Mary of Magdala, ECC –- May 3, 2026

Celebrating the Fifth Sunday of Easter- Together Wherever We Are

Mother Rosean Amaral Presider

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Announcement and Leadership Council Report-Roseanna Bateman

Mother Rosean shares info on the sculptor of the Mary statue and blesses MoM's new statue – "Mary, Untier of Knots"

Entrance **Alleluia, Love is Alive (V1; R; V2; R)**

Greeting

Let us continue as one expression of God's people, in the name of Mother/Father 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…

PENITENTIAL RITE

God of love and light, shine into our lives and bring your love into our soul.

All: God, bring your love into our soul.

Brother Jesus, open our hands to show others your loving compassion.

All: Jesus, help us to show others your loving compassion.

Holy Spirit, open our minds to receive your wisdom.

All: Holy Spirit, may our minds receive your wisdom.

God of glory and light, renew us by your nurture and blessing, and bring us to life everlasting. **All: Amen.**

And now let us sing our praises to God…

Gloria **Glory to God (Mass of St Mary Magdalene)**

Opening Prayer

Let us pray…

Creator God,

We ask for a fresh anointing of your Holy Spirit,
to empower us for service in the world.
Anoint our eyes to see the systemic injustices that divide us.
Anoint our hands to work for peace, healing, and liberation in our communities.
Anoint our hearts with a love that crosses all borders, welcoming the marginalized, and caring for the earth.

We ask this in the name of the Anointed One, Jesus, The Christ
Amen. (adapted from patheos.com)

Let us listen to the Word of God in our midst…

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading *Lector Lynne Barnes*

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles 6:1-7

In the early days after Jesus' resurrection and ascension, when the disciples were increasing in number, the Hellenists complained against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution of food. In response, the twelve called together the whole community of disciples and said, 'It is not right that we should neglect the word of God in order to serve at table. Therefore, friends select from among yourselves seven of good standing, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may appoint to this task, while we, for our part, will devote ourselves to prayer and to serving the word.' What they said pleased the whole community. They chose Stephen, a person full of faith and the Holy Spirit, together with Philip and five others, to serve as deacons. They had them stand before the apostles, who prayed and laid hands on them.

The word of God continued to spread. The number of disciples increased greatly in Jerusalem; and a great many of the Temple priests became followers of the way.

The Word of an Early Church Chronicler.

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm God (Lord) Show Us Your Mercy (R; R; V1; R; V2; R; V3; R)

Second Reading *Lector Pedro Engel*

A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans 16:1-4, 6-7, 12-13, 16

I commend to you our sister Phoebe, a deacon of the church at Cenchreae. Welcome her with the hospitality of God, as is fitting for the saints to do. Help her in whatever she may require from you, for she has been a benefactor of many and of myself as well.

Greet Prisca and Aquila, who worked with me in Christ Jesus, and who risked their lives for my life. Greet also the church in their house. Not only do I give them thanks, but also all the churches of the Gentiles. Greet Mary, who has worked very hard among you. Greet Andronicus and Junia, my cousins who were in prison with me. They are prominent among the apostles, and they were in Christ before I was.

Greet the holy women, Tryphaena and Tryphosa, servants of the Christ. Greet the beloved Persis, another woman who works hard for the sake of the Good News. Greet Rufus, a Judean and a follower of the Christ; and greet his mother—a mother to me also. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the churches of Jesus the Christ greet you.

The Word of the Apostle Paul.

All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acc. Alleluia (Mass of St MM) (V2)

GOSPEL Jared Orsi

(Mother Rosean blesses Jared before he reads the Gospel.)

Alleluia, Christ is risen! **All: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

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

A Proclamation of the Holy Gospel attributed to Matthew 26: 6-13.

All: Glory to You, O God. Alleluia!

Jesus was at Bethany in the house of Simon, - a man who had suffered a virulent skin-disease - when a woman came to Jesus with an alabaster jar of very costly ointment, and she poured it on his head as he sat at table. The disciples were indignant when they saw this and said, “Why this waste?” This could have been

sold for a high price, and the money given to the poor." But Jesus noticed this and said, "Why do you make trouble for the woman? She has done a good thing for me. The poor you will always have with you, but you will not always have me. When she poured this perfumed oil on my body, she did it to prepare me for burial. In truth I tell you, wherever in all the world this gospel is proclaimed, what she has done will be told in memory of her."

The Good News of the Resurrection. Alleluia!

All: Praise to You, Jesus our Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Homily **Jared Orsi**

Let us bring forth our prayers for all of creation…

Prayers of the People *Lector Pedro Engel*

Our response is: Living and Loving God, receive the prayers of our hearts.

All: Living and Loving God, receive the prayers of our hearts.

We seek your peace on earth. It begins with us. With Your anointing may we use our experienced life-wisdom and courage to find the peaceful way with others this week. We pray

All: Living and Loving God, receive the prayers of our hearts.

With Your anointing may we become leaders and support leaders who carefully consider the immediate and long-range freedom, opportunity, and wellbeing of all humans in their every decision. We pray

All: Living and Loving God, receive the prayers of our hearts.

With Your anointing may we cherish and live with Mother Earth as if she were our only home planet where we find living water and nourishment and inhale life. We pray

All: Living and Loving God, receive the prayers of our hearts.

The prayers from the Sanctuary are … We pray

All: Living and Loving God, receive the prayers of our hearts.

Are there prayers from those on zoom? . . . We pray

All: Living and Loving God, receive the prayers of our hearts.

And for all prayers we hold in our hearts . . .We pray

All: Living and Loving God, receive the prayers of our hearts.

Mother Rosean: Loving God, you know our needs before we speak them. May our prayers be in harmony with Your will and may our service to others be generous.

For Jesus' sake,

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 within you all.

All: And also within you.

Please turn toward the camera to offer a sign of peace to our siblings at home and then toward each other.

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…

Offertory **The Servant Song (V1; V2; V3; V4; V1)**

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

May the Risen Christ live 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

as redeemer and brother.

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 (Mass of St MM)
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.
As once he did for his disciples,
Christ now opens the scriptures for us and breaks the bread.
Great and merciful God, we ask you:
Send down your Holy Spirit to hallow these gifts of bread and wine,
that they may become for usthe Body + and Blood of Jesus, the Christ.

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 his disciples, and spoke
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, 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 Acc (Mass of St MM)

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.

Until Jesus, comes again,

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 for ever

among the members of your Son,

whose body and blood we share.

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,

all religious leaders,

and all those your Son has gained for you.



Open our eyes to the needs of all;
inspire us with words and deeds
to comfort those who labor and are burdened;
keep our service of others
faithful to the example and command of Christ.

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 sisters and brothers
who have fallen asleep in the peace of Christ,
and all the dead whose faith only you can know.(pause)
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 Virgin Mother of God,
with the apostles, the martyrs, and all the 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 is Yours, self-emptying, life-giving God, forever and ever.

Great Amen (Mass of St MM)

The Prayer of Jesus

Let us pray in the words 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 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 whose LOVE 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 in center, red wine and white grape juice in the metal cups)

Communion The Eyes and Hands of Christ (R; V1; R; V2; R; V3; R)

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray…

One day you finally knew
what you had to do, and began,
though the voices around you

kept shouting
their bad advice …"Why this waste?"

But little by little,
as you left their voices behind,
the stars began to burn
through the sheets of clouds,
and there was a new voice,
A voice that affirmed, "In truth I tell you, wherever in all the world this gospel is proclaimed, what she has done will be told in memory of her."

Compassionate brother Jesus, thank you for nourishing us with your Body and your Blood that we may find the courage to be exactly who you created us to be. (adapted from The Journey, by Mary Oliver and the words of Jesus Christ.)

For the sake of Love, **All: Amen**

Blessing

May the love of the Risen Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Let us open our hearts to receive this blessing…

When we see the body of Christ still broken in this world,
may we meet it with lavish grace and pour ourselves out with extravagant love.

We ask for this blessing now, In the name of Amma/Abba God, Jesus our brother, and the Holy Spirit, Sophia. **All: Amen**

~ Blessing of Balm written by Jan L. Richardson and posted on The Painted Prayerbook. http://paintedprayerbook.com/

Dismissal

This Mass continues in each one of us. Go and pour out the Good News extravagantly!

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Closing **With One Voice (V1; R; V2; R)**