



Mary of Magdala, ECC – August 10, 2025

Celebrating the 19th Sunday of Ordinary Time—Together

Wherever We Are

Mother Rosean Amaral Presiding

Welcome and Announcements Lector Matt Chavez

Social Justice Reflection Jared Orsi

Entrance Song Our God is Here (V1, R; V2, R)

Greeting: Let us continue as one expression of God’s people in the name of Creator God, the Risen Son, and the Holy Spirit. **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.**

Mother Rosean Welcomes All...

Let us turn to our God with humble hearts...

PENITENTIAL RITE

Creator God,

May we recognize the beauty and simplicity of nature as a reminder of Your divine care. God, thank you for your care of us.

All: God, thank you for your care of us.

Brother Jesus,

Help us to dwell less on personal worries and anxieties that distract us from our spiritual growth. Brother Jesus, comfort us.

All: Brother Jesus, comfort us.

Holy Spirit,

May our kindness and charity, mirror the generosity of creation. Holy Spirit,



let your peace surrounds us.

All: Holy Spirit, let your peace surrounds us.

Loving God, renew us by your nurture and blessing, forgive us our failings, and bring us to life everlasting. (adapted from a prayer by Sarah Dylan Breuer) **All: Amen**

And now let us lift our voices in joyful praise to our God!

Glory to God Mass of the Joyful Heart

Opening Prayer

Creator God, we praise you and thank you for the diversity of your world and the life you have breathed into all things:

for the colors we see in the wildflowers of the field;

for the sounds we hear, of the loon on a still, freshwater lake;

for the flavors we taste, like salted caramel ice cream;

for the fragrances we smell, like the earthy aroma after a rainfall;

and for the textures we feel, like the softness of a newborn's skin.

Creator God, we thank you for your creation, perfect in its design and purpose, perfect in its diversity and unity.

In Jesus' name we pray, **All: Amen** ~ adapted from John Birch, and posted on Faith and Worship website. <http://www.faithandworship.com/>

Liturgy of the Word

Let us listen to the Word of God and the inspired Word of God in our midst.

First Reading Lector Matt Chavez

An excerpt from **Making All Things New**, by Ilia Delio.

Jesus' mission of renewal called for an inner spirituality of surrender, prayer, mercy, and compassion. Living in Omega begins with letting go and



allowing the truth of things to enter one's field of vision. . . Jesus was not a literalist nor was he superficial. His gospel "be-attitude" of poverty is a way of being inwardly free, liberated from the enslavement of possessions, and, therefore, alive to the beauty of the goodness of things throughout all reality.

Happy are those who are inwardly free, unencumbered by preoccupations, anxieties, and material things. Blessed are those who have inner space to see and receive what they see into their lives, for those who can see the truth of reality already know heaven. Heaven unfolds when we see things for what they are not what we think they should be, and when we love others for who they are, and not what we expect them to be.

The catholicity of Jesus's message is this: we are to realize the whole we are part of and to love the whole: to find a conscious voice of praise and glory to God in the whole; and to participate creatively in this unfolding reign of God.

And from:

What's Enough? by Macrina Wiederkehr, from her book: **Abide, Keeping Vigil with the Word of God**

"Consider the wildflowers, how they grow: "they neither toil nor spin."
Jesus' words about the beauty of the wildflowers and the goodness of God's care for all creatures might be our wake-up call. Wake up and recognize the things that bring you peace. . .Perhaps it is time for us to



consider the wildflowers. The flowers of the fields will wither and fade, but our memory of them can live forever.

When Jesus' words begin to sound naïve and foreign to the twenty-first century in which we live, let us try to look through the words, in between the words, and underneath the words to a deeper truth that lingers in the shadow of the Word.

Words Inspired by God. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm: Rain Down (all sing: R; V1, R; V2, R)

Second Reading **Hebrews** 11: 1-3, 8,11, 12 Lector Ralph Dorland

A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews

Faith is the substance of all that is hoped for, the conviction of all that is not seen. Through faith, our ancestors encountered the divine. Indeed, because of their faith our ancestors are commended and remembered. By faith we understand that the cosmos was brought forth when God spoke, - by divine utterance; what is visible came into being through the invisible.

In faith, Abraham and Sarah followed the call to migrate to a country that became their home and the home of their descendants. They set out not knowing where they were going.

By faith, Abraham received the ability to generate, even though he was aged. In faith, Sarah, though past the age of child-bearing, conceived. They believed the One who made the promise would be faithful and keep it. And



because of their faith, descendants were born as numerous as the stars in the sky and the sands on the seashore, which cannot be counted.

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

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia (MOJH)

Gospel Luke 12: 13-34

May our Loving God be with you. **All: And also with you.**

A Proclamation of the Holy Gospel attributed to Luke.

All: Glory to you, O God.

A crowd had gathered around Jesus when a voice called out: "Teacher, tell my eldest sibling to divide the family inheritance with me." Jesus

responded, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator between you?"

Turning to the crowds, Jesus said, "Be careful! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed. One's life does not consist in an abundance of possessions."

Then Jesus told them a parable:

"The land of a rich farmer produced abundantly. The landowner thought, 'What should I do? I have no place to store my crops! I know, I will pull down my barns and build larger ones! I will store all my grain and my goods there. I will say to myself: Self, you have ample goods laid up for many years. Relax! Eat! Drink! Be merry.' But God said, 'You fool! This very night your life is demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will



they be?’ So it is with those who store up treasure for themselves but do not treasure God, (and God’s way).”

Then Jesus said to his disciples: “Therefore, I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body and what you will wear.

Consider the ravens. They don’t sow or reap. They have no storeroom or barn. Yet God feeds them. Are you not as dear to God as the ravens? “Who of you, by worrying, can add a single hour to your life? Since you cannot do this very little thing, why do you worry about the rest? Seek God’s kin-dom, and these things will follow.

“Consider how the wildflowers grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. If God so clothes the grass in the field that grows today and is thrown into the oven tomorrow, will God not provide for you, O you of little faith?

“Do not be afraid, little flock. Your Loving God has been pleased to give you the kin-dom. Sell your possessions and give to the poor. Keep coffers which will not wear out. A treasure in heaven will never fail. There, no thief draws near; no moth destroys. Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” The Good News of Jesus our Christ.

All: Praise to you, Jesus our Christ.

Homily

Prayers of the People

Let us bring forth our prayers for all of Creation...



Lector Ralph Dorland: Our response today is: Loving God, receive our prayers. **All: Loving God, receive our prayers.**

Reveal to us this week ways in which we can generously give to those in need of our love, our time, or financial support, we pray...

All: Loving God, receive our prayers.

For the courage to speak up when necessary, to forgive when called for, and to respond to Christ's call to live simply so that others may live with dignity, we pray... **All: Loving God, receive our prayers.**

For the safety of travelers and refugees, especially for children and those at risk, we pray... **All: Loving God, receive our prayers.**

For the prayers of those in the sanctuary...we pray... **All: Loving God...**

Any prayers from those on Zoom? **All: Loving God, receive our prayers.**

And for all of those on our Prayer Lists and those prayers that we hold in our hearts, we pray... **All: Loving God, receive our prayers.**

Creator God, knowing you have heard our prayers and confident in your love, we abide in your mercy. In Jesus' name we pray, **All: Amen**

The Peace

Celebrating God's endless faithfulness, may the peace of Christ be with you always. **All: And also with you.**

Let us share with one another a sign of Christ's peace, first with our siblings at home and then here in the sanctuary.



Liturgy of the Eucharist

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 able.

Procession of the Gifts

Let us sing together...

Offertory Song Table of Plenty (R; V1, R; V2, R; V4, R)

Preparation of the Gifts (During Offertory Song)

Blessed are you, Loving God of all Creation, through your goodness we have this bread to place on your table. Work of earth and human hands. May it 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 place on your table. Work of earth and human hands. May it become our spiritual drink. **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.

Wash away my iniquity, cleanse me of my sin.

Prayer over the Gifts

Pray my siblings in Christ, that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God, our Mother and Father.

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 creation.

Eucharistic Prayer

The Risen Christ is with you. **All: And also with you.**



Let us open up our hearts. **All: We open them up to God.**

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

Blessed are you, Holy God, creator of the Universe.

Blessed are you, Holy God, You created us for community and placed us in your garden to tend the earth and be at home.

Blessed are you, Holy God, liberator of the captives.

Blessed are you, Holy God, hope of the lost and the exiled.

Blessed are you, Holy God, who has created bread and wine for our table and us for your delight.

You sent Jesus Christ Your Son among us as our redeemer. He was moved with compassion for the poor and the powerless, for the sick and the sinner. He made himself neighbor to the oppressed. By His words and actions, He proclaimed to the world that You care for us as a parent for their children. And so, with all the angels and saints, we sing the joyful hymn of Your praise:

Holy, Holy, Holy (MOJH)

We bless You, God of holiness. You accompany us with love as we journey through life. Blessed too is Your Son, Jesus Christ, who is present among us and whose love gathers us together. Great and merciful God, we ask You to Send your Spirit upon these gifts of the earth.

Let them become for us the **Body + and the Blood** of our brother, Jesus, the Christ.

On the night he was betrayed,

he took the bread and gave you thanks and praise.

He broke the bread, gave it to all, 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 all, 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 (MOJH) When we eat this bread ...

With this bread and cup we remember your Son,
his life poured out for others, his welcome to outcasts and children,
his eating with sinners and strangers, his death and resurrection,
which opens to us the way of justice and joy.

God, remember your Church throughout the world,
make us grow in love, together with Leo the Bishop of Rome,
a sign of the worldwide Catholic tradition, Kae and Pablo our Bishops, our
301 Faith Partnership and all those Your Son has gained for You.

Remember, too, those who have died in the peace of Christ.

Bring them and all the departed into the light of your presence.



Holy God, holy and merciful,
receive our prayers and praise
as Jesus received the cries of the poor,
And renew us by your Spirit,
until your mercy mends all that sin has torn
and we feast forever in the company of Jesus
through whom all glory and honor is Yours
with the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Together now, we say...

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

Let us turn to the camera and pray with the words that Jesus taught us:

All: Amma/Abba God who are in heaven....(See Screen)...

the power and the glory are Yours now and forever. Amen

The Shared Table

Lamb of God (MOJH)

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 meal.

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 all of you 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. All are welcome, no exceptions.

(gluten free hosts in center. Both red wine and white grape juice are available in the metal cups)

Communion Song Fill Me , O God (V1, V2, R; V3, V4, R; V5)

Prayer after Communion:

Let us pray... Thank You, Brother Jesus, for this meal of remembrance.

We come before You with open hearts, yearning to deepen our connection with You. Help us to seek Your presence in every moment, to listen for Your voice in the silence, and to embrace Your love in our daily lives.

May our faith grow stronger, and may we draw closer to You, finding peace and purpose in our relationship with You.

In Jesus' name, **All: Amen.**

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 doing service ministry through ordination. Enliven them with clarity of vision and insight, embrace them with grace and compassion, guide them to truth and willingness to accept what unfolds for them. May they each receive the flow of grace from our hands to their hearts and souls. May it be so.



Concluding Rite and Dismissal

The Love of God be with you. **All: And also with you.**

Let us open our hearts to receive God's blessing... (4-part blessing)

May the blessing of God, Creator of heaven and Earth,
rest upon you and upon all that God has made; **All: Amen**

May the Risen Christ transform your life and your vision,
so that you may live in reconciliation with all things; **All: Amen**

May the power of God's Holy Spirit move over this whole Earth,
like the breath of Spring, to renew the Earth and all its people,
so that all creation may join together in praise to God's holy name!

All: Amen (written by Kim Winchell, in Living Earth)

May Amma/Abba God, our brother Jesus, and the Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever. **All: Amen.**

Dismissal

This Mass continues in each one of us. Let us go forth into the world to love
as God loves us. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Closing Song **Your Grace is Enough** (V1, R; V2, R)