

Mary of Magdala, ECC – June 1, 2025

**Celebrating the 7th Sunday of Easter – and The Feast of The Visitation
of the Blessed Virgin Mary -- Together Wherever We Are**

Mother Rosean Amaral Presiding

Welcome and Announcements Lector Jim Berry

Entrance Song **Immaculate Mary** (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...

Let us turn to God with humble hearts...

Penitential Rite

Loving God, may we see your feminine face in our female ancestors and in all women. God have mercy. **All: God have mercy.**

Brother Jesus, the joy of your Incarnation is a gift shared with the world. Brother Jesus have mercy. **All: Brother Jesus have mercy.**

Holy Spirit, fill me with your presence that I may hear the Word of God and fulfill it. Holy Spirit have mercy. **All: Holy Spirit have mercy.**

May the Creator of all have mercy on us, forgive us our failings, and bring us to life everlasting. All: Amen.

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

Glory to God Mass of St Mary Magdalene

Opening Prayer

Let us pray...In the meeting of Mary and Elizabeth
you stirred life, joy and hope in women
who were insignificant in the world's eyes.

May this encourage us to pay attention to the forgotten people,
the unimportant places, the insignificant encounters,
and there recognize hope waiting to be born.

In the name of the Risen Christ we pray. **All: Amen**

Liturgy of the Word

Let us joyfully listen to the Word of God, the good news in our midst.

First Reading **Romans 12: 9-16** Lector Jim Berry

A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans:

My siblings in Christ: Let love be sincere; hate what is evil,
hold on to what is good; love one another with mutual affection;
anticipate one another in showing honor.

Do not grow slack in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve your God.

Rejoice in hope, endure in affliction, persevere in prayer.

Contribute to the needs of the holy ones, exercise hospitality.

Bless those who persecute you, bless and do not curse them.

Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep.

Have the same regard for one another; do not be haughty but associate

with the lowly; do not be wise in your own estimation.

The Word of God. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm: Isaiah 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 Lector Jim Berry

Our response is: Among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.

All: Among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.

God indeed is my savior; I am confident and unafraid.

My strength and my courage is in God, and he has been my savior.

With joy you will draw water at the fountain of salvation.

All: Among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.

Give thanks to God, acclaim her name; among the nations make known his deeds, proclaim how exalted is her name.

All: Among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.

Sing praise to God for his glorious achievement; let this be known throughout all the earth. Shout with exultation, O city of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel!

All: Among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.

Second Reading: *Women Weaving*, by Irene Zimmerman, from **Woman Un-Bent**. Lector Ralph Dorland

The second reading is from *Women Weaving*, by Irene Zimmerman, from her book **Woman Un-Bent**.

Afterward, Mary moved from fear
(Will they drag me to the stoning place?)
to pain (Will Joseph doubt my faithfulness?)
to trust (I fear no evil—Thou art with me.)
and back again to fear. “I must go to my cousin,”
she said, and set out in haste for Judea.

As her feet unraveled the warp and woof
Of valleys and hills, darkness and days
from Nazareth to Elizabeth,
Mary busily wove the heart of her Son.

When her newly-womaned cousin came,
Elizabeth, wise old weaver herself
for several months by then, instantly
saw the signs and heavily ran to meet her.

“Who am I,” she called, “that the mother
Of my God should come to visit me?”
And helplessly held her sides as laughter
Shuttled back and forth inside her.

Then Mary sang the seamless song
She’d woven on the way.

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

Gospel Acclamation **Alleluia** , V3 (Mass of St MM)

GOSPEL **Luke** 1:39-56

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

A reading from the Holy Gospel attributed to Luke.

All: Glory to You, O God.

Mary set out and traveled to the hill country in haste
to a town of Judah, where she entered the house of Zechariah
and greeted Elizabeth.

When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in her womb,
and Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said,
Most blessed are you among women,
and blessed is the fruit of your womb.

And how does this happen to me,
that the mother of my God should come to me?

For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears,
the infant in my womb leaped for joy.

Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by God
would be fulfilled.

And Mary said:

My soul proclaims the greatness of my God;
my spirit rejoices in God, my Savior,
for God has looked with favor on this lowly servant.

From this day all generations will call me blessed:

The Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is God's Name.

God has mercy on those who love the Divine in every generation.

God has shown the strength of God's arm,

God has scattered the proud in their conceit.

God has cast down the mighty from their thrones,

and has lifted up the lowly.

God has filled the hungry with good things,

and the rich God has sent away empty.

God has come to the help of Israel

for God has remembered the promise of mercy,

the promise God made to our fathers, to Abraham and all children forever.

Mary remained with her about three months and then returned to her home.

The Good News of Resurrection Hope.

All: Praise to You, Jesus the Christ.

Homily Mother Rosean Amaral

Profession of Faith

Let us profess our faith...

I believe in the Living God

who is directly involved in the affairs of the world.

**I believe in the Incarnate Word,
leaping in a woman's womb, cradled in poverty.**

**I believe in Jesus, true son of Mary, true Son of God,
who came among us in weakness,
that we might come to know the profound strength
available to common people who turn to God in trust and with love.**

This I truly believe. Amen. (written by Bruce Prewer) adapted

Prayers of the People

Mother Rosean: Let us bring our prayers to the One who listens...

Lector Ralph Dorland

Our response to the prayers is Loving God, receive our prayers.

All: Loving God, receive our prayers.

For pregnant women of the world, that they will receive, as Mary did, the support of their family and friends during their time of waiting, giving birth, and child rearing, we pray... **All: Loving God, receive our prayers.**

For all who suffer from the pain of loss, poverty, lack of food and medical care due to war and conflicts around the world, we pray...

All: Loving God, receive our prayers.

For world, state, and local leaders, that they will be guided by principles of justice, fairness, and lawfulness in their decision-making for the good of their people and our world, we pray...

All: Loving God, receive our prayers.

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

For the prayers of those joining us virtually... **All: Loving God, receive...**

For all of those on our prayer lists and those prayers that we carry in our hearts, we pray... **All: Loving God, receive our prayers.**

Mother Rosean: Merciful 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

Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called children of God.

May the peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Let us offer each another a sign of Christ's peace, Both virtually and in the sanctuary.

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. Let us sing together...

Offertory Song Ave Maria (V1, R; V2, R)

(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. (Washing of hands)

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. **All: And also with you.**

Open your hearts. **All: We open them to God.**

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

With joyful hearts we proclaim your greatness, you who are God our Savior.

From age to age your mercy has transformed our world:

the mighty are toppled from their thrones and you raise up the lowly.

The rich are sent away, while the hungry feast at your table;

The haughty lose themselves, yet the descendants of Sarah and Abraham share in your blessing.

You have done great things for us, raising us upon the wings of eagles,

opening our eyes to the wonder of life, the power of love.

With Mary, the humble young woman of Nazareth,

the sorrowing mother of Golgotha, the faithful Queen of Heaven,

we join your angels and saints in proclaiming your greatness

in this hymn of endless praise:

Holy, Holy, Holy (Mass of St MM)

You are the holy one, source of our life, our refuge and our strength.

Send forth your Holy Spirit upon us.

Unite us so that, with hearts renewed, we may follow the way of love.

May She overflow into our assembly that we might behold the wondrous mystery of your table, the + Body and Blood of Christ,

the bread of unity, the cup of blessing.

On the night when the ancient story of deliverance was told,

Jesus took the bread and invited those in hunger and need

to come, to eat and to share, 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 who were present, 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 (Mass of St MM)

With grateful hearts, we offer this life-giving sacrifice

which reveals to us the depth of your love.

With faithful hearts, we bind ourselves in everlasting covenant

to be one people.

With giving hearts, we promise to follow Jesus' example
and to place ourselves in service to all who are in need.

With loving hearts, we commend to your mercy our beloved dead
and all who have died in the hope of rising again. (bow)

Welcome them to your eternal banquet and dry the tears of all who mourn.

Around this table, we stand in the communion of saints,
with Mary, the Mother of Jesus and our sister.

Through our sharing in this meal, may we find the strength

to continue our journey to your holy mountain,

where we shall behold at last the richness of Jesus' reign

in a land of peace, justice, freedom, and love. 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 (Mass of St MM)

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, holy is your name. Your Kingdom 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 Kingdom and the power and the glory are Yours now and forever. Amen

The Shared Table

Lamb of God (Mass of St MM)

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. Wine and grape juice available)

Communion Song Holy is God's Name (V1, R; V2, R)

Prayer after Communion

Gracious God, who gave joy to Elizabeth and Mary
as they recognized the signs of redemption at work within them:
help us, who have shared in the joy of this Eucharist,
to know the Christ deep within us and his love shining in our lives,
that the world may rejoice in your salvation.

Through Jesus Christ our brother. **All: Amen**

Blessings for Dori Healy and Jim Berry:

All: 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

Let us open our hearts as we ask for God's blessing...

For all the spaces
that bid me welcome
I give you thanks.

And may you be blessed in the name of Amma/Abba God, our brother
Jesus, and the Holy Spirit Sophia.

All: Amen

The Mighty One has done great things for us, so let us go and do likewise
for All God's people. Alleluia! Alleluia!

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Closing Hymn Go Make a Difference (R; V1, R; V3, R)