Mary of Magdala, ECC January 25, 2026
3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time —All Together Everywhere

The Word of God – Jesus begins his public ministry upon the arrest of this prophet, John, by violent Roman soldiers. Jesus' public ministry of radical healing continues with nonviolent peace

Presider and Homilist: Reverend Jane Reina

Welcome and Announcements *Lector: David Cloyd*
Social Justice Reflection *Tom Moos*

Entrance Song Here At This Table (R; V1; R; V2; R; V4; R)

Greeting

Welcome to the last Sunday in January and 3rd Sunday in OT. Could it be the last Sunday in January already? Yet, we have time to be radical Christians, to put down our weapons, and to bring nonviolence and peace into our world.

Please feel free to sit or stand as you need or feel called. Please take a deep breath and relax, all of us here and at home, notice how you are feeling today, and enter into the presence of our nonviolence God of peace who loves us infinitely and unconditionally. Welcoming peace into our hearts we pray:

+ In the name of the All Compassionate, Creative Mystery, Jesus—our Christ, and the Holy Spirit—Sophia. **All: Amen**

Penitential Rite

In humble gratitude for God's never-ending Love we pray:

All: Together, we turn back to you, O Christ, knowing you welcome us even in the midst of our turning, just by our yearning to return. Bless us with both *knowledge* and *experience of you* as we turn with deep longing and open hearts for the oneness you offer. We come in fragility and vulnerability to love you, who first loved us, becoming one of us. In You, O Christ, we rest in peace.

from Padraig O Tuama, in ***being there*** *(adapted)*

Turning to the light, the same light turns to us and we pray:

Moving toward the Source

the Source moves us.

All: Because you loved us, we thank you, O God.

Holding on to hope

hope holds on to us.

All: Because you love us, we thank you, O Christ.

Jesus of Nazareth, you encountered many lives

calling people to justice, love, and curiosity.

May we—in all our nights, days and activities—act with more

justice, love, and curiosity.

Because this might save us, and make us more like you,

who turns to us in love.

All: Amen

Gloria *Glory To God (Mass of the Desert)*

Opening Prayer

God, the blessed Holy Three, is within you **All: And also within you**.

Let us pray:

God of Peace, God of Love, you continually create wonderous beauty, rich in diversity and complexity, enliven our Divine Center. Send your Spirit of the nonviolent Jesus more deeply into our wounded selves, so hatred may dissolve through understanding, so fear and violence may lessen as we stand on common ground, and so divisions may loosen their grip and unity be planted. May the Spirit of Christ breathe peace into our hearts.

All: Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please be seated as we listen to the inspired Word of God speaking to us, God's people.

First Reading Micah 6:1-4,6-8 *Lector David Cloyd*

Hear now what YHWH says:

"Come plead your case before the mountains,

and let the hills hear your voice!

Listen to YHWH's indictment, you mountains and you enduring foundations of the earth;

For YHWH has a dispute with the people,

and is putting Israel on trial.

O my people, what have I done to you?

How have I wearied you? Give me an answer!

For I brought you up from the land of Egypt,

and redeemed you from the house of slavery;

and I sent Moses to lead you, and Aaron and Miriam!"

The people responded:

"What shall I bring when I come before YHWH, and bow down before God on high?"

You ask, "Am I to come before God with burnt offerings? With year-old calves? Will

YHWH be placated by thousands of rams

or ten thousand rivers of oil?

Should I offer my first-born for my wrongdoings—the fruit of my body for the sin of my

soul?"

Scripture Writer says:



“Listen here, mortal

God has already made abundantly clear what ‘good’ is,

and what YHWH needs from you:

simply do justice,

love kindness,

and humbly walk with your God.

The Word of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm *Lector David Cloyd*

Psalm 1:1-2, 3, 6 (Nan Merrill, with minor adaptation)

Our response is: **We delight in the Spirit of Love.**

Blessed are those
who walk hand in hand with goodness,
who stand beside virtue,
who sit in the seat of truth.
For their delight is in the Spirit of Love,
and in Love’s heart they dwell day and night.
Response: We delight in the Spirit of Love.

They are like trees planted by streams of water,
that yield fruit in due season,

and their leaves flourish.
In all that they do, they give life.
Response: We delight in the Spirit of Love.

Love knows the way of truth.
The way of ignorance will perish
as Love's penetrating Life breaks through hearts
filled with illusions.
Forgiveness is the way.
Response: We delight in the Spirit of Love.

Second Reading: *Study the Stone* by Meister Eckhart, from **Meister Eckhart's book of the Heart: Meditations for the Restless Soul**

Lector: Cindy Cloyd

Be yourself. And if what this means
Is unclear to you, look around at

The things of this earth. Study the stone
which always does what it was made

to do: it doesn't always fall in the
same way, sometimes resting in high



places and other times finding its
rest where the earth allows it to lie,

but its purpose is to move downward,
and in this the stone loves God in the

way it can, singing the new son
which God gives each creature and thing –

and also you who read this and at times
wonder what to do and how to be.

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

Gospel Proclamation Alleluia *(MOD) sung*

Gospel

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

A proclamation of the Gospel according to Matthew. 4: 12-17, 23-25

All: Glory to you O God.

When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he went back to Galilee. He left Nazareth and settled in Capernaum, a lakeside town near the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali. In this way the prophesy of Isaiah was fulfilled:

“Land of Zebulun, land of Nephtali, the way to the sea is on the far side of the Jordan,
Galilee of the Gentiles:
the people who lived in darkness have seen a great light;
on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned.”

From that time on, Jesus began proclaiming the message, “Change your hearts and minds, for the kindom of heaven is at hand!”

Jesus traveled throughout Galilee, teaching in the synagogues, proclaiming the Good News of the kindom of heaven and healing all kinds of diseases and sicknesses among the people. His fame spread throughout Syria, and people suffering from illnesses and painful ailments of all kinds – those who were demon-possessed, those who were epileptic, those who were paralyzed – were brought to Jesus, and he healed them. Large crowds followed Jesus, coming from Galilee, the Decapolis, Jerusalem, Judea and Transjordania.

The Good News of Jesus our Christ.

All: Praise to you Jesus our Christ.

Homily *Rev. Jane Reina*

A Creed

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.
A Profession of Faith, from Christogenesis

Prayers of the People *Lector Cindy Cloyd*

Rev. Jane: May Love and Peace shine through us, bringing healing and peace to all creation. So we pray…

Our response is: Loving God, receive our prayers

For clarity of vision as we work to use nonviolent peace principles to create meaningful change in the many countries—including the United States—living with war, armed conflict, and the many ways economic war is used that our world may move toward a more sustainable peaceful existence for everyone, we pray,

Response: Loving God, receive our prayers.

For elected official and soldiers that their hearts and minds may be opened to peace as a more desirable and useful way of life, we pray,

Response: Loving God, receive our prayers.

For all people that they may pursue peace and peaceful resolution of issues in their homes, workplaces, social settings and all facets of their lives, we pray,

Response: Loving God, receive our prayers.

The prayers from the sanctuary are: we pray,

Response: Loving God, receive our prayers.

Are there prayers from our members on zoom? we pray,

Response: Loving God, receive our prayers.

And for all the prayers we hold close in our hearts, we pray,

Response: Loving God, receive our prayers.

Rev. Jane O Holy Mystery, hear our prayers joined with all the prayers world-wide for peace. Help us awaken to your power within us to love and unite us through nonviolent justice and peace. **All: Amen**

The Peace

Jesus, you said to your apostles: "I leave you my peace, my peace I give you." May the Peace of Christ be in all of you.

All: And also within you.
Please turn toward the camera to offer a sign of peace to our siblings online, and then toward each other.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

As we prepare our tables with what food we have, 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 Song: Prayer of St. Francis (V1; V2; V3; V4)

Preparation of the Gifts *(during Offertory song)*

Blessed are You, God of all creation. Through Your goodness we have this bread and wine to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the Sustenance of Life. ***{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. ***{All: Blessed be God forever.}***



O God, wash away my iniquity and ambivalence, cleanse my heart and soul.

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

All: May God accept our 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

Christ is within you. **All: And also within you.**
Let us open our hearts**.** **All: We open them up to God.**
Let us give thanks to God. **All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Blessed are you, compassionate and faithful God—to you we offer thanks and praise everywhere and always. All that exists has its origin in you. You, O God, are creation's desired fulfillment. We thank you for our planetary home and our living cosmos beyond our understanding, all holy and sacred.

We thank you for emptying Yourself into time through Jesus.
For the life of Jesus—compassionate, nonviolent, forgiving, healing, trusting, and eternally present—transforms our living. The life of Jesus calls us to a deeper reality not of this world. We praise you, O Holy Mystery.

Therefore, we gladly join our voices praising you with the entire cosmos, the whole of creation:

Holy *(MOD)*

Flowing from the Exquisite Love visible and invisible throughout the entire cosmos, send your Holy Spirit to heal us and our planet. Please join us in raising your hands over the gifts:

Sanctify these gifts of the earth, bread and wine ++, that they may become the Body and Blood of Jesus our Christ.

Together, we, the Body of Christ, remember what Jesus did at table and in life. Who, on the night before he was betrayed, and among friends, 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 all so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in memory of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith.

Memorial Acclamation *(MOD)*

God of Love and Peace, through Jesus our Christ you have entrusted us with this Passover meal, this pledge of Love.

Together then with your servants of the Ecumenical Catholic Communion, and people of every faith and no faith, we remember that your Love is our salvation not our possession. May this love convert us from the pattern of this passing world, and conform us to the pattern of Christ.

Remember, O Holy Mystery, all those who have died. Welcome them into your all-embracing Love where you gather all people into yourself.

Setting our wisdom, our own wills, our words aside, emptying our hearts and bringing nothing in our hands, we yearn to unite with the Love Christ offers our world as together now we say…

All: Through Christ, with Christ and in Christ in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, self-emptying/life-giving God, forever and ever.

Amen *(MOD)*

The Prayer of Jesus

Please turn to those of us at home. Joining together 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

Instrumental music

This is the living God. This is the One who transforms us and our world. Blessed are we who are called to this Meal.

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

Invitation To Communion

As we share in this living sacrament of love, 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 sacred meal is offered for all of us to share, without exception. All are called to "Step up to the table, Step into the Truth that in our reflection, God lives through us." (Dcn Bess of Cameroon)

Communion Song: Many Are One (R; V2; R; V4; R)

Prayer after Communion -- If you are able, please stand

Let us pray. . .Loving and generous God, we thank you for gathering us as the Body of Christ. May this sacred food sustain our commitment to bring healing to creation, to overcome fear with trust, injury with pardon, and hatred with nonviolent love. We ask this through Jesus our Christ.

All: Amen

Concluding Rite and Dismissal

The Peace of God is within you. **All: And also within you.**



Open your hearts and be blessed:

May you become ever so little at even a hint of the Awesome Mystery that surrounds you and be at peace. **All: Amen**

May you see the sap of life in you and know you are eternally entangled and be at peace **All: Amen**

May perfect beauty spin you like a Sufi Whirling Dervish into ecstasy and be at peace, **All: Amen**

All this and more in the name of the Sacred Un-nameable, the Eternal Christ, and the Wisdom Spirit, Sophia. **All: Amen**

Go, spreading the message of Jesus.
All: Thanks be to God.

Closing Song – With One Voice (V1; R; V2; R; V4: R)