



Mary of Magdala, ECC February 14, 2021 Celebrating the 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Participants may wish to prepare their home altars with a lit candle, and the food and drink to be remotely shared.

Announcements *Lector Pedro Engel*

Black Lives Matter *Tom Moos, co-chair Social Justice Ministry* *Pause to hold this message in our hearts.*

Entrance Opening Song *(please join in with Bill while muted)* Come to Jesus

1. People of the God of ages,
welcome to your brand new day.
Leave the world and all its trappings,
come into amazing grace.
Let go your ev'ry fear.
There is only mercy here.

Refrain

Come to Jesus,
hope that frees us,
life that breathes in us.
Come to Jesus,
and believe that he is love.
Oh, come.

2. All who walk alone in shadow,

all who stand with faith assured,
those who follow with abandon,
those who long for something more,
these are the gifts we bring,
our lives, the offering.

Refrain

Bridge

Welcome pauper, rich man, leper,
hungry exiled, joyful, poor,
come you pris'ner, free man, sinner,
come to the Lord.
Come to the Lord.

Refrain

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Greeting *Co-Pastor Dcn. Rosean Amaral*

Let us begin...
In the name of Amma/Abba God, the Son, and
the Holy Spirit.
ALL with Kerrie: AMEN

May the grace and peace of our Brother Jesus,
the love of God, and the communion of Holy
Spirit Sophia be with you all.

ALL with Kerrie: And also with you.

Co-Pastor Dcn. Rosean Amaral greets community...

Penitential Rite - *Co-Pastor Dcn. Rosean*

Let us open our minds and hearts to celebrate the sacred mysteries of our faith, and humbly approach our God.

Beloved, you teach us to be compassionate and
to love our brothers and sisters

Brother Jesus, have mercy
ALL with Kerrie: Brother Jesus, have mercy



Loving Presence, you are tender and merciful.
Christ Jesus, have mercy

ALL with Kerrie: Christ Jesus, have mercy

Source of All Being, you came among us not to be
served but to serve
Brother Jesus, have mercy

ALL with Kerrie Brother Jesus, have mercy

May God's unconditional love and unending grace
free us to live the joy-filled life of service we are
invited to share together.

ALL with Kerrie AMEN

Glory to God *Co-Pastor Dcn Rosean Amaral*

And now let us sing our praises to God... *(please join in with Bill while muted)*

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you, we bless you,
we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,

have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen, amen

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Opening Prayer *Co-Pastor Dcn Rosean Amaral*

Amma/Abba God, Your extravagant love has
called us together. Long before we even knew
You, You already knew us and had chosen us to
be part of your own family—sisters and brothers
with Jesus, the Christ. What amazing love you
have shown toward us! And so we come before
you with praise and thanksgiving.

God of our hearts, here we are! We come with
thirsty hearts, praying that Your Word will satisfy
us.

We come with aching hearts, praying for good
news to comfort us. We come with overflowing
hearts, praying for a chance to share Your love.
You who know our hearts and hear our prayers,
be with us now in this time of worship.

ALL with Kerrie: AMEN

adapted from a prayer by Christine Longhurst.

And now let us listen to the Word of God in our midst...

Liturgy of the Word *Lector Pedro Engel*

Fall in Love by Fr. Pedro Arrupe, SJ, From *Finding God in All Things: A Marquette Prayer Book*.

Nothing is more practical than
finding God, than
falling in Love

in a quite absolute, final way.
What you are in love with,
what seizes your imagination, will affect



everything.
It will decide
what will get you out of bed in the morning,
what you do with your evenings,
how you spend your weekends,
what you read, whom you know,
what breaks your heart,
and what amazes you with joy and gratitude.

Fall in Love, stay in love,
and it will decide everything.

Words Inspired by God.
ALL with Kerrie: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm *Lector Pedro Engel*

Psalm: 32

The response is: God's steadfast love abides **ALL with Kerrie: God's steadfast love abides**

When I was cut off from Love, my body wasted away. I groaned all day long. Day and night, I felt Your hand heavy upon me.
My strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.
ALL with Kerrie: God's steadfast love abides.

Let all who are sincere offer a prayer to the Beloved. When we feel overwhelmed by fear, we shall be embraced by Love. Dwelling in the heart of the Beloved,

we are free from distress, free to live creatively. You will surround us with glad cries of liberation.
ALL with Kerrie: God's steadfast love abides.

Many are the heartaches of those separated from Love; but steadfast Love abides.
Surrender your lives into the Beloved's hands. Be glad and rejoice, you who walk in truth. Shout for joy you who are upright of heart!
ALL with Kerrie: God's steadfast love abides.

2nd Reading **1Corinthians 10. 23-11.1** *Lector Lynne Barnes*

"Everything is lawful," but not everything is beneficial. "Everything is lawful," but not everything builds up. Do not seek your own advantage but that of the other. Rely on common sense. Eat anything sold in the market, without concerning yourself with whether it was sacrificed to idols. After all, "The earth and everything in it is God's"

If an unbeliever invites you to dinner and you want to go, go. Eat anything that is set before you. You need not raise questions on grounds of conscience. On the other hand, if anyone says to you, "this is meat sacrificed to idols", do not eat it. Even though you may be indifferent as to where it came from, the one who is making a point about it is not. So, for the sake of the other

person's conscience, refrain. In all other cases, your conscience should be determined by your views, not someone else's. Give thanks for what is before you, and ask God's blessing upon it.

So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God, not worrying about what others may say about you. At the same time, don't be insensitive in your exercise of freedom to those who exercise their beliefs differently. I try my best to be considerate so as not to offend anyone and to open the door of faith in the Christ to all.
The Word of God. **ALL with Kerrie: Thanks be to God.**



Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia – Mass of Renewal (please join in with Bill while muted)

Refrain:

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me..

Refrain

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Co-Pastor Rev. Jane Reina

The love of God be with you. **ALL with Kerrie:** And also with you.

A reading from the Holy Gospel of Mark. **ALL:** Glory to you, O God!

Gospel Reading - Mark 1. 32-45

Co-Pastor Rev. Jane Reina

After sunset on the day Jesus healed Peter's mother-in-law, the people of Capernaum brought Jesus all who were sick or possessed with demons. The whole city gathered around the door of her house. He cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons. He would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

Rising very early, before dawn, Jesus went to the desert to pray. . .

Simon and those who were with him pursued him. When they reached him, he said, "Let's press on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. . . So, he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in the synagogues. . .

On one occasion, someone suffering from leprosy came to Jesus on bent knees, begging, "If you are willing, you can make me clean." Moved with

compassion, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched the leper, saying, "I am willing. Be made clean." And at once, the skin-disease departed, and the person was made clean.

Then Jesus sent the person off with a stern warning: "Speak not a word to anyone, but go and show yourself to a priest. Offer for your cleansing what Moses prescribed, as a witness to them."

However, the person went away and began to proclaim the whole matter publicly, spreading the word about what had happened everywhere. As a result, Jesus could no longer go into a town openly, but had to stay in deserted places. Even so, people kept coming to him from all over.

The Good News of Salvation of Jesus our Christ.
ALL with Kerrie: Praise to you, Jesus the Christ

Homily Co-Pastor Dcn Rosean Amaral

Creed (please join in with Co-Pastor Dcn. Rosean while muted)

In love and in light, we profess our faith together:



ALL: We believe in God 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 injustices.

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. Here on this earth we are meant to dwell in loving relationships. Here we live out our prophetic call of Gospel equality. Amen.

CREED by Bridget Mary Meehan and Mary Theresa Streck, ARCWP

Regional Prayer for Calling a Bishop

Co-Pastor Rev. Jane Reina

Let us join together in our Regional Prayer for Calling a Bishop

(All to Join in on mute)

ALL: Holy One, Enlivening Spirit, In the wilderness of new, root the Body of Christ

fully into our "Yes," blooming in Your Holy Season. Together. Amen

Prayers of the People

Co-Pastor Dcn Rosean Amaral

Just as Jesus was moved with pity at the plight of the leper who approaches him in today's gospel reading, we know our God is one of boundless compassion. Secure in God's desire to restore and heal, let us bring our needs before our God of Love.

Lector Lynne Barnes

Our response is: Loving God, receive our prayers. **ALL with Kerrie: Loving God, receive our prayers..**

For all elected leaders and officials and public servants that they may open their minds and hearts to systemic racism and take action to change attitudes, policies, and guidelines that continue to put people of color at risk of unjust actions, we pray....**Response with Kerrie: Loving God, receive our prayer.**

For all churches and faith traditions that they may continue to reach out to all people with the tender Love of God and be a light in places where there is much need, we pray....**Response with Kerrie: Loving God, receive our prayer**

I now invite you to share your prayers so that we may pray in community with you. If you feel comfortable, you could press the space bar and say your prayer, OR you could type the prayer into the chat box.

(Lector to read each prayer on "chat")we pray **ALL with Kerrie: Loving God, receive our prayer.**



And for all the prayers we hold in the privacy of our hearts, we pray:

ALL with Kerrie: Loving God, receive our prayer.

Co-Pastor Dcn Rosean Amaral

Almighty God, we have been created in your image and likeness and we are restless until we rest in you. Hear our prayers that we might give you glory with our words and actions and so build the Kin-dom of God here on earth. We ask this through Christ our brother. **ALL: Amen**

Sign of Peace *Co-Pastor Rev. Jane Reina*

Christ Jesus, you said to your apostles: I leave you peace, my peace I give you. Look not on our failings and doubts, but on the faith of your church, and grant us peace and unity in your Kin-dom forever and ever.

ALL with Kerrie: Amen

May the peace of Christ be with you always.

ALL with Kerrie: And also with you.

Let us all unmute and go to gallery view, that we might share with one another a sign of Christ's peace.

Offertory Meditation *(please join in with Bill while muted)*

Amazing Grace

1. Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
Was blind but now I see.

2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed!

Refrain

My chains are gone,
I've been set free.
My God, my Savior has ransomed me.
And like a flood his mercy reigns,
unending love, amazing grace.

3. The Lord has promised good to me,
His word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures. **(to Refrain)**

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Offertory *Co-Pastor Dcn Rosean Amaral*

Please stretch out your hands toward this basket
and join in the blessing on mute .

Blessed are you, God of all creation. Through your
goodness we have these gifts of our community's
energy of time, talent and treasure to offer, and

gratefully given. May our offerings become your
instruments of life and sustain our mission as
God's people. May we continue to give and serve
as we are called and able.

ALL with Kerrie: Blessed be God forever.

Eucharistic Prayer *Co-Pastor Rev Jane Reina*

The Holy One is with you.
Lift up your hearts.
Let us give thanks to our Loving God.

ALL with Kerrie: And also with you.

ALL with Kerrie: We lift them up to God.

ALL with Kerrie: It is right to give God thanks and praise.



It is indeed right, for you made us. All that is spectacular, all that is plain, have their origin in you; all that is lovely, all who are loving, point to you as their fulfillment. And grateful as we are for the world we know, and the universe beyond our understanding, we particularly praise you for entering temporal time in Jesus as the Holy Incarnation.

For the life of Jesus informs our living: his compassion, which contradicts our prejudices and generalities, his disturbing presence, his innocent suffering, his fearless dying, his rising to life-breathing compassion and forgiveness. For this we praise and worship you, eternal God of the Now. Therefore, we gladly join our voices to the song of the church on earth and beyond:

Sanctus

ALL: *(Join in with Bill Smith while on mute)*

Holy, Holy, Holy

Lord, God of hosts, heaven and earth are filled with your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He who come in the name of the Lord, Hosanna in the highest!

Here too our gratitude rises, for the promise of the Holy Spirit, the Flow of Life who even yet, even now, confronts us with your claims and attracts us to your Goodness. Merciful God, send now, in kindness your Holy Spirit to settle on this bread and wine and fill them with the fullness of Christ Jesus.

Among friends, gathered round a table: Jesus took bread and gave you thanks. He *broke* the bread, gave it to his disciples, us, and said: 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 Jesus gave you thanks and, handing the cup to his disciples, said: 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.

All with Kerrie: Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again.

Remember, Lord, those who have died from disease and illness, especially those who have died from environmental contaminates, Covid19 and Covid19 related illness, those who died in the struggle for justice, and all our family members who have gone before us. May they share eternal LOVE with you and all the saints. **All: Amen.**

Setting our wisdom, our wills, our words aside, emptying our hearts, and stretching out our hands, we yearn for the healing Christ offers us, and we long to do the work Christ asks of us.

May your Holy Spirit rest on us, in communion with our holy mother, Mary, St. Joseph, St. Mary of Magdala, St. Teresa of Calcutta, Dorothy Day, and all your saints throughout the ages, together with your servants, Pope Francis, our bishops, Francis and Denise.

Transform us, O God, from the destructive patterns of this passing world, until we conform to Jesus in whose Body and Blood we are now renewed.

ALL: *(on mute)* **Through Him, with Him and in Him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty God, for ever and ever. ALL with Kerrie: Amen!**

The Prayer of Jesus

Co-Pastor Dcn Rosean Amaral

Knowing that we are in Christ and called to be the body of Christ in the world, we pray with the fullest trust the prayer of Jesus:



(All to Join in on mute)

Our Amma/Abba God in heaven, holy be your name, your kin-dom come, your will be done, on earth as 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.

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Co-Pastor Rev Jane Reina

Deliver us Lord, from turning away from you and from all fear. Help us to prepare with joy and hope for the coming among us of our Brother and Savior Jesus the Christ. **All with Kerrie: Amen**

Breaking of the Bread *Co-Pastor Rev. Jane Reina*

Before we share in eating the food on this table and our tables, I'd like to remind you that Abba/Amma God invited you here today to renew yourselves with this Hope of Life . Where-ever you are on your journey, God is with you. Let us share together these words of celebration with the nourishment of God.

ALL: (together on mute) Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace. Grant us peace.

May this mingling of the body and blood of our Jesus the Christ bring eternal life to us who receive it.

Jesus our Christ, with faith in your love and mercy we eat your body and drink your blood. May it bring us health in mind and body.

Happy are we who are called to this meal. We pray together in unity with those gathered around table and with all the saints and holy ones of all time.

Here is the risen Christ whose Spirit gathers us together around this table. This is, and we are, the Body of Christ.

This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Happy are those who are called to His supper.

All with Kerrie: Lord, I am worthy to receive you, because you have said the word and I am healed.

Those present are invited to come and take the Body of Christ into yourself. In this we are a Eucharistic People, The Body of Christ incarnate, the Blood of Christ poured out for the life of the world. As we partake of the sustenance laid before us, let us affirm together:

All (together on mute): Jesus, our hearts are Your Tabernacle. You live in us. You love in us. Your Light shines through us. Come now, and visit us with Your grace. Make us to be more like You. May we receive Your fullness in this food as You desire. May we become Your Body in the world today. Amen.

Please spend a moment now, receiving God's grace as you eat and drink what is on your table.

Sacred Music *Rosanna Bateman*



Prayer after Communion *Co-Pastor Dcn. Rosean Amaral*

Let us pray...
Before we leave today, please remember this:
Nothing that we encounter in this world can ever separate us from the love of God. For long before you were aware of it, God knew you. God had already chosen you to be part of God's holy family-- a child of God! And having chosen you,

God called you. Having called you, God-made you right with God. And having made you right with God, God gave you unconditional love and God's endless grace. Never doubt the love of God. It is ever present.

ALL with Kerrie: Amen

Blessing *Co Pastor Dcn. Rosean Amaral*

The Love of God be with you. **All with Kerrie: And also with you.**
Bowing our heads, let us ask for God's blessing

May the God of Love,
passionate and strong,
tender and dear,
watch over you
and hold you all the days of your life.

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

ALL with Kerrie: Amen

Dismissal *Co-Pastor Rev Jane Reina*

We are the body of Christ. May we go forth now to love and serve God and God's people.
ALL with Kerrie: Thanks be to God

Closing Song - *(please join in with Bill while muted)*

Your Grace is Enough

1. Great is your faithfulness, O God;
you wrestle with the sinner's restless heart.
You lead us by still waters into mercy,
and nothing can keep us apart.
So remember your people,
remember your children,
remember your promise, O God.

Refrain

Your grace is enough,
your grace is enough,

your grace is enough for me.

2. Great is your love and justice, God of Jacob;
you use the weak to lead the strong.
You lead us in the song of your salvation,
and all your people sing along.
So remember your people,
remember your children,
remember your promise, O God.

(Refrain twice)

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