



Mary of Magdala, ECC – April 3, 2022

Celebrating the 5th Sunday in Lent - Together Wherever We Are

Father Teri Harroun Presiding with Mother Rosean assisting in Reconciliation

Welcome and Announcements:

Lector Ralph Dorland

Social Justice Reflection

Tom Moos, Social Justice Ministry

Entrance Song

Into The Desert

1. Come, beloved, and rest your mind;
leave the things of this world behind.
Here I will be your daily bread,
all that you need.

Refrain

Into the desert I will lead;
here in the silence my word will speak.
And you will find the peace you seek
here in the desert.

2. Stay, beloved, and lose your fear;
there is healing and mercy here.
Here I will be a living stream,
all that you need.

3. From this desert your life will bloom;
out of despair is hope renewed.
And from this death you shall arise,
arise with me.

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Greeting

Father Teri

It is our nature to hide in difficult times. But Jesus calls us to stand tall, to look for the Christ in our midst, even in, especially in, difficult times. So, we do that tonight, as we seek reconciliation with our God, as we walk together with Jesus into Easter, contemplating the Mystery of life, of love, of death and of resurrection. Let us continue.....

In the name of the God the Creator, and of the Eternal Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen

Mother Rosean-

May the grace of God, the love of our brother Jesus, and the friendship of the Holy Spirit be with you all....

All: And also with you

Lent is a season of spiritual reassessment; a pause, a retreat from life's busy surface to its solemn depths.

It is a time of self-examination; a journey to the inner life, the secret correspondence of your soul with God. Sometimes, this exploration can be pleasant and calm, at other times it can be difficult and challenging.

Father Teri

During this season of Lent, we seek peace. Peace for ourselves, those we love, and for our world. This Lent we are particularly saddened by the war we see in the world, especially the stench of war as Russia has invaded Ukraine. As followers of Jesus, we know that we must be the change we wish to see in the world. And we know that our passion for peace requires our active participation.



Tonight, we concentrate on ourselves. We commit to being peacemakers and peacekeepers, making peace with God, and examining with integrity those relationships in our lives which require our attention and peace making. You may be seated for our communal

rite of Reconciliation, and I invite you to open your hands on your lap, almost like a bowl, a posture of openness and readiness to receive God's healing grace.

Penitential Rite – Examination of Conscience

Father Teri

Eternal Creator,

We sometimes put out the light of Your life in us by our sins, those times where we did not live as you would desire.

Mother Rosean

We are sorry, and we come to you today, to ask forgiveness. Tonight, we gather, seeking reconciliation and healing. Let us first reflect, and publicly ask for God's forgiveness, for God's healing.

Father Teri

In the quiet of this night, let us become aware of the need for healing within and around us.

What is our need? Maybe we are angry and exhausted by our week. Maybe we are aware of how we have failed to love someone. Maybe we are grieving, lonely, or full of doubt. Maybe we are mindful of the suffering in our neighbors or in the wider world. Longing for life and drawn by God's promise.

"Sometimes we do not have the strength to come to God. We are weak, we are weary, we are afraid. It is then that we are carried by faithful friends or family members. We are carried by others in the arms of hope."

Mother Rosean

"Sometimes there are many barriers between us and God's love: old pains, hurtful memories, deep doubt, fear of rejection. Even the church itself, can seem to crowd us out, to make no room to receive us. But faith finds a way to rearrange the furniture, to make openings where there were none, even to change structures, in order to make clear the path to Jesus."

Father Teri -

"So often we think we need a physical cure when the deepest truth is we need forgiveness, the deepest healing. We need a fresh start in our relationships. We need to be released from the past. We need the mending mercy that brings wholeness and peace."

"Perhaps the most amazing miracle is that after we have been carried by faith into the presence of Jesus, forgiven and set free, we are sent home. We are sent back to our ordinary lives, our neighbors, friends, and family; back to our daily rhythms of waking and sleeping, working and resting, studying and playing."

Mother Rosean-

"Come all you who long for healing, reconciliation, and wholeness for yourself or others. Come and stand and let us turn to our brothers and sisters and ask for healing and forgiveness. I invite you at this time to stand, and please turn and face the person next to you. If there is no one close to you, you can face me and from here I will be your partner in grace.

Father Teri

"Together, let us bless our partner with a prayer for healing. I will speak a short phrase, and then if everyone would please repeat each line after me....

May the Spirit of the Living God.....

The Spirit of Peace....

Be ever-present with us.....

May this Divine Light enter your body, mind, and spirit.....

And heal you of all that harms you.....

In Jesus' name. Amen.....



GENERAL ABSOLUTION

Father Teri -

Please turn forward again, and bow your heads...

Mother Rosean-

O God of all mercies, through the life and resurrection of your Eternal Son, you have reconciled the world to yourself, And sent the Holy Spirit among us for the forgiveness of sins.

Father Teri -

Through the ministry of your church, may God give you pardon and peace, and I absolve you from your sins, in the name of Creator God, Jesus our Brother, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen

Opening Prayer

Let us pray...

Creator God, we come to you in gratitude of your healing grace among us. All of creation has evolved and emerged from your imagination and with your guiding hand. Through prayer and science, story and ritual, through art and our own experience we come to know You in creation. May we pay attention to all the ways You share

wisdom with us, that we may be the tender caretakers of one another and the planet earth that You are guiding us to be. In our Eternal Brother Jesus' name we pray.

All: Amen

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Father Teri

Let us joyfully listen to the Word of God, the Good News in our midst.

Reading: *Lector Ruth Alexander*

One Who Brings Freedom, by Joyce Rupp, from Jesus, Friend of My Soul.

A woman was about to be stoned to death for adultery. Before the horrible killing could take place, Jesus arrived to challenge her accusers about their own transgressions. He saw the hypocrisy behind the stones they grasped. Every clenched rock intended to aim at her held the weight of their own sins. How quickly they must have dropped the heaviness in their hands, knowing Jesus accurately named the truth of their callous hearts. When Jesus turned to the woman being accused, he met a fragile human being caught in the net of her weakness and confusion. Instead of hurling harsh words of condemnation at her, Jesus spoke kindly and opened a way out.

He provides this same opportunity for us when we are caught in the mesh of our failings. We are not condemned. We are allowed freedom to mend our ways and start anew. When we activate this quality of Jesus in ourselves, we bring a merciful attitude toward those we prefer to denounce. We acknowledge injustice and other sinfulness, but we also look at the stones in our hearts and words, knowing they bear markers of our own wrongdoings. We allow for the possibility of a fresh start for everyone. Jesus gifted the woman caught in adultery with freedom. He also gives this to us. Surely we can extend the same to others.

Words Inspired by God.



ALL: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm by Bill Smith and Lynne Barnes

Gospel Acclamation – *Mass of the Desert*

Refrain:

Glory to you, Word of God, Jesus the Christ.

11. Even now, says God, return to me with your whole heart; for I am gracious and merciful.

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Gospel Reading: John 8:2-11 *Father Teri Harroun*

The Word of Christ be with you all.

A proclamation of the Gospel attributed to John.

ALL: And also with you

ALL: Glory to You, O God.

Early one morning, at daybreak, Jesus went to the Temple. All the people started gathering round, so he sat down and began to teach them. The religious scholars and authorities brought along a woman who had been caught in adultery. Making her stand before all of them, they said to Jesus: "Teacher, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery. Now, in the Law, Moses commanded us to stone such women. What do you say about it?" They said this to test him, so that they might have some charge to bring against him.

Jesus bent down and started to write on the ground with his finger. As they persisted in their questioning, he stood up and said to them, "Let

anyone among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." Once again, he bent down and wrote on the ground; but, at his words, they all went away, one by one, starting with the oldest among them until the last one had gone. Jesus was left alone with the woman, still standing before him.

Jesus stood up again and said to her, "Sister, where are they? Has no one condemned you?" She replied, "No one." And Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you. Go on your way."

The Gospel of God.

ALL: Praise to you Jesus our Christ

Homily: *Father Teri Harroun*

Creed

Father Teri

Let us profess our faith together

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. We believe that women's liberation is human liberation. Here we dwell in loving relationships. Here we live our prophetic call of Gospel equality. Amen.

Creed of Equality)
by Bridget Mary Meehan and Mary Theresa Streck, ARCWP

Prayers of the People

Father Teri Harroun

Let us bring our prayers for all of God's Creation.

Lector Ruth Alexander

The response is: Loving God, hear our prayers.

ALL: Loving God, receive our prayers.

For all those men, women, and children suffering from the invasion of Ukraine and for the safety of the service workers and all on the front lines, we pray...

ALL: Loving God, receive our prayers.

For all the countries of the world that are providing support for Ukraine and providing

shelter, food, and love to the refugees and those seeking protection, we pray...

ALL: Loving God, receive our prayers.

For all of us, the people of Mary of Magdala, that our Lenten journey will lead us into a more prayerful life and generosity of spirit of our time, talents, and earthly goods, we pray...

ALL: Loving God, receive our prayers.

For the prayers requested by those attending in the Sanctuary and those placed in the chat feature
.....we pray

Response: Loving God, receive our prayers.

For those on Zoom, if you would like to share your prayer aloud, please unmute now for all to hear,
.....we pray,

Response: Loving God, receive our prayers.

And for those on our Prayer List and all the prayers held in our hearts, we pray,

Response: Loving God, receive our prayers.

Father Teri closes the prayers of the people.

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 that peace



Offertory Song

Oh Dios Crea en Mi

Refrain:

Oh Dios, crea en mí,
oh Dios, crea en mí,
crea un corazón,
un corazón puro.

1. Have mercy on me, O God,
in your kindness blot out my offenses;
wash me, wash away my guilt,
cleanse me completely of my sin.

2. Create in me, God, a pure heart
and give me a steadfast spirit;
do not cast me out from your presence,
nor remove your holy spirit.

3. Give me back the joy of your salvation,
sustain in me a willing spirit.
Open my lips, O God,
and I shall proclaim your praise.

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LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Preparation of the Gifts *(During Offertory Song)*

Blessed are you, Loving God of all Creation.
Through your goodness we have these gifts to
place on your table. These gifts have sometimes
traveled through the mail to get here, and other
times through pockets. They represent our entire
lives. May they be-come the Light of Christ in
your world. **Blessed by God forever.**

Blessed are you, Loving God of all Creation,
through your goodness we have this bread and
this wine and other food from our cupboards to
place on your tables. Work of earth and human
hands. May these be-come our spiritual food and
drink. **Blessed be God forever.**

Wash away my iniquity, cleanse me. .

Prayer over 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 able. Pray my sisters and

brothers, my family, that these our gifts, our lives
may continue to be blessed by our Loving 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 world**

Eucharistic Prayer

The peace of our God be with you all.
Open your hearts.
Let us give thanks to our Loving God.

ALL: And also with you.

ALL: We open them to our God.

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



We thank you God, Creator God who sends Your eternal son, Jesus, our Word, to bring new growth for each of us. You breathed us into being by your Holy Spirit. We thank you for this season of Lent and we give thanks for your life that is always with us, giving and offering new love. Gather us in unity, connected to all of your creation as one. You call us beloved, and this Lent we bring our praises in gratitude for your beauty that is rising up in us and in Your world. We give You glory for this time, and share our voices now in praise with all of creation, with the choirs of angels and saints as we say

Holy – (Sung)
Mass of the Desert

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God,
Lord God, Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name
of the Lord.**

**Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

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THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

God, You are most Holy. Send your Holy Spirit upon us, and what we do here gathered at tables throughout your world knowing that all tables are Your Table. May we be touched by your Spirit, to Be Communion to one another, and to the world. + Let also your Spirit come upon these gifts of bread and wine to make them holy so that they may become for us the Body and Blood of our brother, Jesus the Christ.

Today, we gather to remember that on the night before he died, Jesus ate with his followers and his friends. We recall how he took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it, he broke it, and gave it to them saying

All: Take this, all of you, and eat it. This is my body, which will be given up for you.

That same night, Jesus also took the cup filled with wine, and after giving thanks, passed it to his disciples, saying,

**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 (Sung)
Save Us Savior - Mass of the Desert

**Save us, Savior of the world,
for by your Cross and Resurrection
you have set us free.**

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In memory of Christ's death and resurrection, we offer you, God, Source of all Being, this life-giving bread, this cup of love. We thank you for creating us ready to be in your presence and serve you. May all of us who share in the body and blood of Christ be united in your Holy Spirit; remember your pilgrim people of God throughout the world; draw us together with the entire people of your creation, with our chosen shepherds Bishop Francis and Bishop Kae, and all who serve your people in many unique and special ways. Welcome into your reign all of our sisters and brothers and family who have gone to their rest to share in your glory. May your grace embrace us all. You have made us ready to share in your Holy Light because we are your creation, flesh of your flesh, heart of your heart, along with Mary, Jesus' Mother, and with all the saints who have modeled your will throughout the ages. May we live fully into your invitation to be



one with you, God, and to Be Communion in your world.

Together let us say

**ALL: Through Christ, with Christ and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
for all glory and honor is yours,
Self-emptying/Life-giving God,
forever and ever.**

Father Teri

Together let us sing

AMEN *(Sung) Mass of The Desert*

Amen, amen, amen.

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The Prayer of Jesus

Let us join our hearts together in love, and pray together in the words that have been prayed with Jesus for centuries:

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

The Shared Table

Lamb of God *(Sung)*

Mass of the Desert

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.

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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 supper.

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.

May the mystery of our participation in the sacred mystery, enliven our faith, inspire our

service, and incarnate God's compassionate love where-ever we may be.

Whether partaking here, or at our home tables, this food from God is offered to the people of God, without exception. All are welcome at the banquet of Christ's kin-dom



Communion Song

We Come to You

1. By your body and blood,
by your life and your love, renew us.
May your sacrifice be
forgiveness in me; heal us.

Refrain
We come to you.
We come to you broken, hungry.
We come to you.
We come to you.
Make us whole again.

2. In the body of Christ
we are brought to new life; restore us.
May the flesh that we eat
and the blood that we drink save us.

3. By the faith we profess,
and the sins we confess, mold us.
We are brought to our knees
at the altar of peace; change us.

4. May the Word we receive
be the faith we believe; teach us.
With these mysteries
draw us into the feast; feed us.

5. May the sacred prepare
our hearts here laid bare; fill us.
By our lives we declare
the Spirit we share; send us. **(to Refrain)**

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Prayer after Communion

Let us pray...

God, You share this meal with us today. May we
be fed fully and recognize Christ not only in this
meal but in one another. May this Unity we

share encourage us to Be Communion with You,
God, in the world. In our Brother Jesus' name
we pray. **All: Amen**

Blessing

The Love of God be with you.
ALL: And also with you.

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

God bless us, that we may know that you see the
goodness in us. May this blessing make its home

in us, as it burst from us to bless the world. We
ask for this knowing and this blessing now in the
name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the
Holy Spirit.

ALL: Amen.

Dismissal:

We are the Body of Christ. Let us go forth as such, loving and serving God as we go forth to love and serve in
God's world.

ALL: Thanks be to God



Closing Song

Can We Love

Refrain

Can we love?

Can we lay down our lives?

Can we wear his crown of thorns?

Can we drink the cup that He drinks?

We must lay down our lives!

1. It's more than raising our hands,
it's more than singing this song.
It's saying "yes" to the Giver of life,
it's righting the ways that are wrong! (to Refrain)

2. It's more than shouting God's name,
it's more than singing His praise.
It's bringing forgiveness to injury's wound,
and hope to those imprisoned by shame. (to
Interlude and Verse 3)

3. Loving our Creator God
with all our heart, mind and soul,
loving our neighbor as ourselves,
the kin-dom of love we will know! (to Verse 4)

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