother, "Here is  
your son." Then he said to his disciple, "Here is



your mother.” From that moment, the disciple took her into his household.

This is the Good News of Jesus, Our Christ.  
**All: Praise to you, Jesus our Christ**

**Homily:** *Mother Rosean Amaral*

## **Prayers of the People – (a candle will be lit and placed in sand tray for each prayer. )**

*Mother Rosean will introduce the prayers of the people*  
*Lector David Cloyd*

The response is, Loving God, receive our prayers.  
**All: Loving God, receive our prayers**

We pause to remember with gratitude all those who have truly mothered us throughout our lives, we pray, **Response: Loving God, receive our prayers.**

We give thanks for the gift of mothering and nurturing, deep within us, and pray for the grace to let its flame burn bright, we pray, **Response: Loving God, receive our prayers.**

For all women—daughters, mothers, sisters, aunts, nieces, mentors—that they may be blessed knowing God’s Love encircles them and gives them strength for the good days and not so good days. For any for whom this has been a hard day, for any who are suffering as a result of broken relationships, we pray, **Response: Loving**

**God, receive our prayers.**

We ask for forgiveness for the times when our hearts have been closed to the love, and need for love, of those in our care, we pray, **Response: Loving God, receive our prayers.**

For the people of Ukraine, Russia, and all countries experiencing war and its aftermath, that they may find a way to create peace between their countries and heal the damage the current war is causing we pray, **Response: Loving God, receive our prayers.**

We give thanks for our Mother Church who brought us to birth in the family of Christ through the waters of baptism. We pray that all Christians will hear again God’s call to Mother those in need. We pray, **Response: Loving God, receive our prayers.**

For the prayers requested by those attending in the Sanctuary and those placed in the chat feature  
.....we pray  
**Response: Loving God, receive our prayers.**

For those on Zoom, if you would like to share your prayer aloud, please unmute now for all to hear,  
.....we pray,  
**Response: Loving God, receive our prayers.**

And for those on our Prayer List and all the prayers held in our hearts, we pray,  
**Response: Loving God, receive our prayers.**

**Mother Rosean closes the prayers of the people.**



## The Peace

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

**ALL: And also with you.**

Virtually and in person let us share 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's church. Please continue to give as you are called and able

### Offertory Song

#### Sacred Silence

Refrain

Sacred silence, holy ocean,  
gentle water, washing over me;  
help me listen, Holy Spirit.  
Come and speak to me.

1. God my Father, Christ my brother,  
Holy Spirit, sanctifying me;  
Lord, I'm sorry, please forgive me.

Come and set me free.

2. Holy Mary, gentle mother,  
God's pure vessel,  
praying for me;  
saints and angels, all in heaven,  
come and be with me.

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*(During Offertory Song)*

Blessed are you, loving God of all Creation.  
Through your goodness we have this bread to  
offer, work of earth and toil of human hands.  
May this 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  
offer, work of earth and toil of human hands. May  
this become our spiritual drink. **All: Blessed be  
God forever..**

### Prayer over the Gifts

Pray, my sisters and brothers, 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.  
Amen**



## Eucharistic Prayer

May the risen Christ 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.**

Blessed are you, Creator God, our light and our salvation. To you be glory and praise for ever. From the beginning you have created all things, and all your works echo the silent music of your praise. In the fullness of time, you made us in your image, and you gave us breath and speech, that with angels and archangels and all the powers of heaven we may find a voice to sing 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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### THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

How wonderful the work of your hands, O God. As a mother tenderly gathers her children, you embraced a people as your own. When they turned away and rebelled, your love remained steadfast. From them you raised up Jesus, born of Mary, to be the living bread, in whom all our hungers are satisfied. He offered his life for all, and with a love stronger than death he opened wide his arms on the cross.

Pour out your Spirit upon us and these gifts that they may become the +Body and Blood of our brother, Jesus, the Christ.

On the night before he died, he came to supper with his friends  
and, taking bread, he 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; Do this in memory of me.**

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine, 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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Loving God, we remember Jesus' dying and rising in glory,  
and we rejoice that he intercedes for us at your right hand.

As we eat and drink these holy offerings in your presence,  
form us in the likeness of Christ and build us into a living temple to your glory.



Remember, God, your Church in every land.  
Reveal her unity, guard her faith, and preserve  
her in peace. We pray for Frances and Kae, our  
Bishops, and for all who shepherd your holy  
people. We pray also for the manifestation of  
your love in our 301 Partnership with our  
Lutheran and Episcopal sisters and brothers.

Bring us with Mary, the Mother of God, Sarah,  
the Mother of Isaac, Elizabeth, the Mother of  
John the Baptist, and all the saints, to the vision  
of that eternal splendour for which you have  
created us through Jesus Christ, our Brother.

**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.**

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 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** *(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 Living God, the Body and Blood of  
Christ. This is the one who transforms the world.  
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 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 us 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. Everyone is welcome, no  
exceptions.



## Communion Song

### Rain Down

Refrain

Rain down, rain down,  
rain down your love on your people.  
Rain down, rain down,  
rain down your love, God of life.

1. Faithful and true is the word of our God.  
All of God's works are so worthy of trust.  
God's mercy falls on the just and the right;  
full of God's love is the earth.

2. We who revere and find hope in our God  
live in the kindness and joy of God's wing.  
God will protect us from darkness and death;  
God will not leave us to starve.

3. God of creation, we long for your truth;  
you are the water of life that we thirst.  
Grant that your love and your peace touch our  
hearts, all of our hope lies in you.

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## Prayer after Communion

Let us pray...

Loving God, as a mother feeds her children at the  
breast you feed us in this sacrament with the  
food and drink of eternal life.

Help us, who have tasted your goodness, to  
grow in grace within the household of faith,  
through Jesus Christ our brother.

**All: Amen**

## Blessing

May our Mothering God be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Let us bow our heads and receive God's  
blessing...

May God, who gave birth to all creation, bless us;  
May God, who became incarnate through Mary,  
an earthly mother, bless us;

May God, who broods as a mother over her  
children, bless us;

May God, who guides our Mother Church, bless  
us.

And may you be blessed in the name of our God  
of all blessings, our compassionate brother  
Jesus, and the wisdom of the Holy Spirit.

**All: Amen**

## Dismissal:

Let us go from here rejoicing that God loves us and welcomes us with open arms. And as children of God, let us  
Mother to our broken world that others may also rejoice. **ALL: Thanks be to God**





## Closing Song

### Alleluia, Love is Alive!

1. People of God, see the morning is new;  
rise from your sleeping and run to the tomb.  
Come and see! Come and see! He is alive!  
A grave that is empty, a promise fulfilled.  
God who was with us is here with us still.  
He is here! He is here! He is alive!

#### Refrain

Alleluia! Love is alive;  
conquered the grave and defeated the night.  
Alleluia! Love is alive!  
The Son has arisen for all.  
Your people sing alleluia!

2. People of God, let your fear fall away.  
Your chains have been broken; abandon your shame.  
Lift your hearts! Lift your hearts! He is alive!  
Here now is mercy embracing your soul;  
here the fulfillment that once was foretold.  
It is true! It is true! He is alive!

3. People of God now rejoicing in Christ,  
carry your joy to the darkness of night.  
Tell the world! Tell the world! He is alive!  
Hear the good news of this glorious day,  
every heart singing as heaven proclaims:  
He is Christ! He is Christ! He is alive!

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