Mary of Magdala, ECC— October 25, 2026

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Kin-dom of God – All Together Everywhere

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Eucharistic Ministers: Becky Chavez, Matt Chavez

Welcome and Announcements : Jim Berry

ECC Synod Update: Fully Human, Truly Church: Tom Moos

Entrance Song: Our God Is Here (V1; R; V2; R)

REV. JANE Greeting

Welcome to our Mass on the 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Today the first and second readings point to life's many changes and I include my leaving of you, the community of Mary of Magdala. I leave after two more Masses. The Gospel reading gives us one of the last of Jesus' instructions before he begins his leaving. The question for all of us is how do we honor ourselves as the cycle of life takes us along and leaving and becoming journey, and the liminal space between them.

Again, I invite everyone here and at home to sit, let go of the news of the day, let go of whatever is heavy on your heart, take a deep breath and another, try to relax into this sacred space, drop your shoulders and release some of the stress you hold in your body. Relax into the warmth of God, a God who holds us in the mystery of infinite and unconditional love. Call forth the calm and serene light within you. Surrender your heart and mind to God in this hour.

DEACON DORI:

Let us continue in yearning and in wonderment as one expression of God's presence:

+In the name of the Creating Mystery, the Cosmic Christ, and the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Penitential Rite

REV. JANE

As we prepare to receive the Word of God and the Body and Blood of Christ, let us humbly accept God's unconditional love and, we pray:

All: Together, we turn back to you, O Christ, knowing you welcome us even in the midst of our turning, just by our yearning to return. Bless us with an *experience* of you as we turn with deep longing and open hearts for the oneness you offer. We come in fragility and vulnerability to know you and love you.

REV. JANE

Jesus, you, yourself are the Sacrament of the Incarnate God, teaching us to see yesterday as proof of your faithful presence, today as rooted in you, and tomorrow as hope for wholeness. Grant us the blessings of ethical resolve in a world of pain and grief.

Jesus, help us realize that safety is an illusion, and return to you so we can risk ourselves for the wellbeing of the stranger, the widow, and the orphan.

All: Jesus, grant us Holy Wisdom.

Christ, help us as your Body to return to you, release our pride and in humility surrender to you.

All: Christ, grant us Holy Wisdom.

Spirit of Wisdom, dispel our illusions of abundance and instill in us the truth of poverty of spirit.

All: Spirit of Wisdom, grant us Holy Wisdom.

O Holy Compassion, we are a community of pilgrims stumbling along your Way. Help us to see ourselves as you see us in Love . With hearts burning, may we unveil, for all to see, the kin-dom of God that lives within ourselves and among us. For Holy Wisdom, we give you thanks.

All: Amen.

DEACON DORI

In thanksgiving for our unquenchable hunger, let us lift our voices in praise and sing glory of God!

Gloria: Glory and Praise (Mass of Welcoming)

Opening Prayer

DEACON DORI

Let us pray --

REV. JANE

O Holy One, you gather us here today your words of Love: love of God, love of ourselves, and love of others as ourselves. As we have offered ourselves to you as

the eye, hands, feet of Christ, we are responsible to continue to grow into this commandment. as co-creators with you. As Eucharistic pilgrims fill our hunger for your Word, fill our hunger for your Wisdom, fill our hunger to live for you. Give us the Grace to hear your Word that frees. Give us your Holy Wisdom to find You within our true selves. Open our hearts to awaken at your word.

All: Amen

LITURGY OF THE WORD

DEACON DORI

Please be seated as we listen to the Word of God speaking to us.

First Reading *Lector Jim Berry*

First Reading Ecclesiastes 3. 1-8 From the Hebrew Study Bible

Here is an example of life's polarities

A season is set for everything, a time for every experience under heaven:
A time for being born and a time for dying,
A time for planting and a time for uprooting the planted;
A time for slaying and a time for healing,
A time for tearing down and a time for building up;
A time for weeping and a time for laughing,
A time for wailing and a time for dancing;
A time for throwing stones and a time for gathering stones,
A time for embracing and a time for shunning embraces;
A time for seeking and a time for losing;
A time for keeping and a time for discarding;

A time for ripping and a time for sewing,
A time for silence and a time for speaking;
A time for loving and a time for hating;
A time for war and a time for peace.
The Words of a Hebrew Wisdom Writer
All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Be With Me God (Lord) Canedo (R; V1; R; V2; R; V4; R)

Second Reading *Lector Deb Klein*

Fork by Pastor Steve Garnaas-Holmes in Unfolding Light
A way to discern a path
when faced with a fork in the road,
maybe a tough choice, maybe just a moment's attitude:
which way is God going?
Of course God will go with you either way,
but maybe on one path God comes along
with great sighing and rolling of eyes,
while God is happy to be on the other path.

Trust that whichever direction you go,
even the most mistaken,
God will find a way.
And in the direction God most favors,
even in the most difficult or dangerous,



God has already made a way.
Listen to the Spirit speaking to God's people.
All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation: (Mass of Welcoming)

Gospel – DEACON DORI

Our Loving God is within you. **All: And also within you.**
A Proclamation of the Gospel attributed to Matthew 22: 34-40
All: Glory to you, O God.

When some Pharisees heard how Jesus had silenced the Sadducees in debate, they got together. One of them, an expert in the Law, tested Jesus: "Teacher, which command in God's Law is the greatest?"
Jesus replied, "'Love your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' *(Dt. 6:4-5)*
This is the first and greatest commandment. The second is: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' *(Lev. 19-18)*
Everything in the Law and the Prophets hangs on these two commandments."
The Good News of Jesus our Christ.
All: Praise to you, Jesus our Christ

Homily - Pastor Jane

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DEACON DORI

Let us pray

ALL: We believe in one God, one human family, one planetary community, one body, uniting all in beauty, for God's infinite love is infinite, fecund and beautiful.

We believe we are entangled with all earth life and all living creatures,

We believe this future is the relational unity of all living things in God.

We believe this earth has a future entangled with God.

We believe the heart of God is love. Amen.

Prayers of the People *Lector Deb Klein*

You, Holy One, who are here, you know our needs even before we know them.

Our response is: Christ, we journey in mind, body, and spirit with You.

All: Christ, we journey in mind, body, and spirit with You.

May all voters consider using their vote for the peace and well-being of all people. We pray

All: Christ, we journey in mind, body, and spirit with You.

May the love, companionship, hopes, prayers, ideas, examples, and support spread from our recent Synod throughout our communities and inspire us to wholeness and action. We pray

All: Christ, we journey in mind, body, and spirit with You.

May the carefully designed and supported Safe Lot project be accepted by our neighbors. We pray

All: Christ, we journey in mind, body, and spirit with You.

Are there prayers from our members on zoom? ...we pray,

All: Christ, we journey in mind, body, and spirit with You.

And for all of us here and all the people on our prayer list and those we hold in our heart, we pray

All: Christ, we journey in mind, body, and spirit with You.

DEACON DORI

O Source of Compassion, hear our prayers to heal, to put an end to violence, and to love one another as you love. May these prayers of our hearts praise and glorify you. **All: Amen.**

The Peace

DEACON DORI

Jesus said to his disciples, "Peace be with you. My peace I give you." May the peace of Christ, not of this world, be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Please turn and share a sign of peace with our siblings here virtually, and then turn to share with one another.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

DEACON DORI

As we prepare our tables with the food we have, here and at home, 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: Open My Eyes (V1; V2; V3; B; V4)

Preparation of the Gifts

REV. JANE

Procession of the Bread and Wine by Eucharistic Ministers

(During Offertory Song)

Blessed are you, God of all Creation, through your goodness we have this bread and wine. All creation originated as star dust and now star dust has evolved into wheat and grapes grown from the earth. From the fruit of the earth, our hands have made bread and wine. May this bread and wine become for us the sacred nourishment we seek**. All: Blessed be God forever.**

By the mystery of this water and wine, we share in the divinity of Christ, who graced us by sharing in our humanity**. All: Blessed be God forever.**

Prayer over the Gifts

Pray, my siblings, 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.

DEACON DORI

Christ is within You. **All**: **And also within You.**

Let us open our hearts. **All: We open our hearts to God.**

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

REV. JANE

Blessed are you, compassionate and faithful God—to you we offer thanks and praise everywhere and always. All of creation has its origin in You. You are creation's desired fulfillment. We thank you for our planetary home and our living cosmos beyond our understanding, all holy and sacred.

We thank you for emptying Yourself into time through Jesus, thereby calling us to live your Holy Way through both our individual unique gifts and our communal gifts. The Spirit of Jesus calls us to a deeper reality, a fuller humanity, that can overwhelm us with the grief of violence even as it overwhelms us with creation's beauty.

DEACON DORI

For this and many more gifts, we never cease to thank and praise you, and joining with cosmic choirs we sing to your glory:

Holy: (Mass of Welcoming)

Eucharistic Prayer

Blessed are you, compassionate and faithful God. With loving tenderness, you have gathered us and filled us with a longing for justice and peace that will last. Through countless generations, we hungered for the bread of freedom. For them and us, you raised up Jesus, the living Bread, in whom our ancient hungers are satisfied. Jesus the Christ is the Word that liberates us from injustice and violence. Jesus the Christ is the hand you, O Mystery of Love, stretch out to all of us who



are sick, poor, oppressed and in any way broken. Jesus the Christ is the Way that leads to peace. PAUSE

Flowing from the Exquisite Love visible and invisible throughout the entire cosmos, send your Holy Spirit to heal our lives. Please join us by stretching out your hands as we bless the bread and wine together:
O Holiness, make these gifts of bread and wine ++holy, that they may become the Body and Blood of Jesus our Christ.

While Jesus was at supper on the night before he died, He took bread and gave you thanks. He broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said:

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

At the end of the meal, Jesus took the cup. Again, he praised you for your goodness, gave the cup to his disciples, 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.

DEACON DORI
Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

Memorial Acclamation: (Mass of Welcoming)

REV. JANE

Loving God, with gratitude we remember the passion of Jesus, his suffering at the hands of a broken humanity confused, angry, and violent. He died loving his enemies and forgiving his persecutors. Together then with people of every faith and no faith, and all those who have died, we remember that LOVE is our salvation, not our possession.

Setting our wills and words aside, emptying our hearts and bringing nothing in our hands, we proclaim,

All: Through Christ, with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, life-giving God now and forever.

Amen (Mass of Welcoming)

The Prayer of Jesus

DEACON DORI

As we pray the Prayer Jesus taught, please turn to the camera and let us join our hearts together as we pray the words that Jesus gave us...

All: Abba/Amma, God 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 Welcoming)

This is the Living God. This is the one who transforms us and our world. Blessed are we who are called out of ourselves and into this Love.

All: Jesus, I am ready to receive you because by your invitation I am here.

Invitation to Communion

DEACON DORI

As we strive to become this living sacrament, let us proclaim 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.

DEACON DORI

Whether sharing this meal at home or here, we all are invited to consume this healing sacrament. All are welcome to this feast of unrestricted and unconditional Love.

(remind about gluten-free hosts)

Communion: Benediction (V1; V2; V3; V4)

Prayer after Communion

DEACON DORI

Please stand if you are able. Let us pray

REV. JANE

Christ within all life, we thank you for your gifts of the Bread of Peace and the Cup of Blessing. We look forward to the day when hope becomes reality: when our swords are melted into plowshares and "…no harm be done anywhere along the Holy Mountain."

All: Amen

Concluding Rite and Dismissal

DEACON DORI

The peace of our God is within you. **All: And also within you.**

Let us open our hearts and receive God's blessing…

REV. JANE

May the Mystery of Boundless Love bless you to abide in your own agency and by your own conscience as a priestly people.

In the name of Amma/Abba God, Jesus the Christ, and the Holy Spirit, Sophia.

All: Amen.

The Sending Forth

DEACON DORI



Go now out into the world being and seeing and being Christ everywhere you go.

All: Thanks be to God.

Closing: Go Out Go Out (R; V1; R; V2; R; R)