



Mary of Magdala, ECC Sunday Service – June 28, 2020 Thirteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Greeting and Announcements – *Lector Linda Joyce*

Opening Song (*please, join in while muted with Bill Smith*)

Come to the Lord

1. Do not let your hearts be troubled.
Children, do not fear.
Though you suffer as I suffered,
I am always near.

Refrain
Come to the Lord;
come to the table of lasting life.
Bring your burdens;
there's no price,
just come to the Lord.

2. I will never leave you orphans;
you are not alone.
I have made your place in heaven,
in my father's home.

3. Eat this bread and never hunger;
I will give you life.
Drink the cup I place before you;
you will never die.

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Greeting – *Deacon Rosean*

Let us begin...

In the name of the Father/Mother, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, Amen

The Lord is with you.

ALL: And also with you

Penitential Rite – *Deacon Rosean*

As we prepare to celebrate this glorious
mystery of the presence of God in our midst,
let us open our minds and hearts to accept
God's love and forgiveness for the frailty of our
human nature.

All: Lord have mercy.

We ask for the grace to continually
acknowledge our need to grow in goodness
and caring for ourselves and for others.

All: Christ have mercy.

We join with you Jesus, our brother, believing the
strength and insight of the Holy Spirit will lead us
to deeper dedication to justice, equality, unity, and
peace in our world.

All: Lord have mercy.

Loving God, we turn to you for guidance, that we
may continue to realize your kin-dom on earth.

All: Amen

Opening Prayer – *Deacon Rosean*

Let us pray:



God beyond all names, you reveal your presence in Sophia, Holy Wisdom, and in holy men and women throughout the ages. May we, like Mary Mother of Jesus, live as prophetic witnesses to

the Gospel as we work for justice, peace, and equality in our world. We ask this through Mary's child, our brother Jesus.

All: Amen

And now let us listen to the word of God in our midst.

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading 2 Kings 4:8-37 - *Lector Linda Joyce*

One day Elisha came to Shunem, where there was a woman of influence, who urged him to dine with her. Afterward, whenever he passed by, he used to stop there to dine. So she said to her husband, "I know that Elisha is a holy man of God. Since he visits us often, let us arrange a little room on the roof and furnish it for him with a bed, table, chair, and lamp, so that when he comes to us he can stay there."

Sometime later Elisha arrived and stayed in the room overnight. Then he said to his servant "Call this Shunammite woman." He did so, and when she stood before Elisha, he told Gehazi, "Say to her, 'You have lavished all this care on us; what can we do for you? Can we say a good word to the king or to the commander of the army?'" She replied, "I am living among my own people."

Later Elisha asked, "Can something be done for her?" "Yes!" Gehazi answered. "She has no son, and her husband is getting on in years." "Call her," said Elisha. When she had been called, and stood at the door, Elisha promised, "This time next year you will be fondling a baby son."

"Please, my lord," she protested, "you are a man of God; do not deceive your servant."

Yet the woman conceived, and by the same time the following year she had given birth to a son, as Elisha promised.

The day came when the child was old enough to go out to his father among the reapers. "My head hurts!" he complained to his father. "Carry him to his mother," the father said to a servant. The servant picked him up and carried him to his mother; he stayed with her until noon, when he died in her lap.

The mother took him upstairs and laid him on the bed of the man of God. Closing the door on him, she went out and called to her husband. "Let me have a servant and a donkey. I must go quickly to the man of God, and I will be back."

"Why are you going to him today?" he asked. "It is neither the new moon nor the sabbath." But she bade him good-bye, and when the donkey was saddled, said to her servant: "Lead on! Do not stop my donkey unless I tell you to." She kept going till she reached the man of God on Mount Carmel. When he spied her at a distance, the man of God said to his servant Gehazi: "There is the Shunammite! Hurry to meet her, and ask if all is well with her, with her husband, and with the boy." "Greetings," she replied. But when she reached the man of God on the mountain, she clasped his feet. Gehazi came near to push her away, but the man of God said: "Let her alone, she is in bitter anguish; the Lord hid it from me and did not let me know."



“Did I ask my lord for a son?” she cried out. “Did I not beg you not to deceive me?”

“Gird your loins,” Elisha said to Gehazi, “take my staff with you and be off; if you meet anyone, do not greet him, and if anyone greets you, do not answer. Lay my staff upon the boy.” But the boy’s mother cried out: “As the Lord lives and as you yourself live; I will not release you.” So, he started to go back with her.

Meanwhile, Gehazi had gone on ahead and had laid the staff upon the boy, but there was no sound or sign of life. He returned to meet Elisha and informed him that the boy had not awakened. When Elisha reached the house, he found the boy lying dead. He went in, closed the door on them both, and prayed to the Lord.

Then he lay upon the child on the bed, placing his mouth upon the child’s mouth, his eyes upon the eyes, and his hands upon the hands. As Elisha stretched himself over the child, the body became warm. He arose, paced up and down the room and then once more lay down upon the boy, who now sneezed seven times and opened his eyes. Elisha summoned Gehazi and said, “Call the Shunammite.” She came at his call, and Elisha said to her, “Take your son.” She came in and fell at his feet in gratitude; then she took her son and left the room.

The Word of God

All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm 80 – *Lector Pedro Engel*

The Response is: Teach us to love!

You, who are our Guide and our Light!
Shine forth into the heart of all nations!
Enliven your people with compassion,
that peace and justice might flourish.
Gentle Teacher, help us to turn to You in prayer,
Fasting from our negative thoughts.
In your steadfast Love, You weep with our
tears,
Tears that rise from fear, doubt, and
illusion.

Response: Teach us to love!

Be our strength as we break down walls that
separate and divide;

Let not fear pluck away the gifts we would
share.
Roll away the stones that become obstacles to
growth,
to producing a bountiful harvest.

Response: Teach us to love!

May those who have borne the fruit of love
Radiate your spirit into the world!
May we always walk and co-create with You!
Restore us, O Holy One!
Let your face shine upon us, teach us to love!

Response: Teach us to love!

The ‘Alleluia’ – *Sung by Bill Smith (please join in while muted)*

Refrain

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.
Alleluia. Alleluia

VERSE:

I am the way, the truth and the life, says the Lord;
no one comes to the Father except through me.

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Gospel: Matthew 10:37-42 (from the Living Liturgy) - Pastor Jane

The Lord be with you.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew 10:37-42

All: And also, with you

ALL: Glory to you, O God+

Jesus said to his apostles:

“Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me. Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.

"Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives the one who sent me.

Whoever receives a prophet because he is a

prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and whoever receives a righteous man because he is a righteous man will receive a righteous man's reward. And whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink because the little one is a disciple—amen, I say to you, he will surely not lose his reward.”

The Gospel of our God.

All: Praise to You, Lord, Jesus Christ

Homily -Deacon Rosean

Creed from Inclusive Worship Aids by Bridget Mary Meehan

Deacon Rosean – We are using a new creed today from one of the Catholic women priests, Bridget Mary Meehan

All:

I believe in God, the creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, child of God, born of Mary, human like us.

I believe Jesus came to teach us God's love, to heal our minds, our bodies, our spirit, to bring hope and a new vision, to show us how to live in the fullness of grace.

I believe that Jesus threatened the establishment. Jesus called for God's people to focus on the kin-dom within. I believe because of the message that Jesus proclaimed, Jesus

was condemned to die. Jesus was put to death through crucifixion, buried in a borrowed tomb.

I believe that the women, faithful to Jesus, went to the tomb to anoint his body. I believe that the body of Jesus was gone, and Jesus overcame death through the resurrection.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, eternally living in our hearts, present in our world, in our universe. I believe the holy Catholic Church is the people gathered in worship and song. I believe that all God's children will one day be with God experiencing life everlasting. Amen.



Prayers of the People

Pastor Jane: Always mindful of God's love and care for us, we now bring the needs of the people throughout the world to our loving God.

Lector Pedro Engel - The response for the "Prayers of the People" will be: Hear our prayers

ALL: Hear our prayers

May each of us learn to listen to the experiences of people different from us, who are courageous enough to share how their lives may have been filled with discrimination, injustice, and harm, we pray **Response: Hear our prayers**

For all, may we walk together as we find ways to bring an end to racism, to racial injustice, and to promote and provide equal opportunity for all, we pray **Response: Hear our prayers**

For all who are ill with the Covid19 virus, other physical illnesses, or mental illness and for all the doctors, nurses, aides and support staff working to help people heal that they may all be wrapped in your blessings and graces we pray,

Response: Hear our prayers

Now I invite you to share your prayers so that we may pray in community with you. If you feel comfortable, you could press the space bar and say your prayer, OR you could type the prayer into the chat box (*Pedro will read each prayer on "chat"*)we pray, **Response: Hear our prayers**

And for all the prayers we hold in the privacy of our hearts, we pray. **Response: Hear our prayers**

Pastor Jane—

Hear our petitions, O Christ, for ourselves and for our sisters and brothers in You. May we be bread for others as you are bread for us; hear our prayers spoken in faith, hope and love.

All: Amen.

Sign of Peace

Deacon Rosean – The Love of God the Gift of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you

Let us all go to "gallery view" on our screens and share with one another the sign of Christ's peace. (*All are unmuted to share a sign of peace.*)

Our Celebration of the Feast of the Eucharist with Food—*Deacon Rosean*

The Lord be with you

Lift up your hearts.

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

All: And, also with you.

All: We lift them up to God.

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



Gracious God, All-powerful and ever-living, we do well always and everywhere to give you thanks through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Creator of all, you have invited each of us here today and so we gather at your tables.

We come from many places, differing in age, race, orientation, politics, and even religion. As we come together around your tables we discover that our differences are not something we tolerate but that our differences are indeed a blessing. The more difference we bring, the more fully we experience the presence of the sacred and holy in our midst.

God, give us a hunger and thirst for justice; fill our hearts with love, overflowing with Your grace; make our hearts pure, and give us a vision of your glory.

In a society divided by race, gender, class, politics, ideology, sexual orientation, and so many other labels we alone have created, remind us that we are created in your image, each of us a beautiful reflection of you, each of us your beloved child. Help us then, to end our conflicts and wars. Help us to be peacemakers and agents of reconciliation.

Gracious God, you have so richly blessed us with life, love and joy, with hope in the midst of despair. We celebrate Your gifts to us and with all the choirs of angels and saints we boldly proclaim the good news of your love and join in the unending hymn of praise

ALL: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Lord you are holy indeed, the fountain of all holiness. We come to you Mother/ Father God with praise and thanksgiving through Jesus Christ your Son. We ask you to accept and bless these gifts we offer you in love.

Remember God, you're people gathered here before you, remember also our sisters and brothers who are sick, injured, anxious, or grieving. Remember those who have died and have gone before us marked with the sign of Love. (Pause)

We honor Mary The Blessed Mother of Jesus. We honor Joseph, her husband, the apostle's and martyrs, Peter and Paul, Mary of Magdala, and all the saints. May they be examples of the Eucharistic family for us.

May our participation in this sacred mystery of Love, sacrifice, and reconciliation, enliven our faith, inspire our service, and incarnate your Love wherever we may be.

Through Christ our Lord

All: Amen

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(all together on mute)*

Pastor Jane – Let us pray in the words our Savior gave us.

ALL: Our Father, who are in Heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass

against us, and let us not enter into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.



Reception for Spiritual Communion – Deacon Rosean

In this we are a Eucharistic People joined in these sacred moments of time and sacred space

ALL: the Body of Christ incarnate, the bread come down from God the Blood of Christ poured out from the cup we share for the abundant life of the world

Before we share in eating of the sacred food on our tables, please recall you that God invited you here today. Where-ever you are on your journey, God is with you. Let us share together these words of celebration of God with the food God has provided.

Our homes and our hearts are a dwelling place for God, Christ Incarnate. In the words of Catholic theologian Ronald Rolheiser, "... God takes on flesh so that every home becomes a church, every child becomes the Christ-child, and all food and drink become a sacrament."

The food before us is sacrament, and God's grace is abundant and in our midst. Please spend a moment now, celebrating God with Christ's gift of nourishment at your tables.

Communion Song --(please join in while muted)

Benediction

1. May the peace of God be with you.
May the favor of the Lord upon you rest.
May his grace upon you shine
and give you light in darkest times.
May the peace of God be yours.

2. May the love of God be with you.
May your faithful trust in him never fail.
May he shower you with grace,
may you feel his warm embrace.
May the love of God be yours.

3. May the joy of God be with you.
May you spring up living water in your soul.
May you run and never tire,

may his will be your desire.
May the joy of God be yours.

4. May the hope of God be with you.
May he lift your spirit up on angel's wings.
May your very presence be a fragrant offering.
May the hope of God: Father, Son and Spirit—
may the blessings of God be yours.
May they be yours.

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Prayer after the meal

Deacon Rosean - Let us Pray:

Grant us, God, a vision of your world as your love would have it. A world where the weak are protected, and none go hungry or poor, a world where peace is built with justice and

justice is guided by love. Give us the inspiration and courage to build it, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen



Regional Prayer for Calling a Bishop - *Pastor Jane*

**ALL: Holy One,
Enlivening Spirit,
In the wilderness of new,
root the Body of Christ**

**fully into our "Yes,"
blooming in Your Holy Season.
Together.
Amen.**

Blessing – *Deacon Rosean*

The Lord be with you

ALL And also with you.

Deacon Rosean Let us call upon our gracious God as we share blessings with each other

We bless one another and pledge to manifest unconditional love in all our actions. **ALL: AMEN**

We bless one another and pledge to manifest justice, equality, and unity in our church and in our world. **ALL: AMEN**

We bless one another and pledge to bring the service of the Gospel to all we meet. **ALL: AMEN**

And may our gracious God bless all here gathered in the name of God our Creator, in the name of Jesus our Liberator, and in the name of the Holy Spirit, our Sanctifier as we care and minister to one another in love, for we are the holy people of God. **ALL: AMEN**

Dismissal

Pastor Jane

We are the Body of Christ. Let us live and die as such, loving and serving God as we love and serve God's world. **ALL: Thanks be to God.**

Closing Song – *please remain muted*

At the Name

1. You took upon yourself our cruel and heavy cross. You conquered death itself to ransom all the lost, humbled yourself before a world of sin.

Refrain
That at the name every knee should bow,
every tongue confess you are Lord;
and at the name every heart should sing,
every tongue confess
you are Lord, you are Lord, you are Lord.

2. You split the night in two; one bright and holy day,

and with the mighty truth
you rolled the stone away.
You are exalted by the Light of Love.

Bridge

Oh, you were lifted high.
You were the sacrifice:
the death that saved our lives!
Oh, you are lifted high.
You are the sacrifice:
the love that saves our lives!

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