Mary of Magdala, ECC –- September 13, 2026

Celebrating the Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time – And the Season of Creation --Together Wherever We Are

Presider: *Mother Rosean Amaral*

Homilist: *Jared Orsi*

Welcome and Announcements: *Lector, Cindy Cloyd*

Social Justice Reflection: *Tom Moos, Chair*

Entrance Song: Come O (Lord) Jesus Come (R; V1; R; V2; R)

Greeting: Mother Rosean

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

And now let us remember our connection to the blessed three in one…

Penitential Rite:

God of Forgiveness,
Create in us a clean heart.

All: Write on our hearts, your love O God.

Christ of Compassion,
Restore to us the joy of your salvation.
All: Write on our hearts, your love O Christ.



Spirit of renewal,
Sustain in us a willing spirit.

All: Write on our hearts, your love, O Spirit.

God of light and life, 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: Mass of Welcoming

Opening Prayer:

Let us pray…

Loving God,
whose touch can heal the broken places of life,
touch us today...

God of peace,
whose spirit of peace can quiet our spirits
of confusion and despair,
reassure us today...

Forgiving God,
who promises grace upon grace,
place your mercy in our souls today...

And may your name be glorified in us and through us.

We ask this through Jesus, the Christ
who is our brother and our friend.

(Posted on Richard Fairchild's Kir-shalom website.
http://www.rockies.net/~spirit/sermons/b-or04su.php)

All: Amen.



And now, let us joyfully listen to the Word of God, the good news in our midst.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading Sirach 27:30-28:7 *Lector, Cindy Cloyd*

Rage and anger are destructive things,
yet many hold on to them.
The vengeful will face the vengeance of God,
who keeps account of deeds.
Forgive your neighbor any wrongs done to you,
and then your failings will be pardoned when you pray.
Does anyone nurse anger against another,
and then expect healing from God?
Showing no mercy toward another like yourself,
can you then seek pardon?
If humans cherish rage as if a god, who is there to forgive to them?
Remember the end of your life and set enmity aside.
Remember mortality and death and cease from violence.
Remember the commandments, and do not bear your neighbor ill-will.
Remember your covenant is with Holy Mystery,
and do not keep a record of wrongs.

The Word of a Wisdom Writer.

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm *Will be Sung by Bill and Choir*

Psalm: Oh Dios Crea En Mi (R; R; V1; R; V2; R; V3; R) (all refrains in Spanish, all verses in English)

Second Reading Romans 14: 7-12 *Lector, David Cloyd*

As believers, we do not live for ourselves, and we do not die
alone. While we are alive, we live for God, for Holy Love;
and when we die, we die into God, into Holy Love. Living or
dead, we belong to God. This is why the Christ both died and
lived again, so as to serve both the dead and the living.
Why, then, do you sit in judgment over your siblings in
Christ? Or why do you lofook down upon any other? For we
will all stand before the judgment-seat of Holy Mystery. As it
is written:
"Every knee shall bend before me,
And every tongue confess."
So then, each of us will be accountable to Holy Love.

Listen to the Spirit speaking to God's people.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation: Mass of Welcoming

Gospel -- Jared Orsi

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

A Proclamation of the Holy Gospel attributed to Matthew (18:15-17, 21-35)

All: Glory to you, O God.

Teaching the disciples, Jesus instructed, "If someone in your community of believers sins against you, go and point out their fault, just between the two of you. If they listen, you have won them over. But if the person will not listen, take one or two others along so that 'every fact may be established on the testimony of two or three witnesses.' If the person still refuses to listen, tell it to the church; and if they refuse to listen even to the church, treat them as you would a pagan or a tax collector….

Peter approached Jesus and said, "Teacher, if someone wrongs me, how often must I forgive them? As many as seven times?" Jesus answered, "Not seven, I tell you, but seventy times seven."

"That's why the kin-dom of heaven may be compared to a ruler who decided to settle accounts with the royal servants. When the audit began, a debtor was brought forth who owed ten thousand talents, a huge amount. As the debtor had no



means of paying it back, the ruler gave orders that the servant be sold, along with the servant's family and possessions, so as to meet the debt. At this, the servant fell down on bent knee and said, 'Please. Have patience with me, and I shall pay you in full. Moved with compassion, the ruler let the servant go and forgave the debt in its entirety.

"Now, that same servant went out and happened to meet a colleague who owed the forgiven servant a hundred denarii, a much smaller amount. The first servant seized and throttled this debtor by the throat saying, 'Pay what you owe me.' The debtor fell to the ground and pleaded,

'Please. Have patience with me, and I will pay you.'

But the servant refused the plea and had the debtor thrown into prison until the debt be paid in full.

"The other royal servants were deeply distressed when they witnessed what had happened. They went to the ruler and reported the whole affair. Then the ruler sent for the first servant who had been forgiven and said,

'You scoundrel! I cancelled the whole of your debt when you appealed to me! Ought you not to have shown compassion to your debtor just as I showed compassion to you?' So angry was the ruler, that the first servant was condemned to misery until the debt be

paid in full.

"That is how God, the God of the Cosmos, will deal with you, unless each of you forgives others from your heart."

The Good News of Jesus our Christ.

All: Praise to you, Jesus our Christ.

Homily – Jared Orsi

Prayers of the People: *Lector, David Cloyd*

Mother Rosean: Let us bring forth our prayers for all of Creation…

Lector: Our response is: Loving God, receive our prayers.

For all people to have a chance to come before God with a sincere heart and to admit the things they have done wrong, ask for mercy, that they might receive a fresh start.

Response: Loving God, receive our prayers.

Praying for families and individuals holding onto anger, division, or past hurts, asking God for the grace to forgive as we have been forgiven.

Response: Loving God, receive our prayers.

For our friends and relatives who live with depression or any mental anguish. May God help us support our loved ones with patience and kindness in our most challenging

aspects of life.

Response: Loving God, receive our prayers.

The prayers from the sanctuary are: ... we pray,

Response: Loving God, receive our prayers.

The prayers from our members on zoom? (Tom will read.)

Response: Loving God, receive our prayers.

And for all the people on our prayer lists and the prayers

we hold sacred in our hearts, we pray,

Response: Loving God, receive our prayers.

Mother Rosean: God of all that was, is, and shall be, hear the prayers we have spoken, the hopes we carry quietly within our hearts, and grant them according to your wisdom, through Jesus the Christ.

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: **Here I Am** (R; V1; R; V2; R; V3; R)

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 by F. Teri Harroun.

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

Lift up your hearts. **ALL: We lift them up to God.**

Let us give thanks to our Loving God.

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

Blessed are you God of all creation, through this sacred meal may we become Your branches in your Tree of Life.

We thank you that from the beginning, you called us to partnership with all of creation in the holy dance that is all of life in your Divine Presence. And so, we join with the saints and angels in proclaiming your glory as we sing…

Holy: (MOJH)

God, we ask you to send your Spirit upon us, and make us Holy, that we may be holy like you. We also ask that you send that Spirit to make this bread and this wine the + Body and Blood of our brother Jesus the Christ.

On the night before His body was broken and he died, Jesus shared a meal with his followers and friends. At that meal he took bread into His hands and made clear the reason that You had sent Him among us. Jesus gave thanks, he blessed that bread, broke it, then gave it to His friends 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 a cup of wine, raised it in thanksgiving to You, God, then shared it with his friends as 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 sin may be forgiven. Do this in memory of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

Memorial Acc: (MOJH)

In Christ's dying and rising, all creation leaps together toward a new earth and new heavens. Although we come from diverse backgrounds, we are one body, for we all share in this one bread. We have roots in the same Tree. And so, we join with one another in the Tree of Life and we celebrate God's holy presence in every living thing.

Let us live as a new body, brought to birth by the Spirit of the Risen One in acts of forgiveness, healing, justice and peace. Let us support all who suffer and work for peace in lands torn by violence and hatred, including our own.

We thank you, God, for the people throughout the ages who have planted and nurtured and studied and hugged trees. We remember those who have shown us how to trust the sheltering branches of our God. We praise You, Christ, Who calls us to deep intimacy in this Eucharistic celebration. We offer thanks for this gift, the Bread of Life and the Cup of Loving Salvation, that will root in our hearts and become branches of love and justice in the world.

In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

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: (MOJH)

The Prayer of Jesus

Now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

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

The Lamb of God: (Mass of Welcoming)

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)

Invite the cup ministers up to the altar

Communion Song: **Sacred Silence** (R; V1; R; V2; R)

Post-Communion Prayer:

Let us pray…

Good and loving God,

We thank you for feeding us at your table with the spiritual food of the Body and Blood of Christ.

By this holy mystery, strengthen us in our faith, unite us in your love, and seal us as one family.

In Jesus' name,

All: Amen.

Blessing:

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

Please open your hearts to receive God's blessing…

Let us say
that forgiveness
can take some practice,
can take some patience,
can take a long
and struggling time.

Let us say
that to offer

the hardest blessing,
we will need
the deepest grace;
that to forgive
the sharpest pain,
we will need
the fiercest love;
that to release
the ancient ache,
we will need
new strength
for every day.

And, Let us say
that the wound
will not be
our final home…

(Adapted from Jan Richardson's poem *The Hardest Blessing)*

We ask for this hardest blessing now in the name of Amma/Abba God, Our brother Jesus, and the Holy Spirit Sophia.

All: Amen

Dismissal:

Go forth from this place with renewed inspiration to do the forgiving work of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Closing Song: **Bless The Lord** (R; V1; R; V2; R; V3; R)

