Mary of Magdala, ECC – November 1, 2026
Celebrating the Solemnity of All Saints and The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls)
Together Wherever We Are—Mother Rosean Amaral Presiding

Welcome and Leadership Council Report - *Lector Kerrie Anderson*

Entrance Song -*For All The Saints (V1; V2; V3)*

Greeting

Let us continue as one expression of God's people, in the name of Amma/Abba God, our brother Jesus, and the Holy Spirit Sophia.

All: Amen

May the grace of Jesus Christ, the Love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

All: And also with you.

Mother Rosean Welcomes…

Let us remember our eternal connectedness to God…

Penitential Rite

God of expansiveness, thank you for the lives of the communion of saints-those canonized as well as all your people who are saints in the making. God of expansiveness, you embrace us all.

All: God of expansiveness, you embrace us all.

Compassionate Christ, you love us into life and receive us in death. Jesus, your love and care are eternal.

All: Jesus, your love and care are eternal.

Comforting Spirit, you bring solace and peace to those who mourn. Let the spirits of our beloved ancestors inspire us in our daily lives.

All: Let the spirits of our beloved ancestors inspire us in our daily lives.

God of all souls, renew us by your nurture and blessing, forgive us our failings, and bring us to life everlasting. (adapted from a prayer written by Sarah Dylan Breuer)

All: Amen

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

Gloria - *Glory to God (Mass of the Desert)*

Opening Prayer

Let us pray…

Today we rejoice in the holy women and men of every time and place. The saints, our saints, whether known to all or completely unknown, are the reflected glory of God.

May they remain with us in prayer, love, and memory, and continue to guide this earth in God's evolving plan.

In Jesus' name.

All: Amen

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Let us listen to the Word of God and God's people in our midst.

First Reading: A Blessing Of The Saints, by Joyce Rupp, from Prayer Seeds. (A meditation, invite people to sit, relax, take some deep breaths.) *Lector Kerrie Anderson*

Begin by relaxing and quieting your body, mind, and spirit. Pay attention to your breath: notice how the breath comes in and moves



out. Let yourself feel contentment, joy, peace. Allow a sense of deep trust to fill you.

Go within to a deeper part of your being.

Picture yourself in a place that is safe, sacred, quiet.

Make yourself comfortable in this place.

See the outlines of white-robed figures in the distance.

They are moving toward you with an easy flow of goodness and grace.

You can sense the energy of their love and belief in you.

Each of those coming has been a source of blessing.

the white-robed figures proceed toward you, one by one.

As they move, they gaze at you with fondness and hope.

One of these beings who nurtured your body or your spirit approaches.

This life giver comes close and blesses you.

Next a mentor or teacher who imparted wisdom arrives.



This wise one draws near and also blesses you.

Now someone who urged you to take risks appears by your side. Let this encouraging and challenging one extend a blessing.

Then all approach who helped you to become the person you are today. These beloved ones form a circle around you and offer their blessing. Look at these many white-robed beings extending love. Thank them for what they have done, and then bid these special ones farewell.

With these blessing in your heart, visualize yourself standing up with our arms outstretched toward the universe. See yourself moving slowly in a circle, facing all four directions as you turn. Love goes forth from you to all of creation. Let yourself be a blessing for the world.

Now, slowly return to this time and place. More deep breaths, slowly opening your eyes and be the blessing you are.

Words inspired by God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm: *The Lord Is My Shepherd (R; R; V1; R; V2; R; V3; R)*

The Second Reading: 1Thessalonians 4:13-18 *Lector Deb Klein*

My siblings in Christ,

We do not want you to be unaware, beloved, about those who have fallen asleep. You need not grieve like those who have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and was raised, so too will God, through Jesus, bring with the Christ those who have fallen asleep.

Indeed, we tell you this on the word of Jesus the Anointed One, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Cosmic Christ, will surely not precede those who have fallen asleep.

For the Christ, with a word of command, with the voice of an archangel and the trumpet of God, will descend from heaven; and the dead in Christ will rise first.



Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together

with them in the clouds to meet the Chosen One in the cosmos.

Thus, we shall all always be with the Cosmic Christ.

Console one another with these words.

The Word of the Apostle Paul.

All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *Alleluia (Inc Verse) (Mass of the Desert)*

GOSPEL

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

A Proclamation of the Good News attributed to Matthew 5:1-12a,
(Rendered by Rod Stephens 2011, Edited)

Jesus sat down with the people and began to teach them:

Blessed are all who have poverty of spirit,

Who proclaim heaven in their need.

Blessed are all who mourn,

And those who offer hope and comfort to the mournful.

Blessed are all who live in meekness;

it is their strength and the inheritance of peace.

Blessed are all who hunger and thirst for what is good and just.

It is our hunger and thirst that will call the world in peace.

Blessed are all who live in compassion.

It grows and nourishes all.

Blessed are all whose hearts are untarnished by fear.

God is revealed in them.

Blessed are all who live in peace;

they are servants of the Holy.

Blessed are all who, when encountering fear and hate,

proclaim heaven with a response of love.

Blessed are all who stand facing pain, loss and war;

They are recognized as whole and holy.

Let us rejoice! Be glad! Have hope and peace.

These are all the rewards we need!

The Good News of Jesus, Our Christ.

All: Praise to You, Jesus, Our Christ.

Homily – Mother Rosean

Prayers of the People *Lector Deb Klein*

Let us bring forth our prayers for all of Creation…

I will be asking you to pause during the last prayer for you to call to mind those prayers you hold sacred in your hearts.

Our response is: Creator God, receive or prayers.

For all Americans as they prepare to vote this week, that they may remember to love all their neighbors, we pray, **Response: Creator God, receive our prayers.**

For the people in southern Colorado as they begin to recover from flooding, that they may receive the aid and help they need to rebuild their cities and homes, we pray, **Response: Creator God, receive our prayers.**

For all who are grieving and remembering their loved ones who have moved heaven-side, that they may be comforted and hold their memories close, we pray, **Response: Creator God, receive our prayers.**

The prayers from the sanctuary are, ….we pray, **Response: Creator God, receive our prayers.**
Are there prayers from our members on zoom? we pray, **Response: Creator God, receive our prayers.**

Let us pause as we call to mind our silent prayers (wait about 10seconds) we pray for all on our prayer list and the prayers we hold sacred in our hearts, we pray, **Response: Creator God, receive our prayers.**

God of compassion, as we pray for those who have gone before us, and for the Communion of Saints, we know that our prayers will be heard and blessed with a response. We pray through the power of the Spirit and in the name of Jesus, our risen brother.

All: Amen.

The Peace

In communion with all our saints, living or deceased, let us celebrate our oneness as we offer each other a sign of Christ's peace, first with our siblings at home and then here in the sanctuary.

May the peace of Christ be with you. **All: And also with you.**

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.



Let us sing together…

Procession of the Gifts

Offertory Song- *Litany of the Saints (V1; V2; V3; V5)*

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 our 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 within you. **All: And also within 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.**

It is truly right to give you thanks, Merciful and faithful God,
it is fitting that we offer you praise. You sent Jesus Christ your Son among us. 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 her children. And so, with all the angels and saints. We sing the joyful hymn of your praise:

Holy, Holy, Holy - *(Mass of the Desert)*

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 down your Holy Spirit to hallow these gifts of bread and wine, that they may become for us the + Body and Blood of our brother, Jesus.

On the eve of his passion and death, when at table with those he loved. He took bread and gave you thanks. 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, handing the cup to all, he 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: *(Mass of the Desert) (Save Us...)*

And so, Creator most holy, we celebrate the memory of Christ, your Son, whom you led through suffering and death on the cross to the glory of the resurrection and a place at your right hand. We proclaim the work of your love, and we offer you the bread of life and the cup of eternal blessing. Through the power of your Spirit of love include us now and forever among the members of your Son, whose body and blood we share. Lord, perfect your Church in faith and love together with Leo, 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.

Let your Church be a living witness to truth and freedom, to justice and peace, that all people may be lifted up by the hope of a world made new. Be mindful of our siblings who have fallen asleep in the peace of Christ and all the dead whose faith only you can know.

(read names in the book of remembrance)

Lead them to the fullness of the resurrection and gladden them with the light of your face. When our pilgrimage on earth is complete, welcome us into your heavenly home, where we shall dwell with you forever. There, with Mary, the Mother of God, with the apostles, the martyrs, and the Communion of Saints we shall praise you and give you glory through Jesus Christ your Son.

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.

Great Amen - *(Mass of the Desert)*

The Prayer of Jesus

Let us turn to the camera and join with our siblings to pray 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, the power and the glory are Yours now and forever. Amen

The Shared Table

Lamb of God - *(Mass of the Desert)*

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 Christ 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 – *In Every Age (V1; R; V2; R; V3; R)*

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray…

Thank You, Brother Jesus, for this meal of remembrance. You have asked us to remember you, and as we keep faith with your request, we remember also, those who have gone home to you. In this way, we "choose their ongoing companionship." (Henri Nouwen)

In Jesus' name we pray,

All: Amen

Blessing for Jennifer Geraci

Gracious God, as Jennifer Geraci continues to discern her call to the diaconate we call down your blessing upon her. Open her servant heart even wider, ground the roots of her faith as they bloom into fruition, enliven her senses as she explores the nuances of her call.



May her gift of compassion glow steady under your amazing, all-embracing love. So be it.

Concluding Blessing

The Love of God be with you**.**

All: And also with you.

Please, open your hearts to receive God's blessing…

This blessing lifts the veil between worlds, and attunes you to the presence of the invisible, so you see the angels, saints, and ancestors showering their love freely to sustain and inspire you.
May you receive the love notes in dreams, synchronicities, intuition, the knowing of the body and heart.

May they reveal the jewels hidden in the wounds when love opens our tender places. May they help you remember you are never alone, but always breathing with a multitude, a throng of lovers.
Feel their primal force tethering you to the cord of love
running through generations, binding you in union to all there is,

all there ever was, and all that is yet to come.

(by Christine Valters Paintner, from *The Love Of Thousands)*

Let us ask for this blessing now, in the name of Amma/Abba God, our brother Jesus, and the Holy Spirit, Sophia.

All: Amen

Dismissal

Go in peace to be God's gentle and merciful Presence to all God's children.

All: Thanks be to God.

Closing Song - *We Are the Light of The World (V1; R; V2; R; V4; R)*