



## Mary of Magdala, ECC Sunday Service celebrating Trinity Sunday – June 7, 2020

### Announcements – Ruth Alexander

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

#### **PRaise GOD, FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW/ ALL HAIL, ADORED TRINITY**

##### Refrain:

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

##### 1. All hail, adored Trinity!

All hail, eternal Unity!

O God the Father, God the Son,  
And God the Spirit, ever One.

##### 2. Three persons praise we evermore, One only God our hearts adore:

In thy sure mercy, ever kind,  
May we your strong protection find.

##### 3. O Trinity! O Unity!

Be present as we worship thee;  
And with the songs that angels sing  
Unite the hymns of praise we bring.  
Praise him, praise him,  
praise him, praise him.

Text: LM; verse 1, Thomas Ken, 1637–1711; verses 2–4, Ave colenda Trinitas, ca. 11th cent.; tr. by John D. Chambers, 1805–1893, alt. Music: Genevan Psalter, 1551; attr. to Louis Bourgeois, ca. 1510–1561, alt. Arrangement © 2013, Spirit & Song, a division of OCP. All rights reserved

### Greeting and Opening Prayer– Father Teri

May the Holy Kiss of God, the tender care of the One who washes feet, and the passion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **ALL: And also with you**

### Penitential Rite – Father Teri

Let us remember our God .....

God, you dance throughout creation and make it holy,

**ALL: Lord have mercy**

God, you continue to sustain all life,

**ALL: Christ have mercy**

God, you are mindful of all of us, and dream of universal flourishing

**ALL: Lord have mercy**

May our loving God shower us with grace, be forever present to us, forgive our sins, and bring us to everlasting joy and light. **ALL: Amen**



## Opening Prayer – *Father Teri*

Let us pray:

Loving God, Creator of the universe. Brother Jesus, friend of each one of us. Holy Spirit, life of the Church and comforter of the needy, we worship and adore You. You are present to us each day, in the Three Faces of the Trinity, but in the faces of every person in this world, each of whom is made in your image. Help us to see that image, and call forth that image in one another.

Send, O God, your Spirit upon us and upon what we say and do here that your love and work for universal flourishing may be revealed to the world through us. With you, may we be peace makers and peace dreamers; may we work for justice that true peace may emerge. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

**All: AMEN**

Today we open our Bible and read Scripture as well as turn to poetry and blessings to hear God's voice in our midst.

## Liturgy of the Word

**First Reading: Our First Reading is called “Poured Into Our Hearts, a Blessing for Trinity Sunday” by Jan Richardson – *Ruth Alexander, lector***

Like a cup  
like a chalice  
like a basin  
like a bowl

when the Spirit comes  
let it find our heart  
like this

shaped like something  
that knows how to receive  
what is given

that knows how to hold  
what comes to fill

that know how to gather itself  
around what arrives as  
unbidden  
unsought  
unmeasured  
love.

This has been a reading from Jan Richardson  
**All: Thanks be to God**

## Responsorial Psalm: Daniel 3. 52-55.

**The Response will be: Glory and praise forever!**

Blessed are you, O God of our fathers,  
praiseworthy and exalted above all forever;  
and blessed is your holy and glorious name,  
praiseworthy and exalted above all for all ages.  
**Response: Glory and praise forever!**

Blessed are you in the temple of your holy  
glory, praiseworthy and glorious above all  
forever.  
**Response: Glory and praise forever!**



Blessed are you on the throne of your kingdom, praiseworthy and exalted above all forever.

**Response: Glory and praise forever!**

Blessed are you who look into the depths from your throne upon the cherubim, praiseworthy and exalted above all forever!

**Response: Glory and praise forever!**

## Second Reading: A reading from 2Corinthians 13. 11-13 *Art Bavoso, lector*

Brothers and sisters, put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace;

And the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

This has been a reading from 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians.

The Word of God

**All: Thanks be to God**

## The 'Alleluia' – *Sung by Bill Smith (please join in while muted)*

### Refrain

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.  
Alleluia. Alleluia

### Verse

God will send his Spirit to you.  
He will teach you all his truths.  
Holy Spirit, shine on us  
The radiance of your light.

Steve Angrisano/Tom Tomaszek

## Gospel: John 3:16-17

*Deacon Rosean*

The Risen Christ be with you all.  
A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

**ALL: And also with you**  
**ALL: Glory to you, O God+**

Jesus said to Nicodemus,

“God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son,

So that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did

not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

The Gospel of our God.

**All: Praise to You, Lord, Jesus Christ**



## Homily -Father Teri

### ECC ANTI-RACISM STATEMENT

Our nation is in desperate need of racial healing and transformation. The healing process cannot begin until the truth of our country's past and present sins are confronted.

As people of Christian faith, we acknowledge and renounce both past and present dehumanizing, oppressive, abusive, enslaving, violent and lethal actions and inactions against African American communities.

We proclaim that it is time for metanoia – turning away from evil and turning toward God's liberating love.

As members of the ECC, we believe in the power of communication to heal and that the

search for truth can lead to justice. As such, we pray that our country will begin a process of truthseeking that will lead to long-term reconciliation. We in the ECC pledge to begin a deliberate and transparent truth-telling process within our own faith communities.

Jesus, the heart of our faith, lived and died for love. He showed no partiality. God's community is diverse and totally integrated.

We pray for God's guidance and mercy as we work to attain racial justice and build the beloved community, walking together the path paved with truth, love, equity, and justice. In the prophetic tradition, we boldly proclaim, "Let justice roll down like waters and righteousness like a mighty stream." (Amos 5:24)

### Prayers of the People

*Deacon Rosean* – Let us now take a moment to listen to the spirit, that She may help us articulate our true needs.

*Art Bavoso* - Gracious and Loving God, open our hearts to let you out as we lift up our prayers to you. There is much turmoil in our country and in our hearts. We need your healing graces...

The response will be: Receive our prayers

**ALL: Receive our prayers**

For all church communities and faith traditions, that they may work to shine a light on the racism that still prevails in so many ways in our American culture and that they lead the way for true recognition of all people of color, we pray, **Response: Receive our prayers.**

For all people who are oppressed, that they may truly be listened to as they speak the truth of their life experiences and believed so that real change may happen, we pray, **Response: Receive our prayers.**

For all people who are continuing to work in public places, that they may be respected and stay well as more places open for public use, we pray, **Response: Receive our prayers.**

For all places experiencing natural disasters, floods, tornados, cyclones, or wildfires that they may receive the aid they need to rebuild, we pray, **Response: Receive our prayers.**



I now invite you to add your own prayers, by clicking on the Chat feature at the bottom of the screen and typing in your prayer or press down the space bar to speak your prayer... (Art 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**

Deacon Rosean–

Loving God, your care for us is constant. We ask that you hear our prayers made in faith and trust, through the Spirit of Sophia. **ALL: AMEN**

### Sign of Peace

Deacon Rosean - The Love of God 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 Trinity with Food– Father Teri

May the love of God 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.**

We are living in new, and unprecedented times. We crave connection, we crave community, and we crave God. Our God will never abandon us. But what do we do about our craving for Communion?

Let us be creative, for our God is the God of creating. Our God is the breath that inspires creativity. Let us welcome the Breath of God here with us today.

Some would call this time together a para-liturgy. What is para-liturgy? It is a gathering of the faithful, whom God has invited to be together, celebrating in a way outside of what is normally approved.

Some may find that to be limiting, or constrained. But for us in the Ecumenical Catholic Communion, for me, I find it liberating. I welcome God and God’s

creative spirit. I believe that God is present at all tables. And I lean into the theology of Ronald Rolheiser (a modern Catholic theologian) who said, “The incarnation began with Jesus and it has never stopped . . . 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. God’s many faces are now everywhere, in flesh, tempered and turned down, so that our human eyes can see him.”

So...let our homes and our hearts be a dwelling place for God. May we see the Christ-child in one another. And may we trust that the food before us is sacrament, and God’s grace is abundant and in our midst.



I am calling this para-liturgy today, our Celebration of the Trinity with Food.

Blessed are you, Loving God of all Creation, through your goodness we have this food before us. May we offer our gratitude for all the ways you nurture us, body, mind and spirit. We bless you God, with our gratitude.

Teri: We give you thanks for the myriad of ways you show up in our lives as both Creator and Creation. We thank you for all that is, and for the Breath of Life that is You throughout the cosmos. We see You in one another, and throughout creation. We know share your Breath with one another, with our ancestors, and with all those yet to be. Even in this strange and challenging times, You are bringing to birth through us a new heaven joined with a new earth, and like Mary the Mother of Jesus we say “let it be done” with a song of praise in our hearts.

Holy Breath of God, the One who blesses us and calls us Beloved, Send your Holy Spirit upon us gathered around tables throughout your world

and gathered as one in You that we may become visible signs of Your love in the world.

Today we remember a story of your Eternal Son, Jesus, who on the night before he died gathered at a table with his family and friends. That night he took bread, he took wine, for they were the food and drink on the table before him. He blessed them and shared them with all those who were present. He told them that his love for them was boundless because your love for creation is boundless. Let us take the food before us, and let us be confident that you have blessed this food as well. May it be a blessing to our bodies, that our bodies may be a blessing to your world.

God of Connection and Relationship, You have made this food which feeds us. May we be open to the ways you connect to us in relationship and that holy dance. In Jesus’ name we pray.

**ALL: Amen**

## **HAIL MARY and THE LORD’S PRAYER** *(all together on mute)*

**ALL: Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus. Holy**

**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**

**Mary, Mother of God, pray for us, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.**

**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 – *Father Teri*

Before we share in eating the food on our tables, I'd like to remind 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:

**ALL: Jesus, our hearts are Your Tabernacle. You live in us. You love in us. Come now and visit us with Your grace. Make us to be more like You. May we receive Your fullness in this**

**food as You desire. May we become Your Body in the world today. Amen.**

Our homes and our hearts are a dwelling place for God. The Christ-child in each of us. The food before us is sacrament, and God's grace is abundant and in our midst.

Please spend a moment now, celebrating God with food.

## **Communion Song** --(please join in while muted) **Sacred Silence**

### Refrain

Sacred silence, holy ocean,  
gentle water, washing over me;  
help me listen, Holy Spirit.  
Come and speak to me.

1. God my Father, Christ my brother,  
Holy Spirit, sanctifying me;  
Lord, I'm sorry,  
please forgive me.  
Come and set me free.

2. Holy Mary, gentle mother,  
God's pure vessel,  
praying for me;  
saints and angels, all in heaven,  
come and be with me.

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## **Prayer after the meal**

*Father Teri:* Let us Pray:

Fire of God, Incarnated One, Undying Flame:  
May this meal we share feed us, and bring us  
as One into the Body of Christ. May this

sacrament fill us with the Love of God, the  
three in One. In Jesus' name we pray.

**ALL: Amen**

## **Blessing** –*Father Teri*

The Lord be with you

**ALL And also with you.**

Please open our hearts to ask for God's blessing.



O God of Holiness,  
You are in our homes, and we are on holy  
ground. You are in our cities, and we are  
on holy ground. You are in our nations, and  
we are on holy ground.

May your love rise up from this holy  
ground. May we participate in the dance  
of Your Trinity stomping our feet on Your

Holy Ground, that our lives may resonate in  
Love.

May the Three in One, bless us now. We  
ask this, in the name of the Father, and the  
Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**ALL:Amen**

## Dismissal

*Deacon Rosean*

We are the Body of Christ. As that Body, may we feed our neighbors as God has fed us, love our neighbors as God has loved us. May we love and serve God, as we love and serve in God's world.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

## Closing Song – *please remain muted*

### Holy God We Praise thy Name

1. Holy God, we praise thy name;  
Lord of all, we bow before thee!  
All on earth thy scepter claim,  
All in heav'n above adore thee;  
Infinite, thy vast domain,  
Everlasting is thy reign.

2. Hark! the loud celestial hymn  
Angel choirs above are raising;  
Cherubim and Seraphim,  
In unceasing chorus praising;  
Fill the heav'ns with sweet accord:  
"Holy, holy, holy Lord!"

Bridge  
Holy is your name;

ever you shall reign.  
Heav'n and earth proclaim:  
Holy is your name!

3. Holy Father, Holy Son,  
Holy Spirit, Three we name thee;  
While in essence only One,  
Undivided God we claim thee;  
And adoring, bend the knee,  
While we own the mystery.

Text: 78 78 77 with additions; *Te Deum laudamus*; attr. to St. Nicetas, ca. 335–414; *Grosser Gott, wir loben dich*; tr. ascr. to Ignaz Franz, 1719–1790; tr. by Clarence A. Walworth, 1820–1900. Music: *Allgemeines Katholisches Gesangbuch*, Vienna, ca. 1774. Bridge text and music, and this arrangement © 2012, Rick Modlin. Published by Spirit & Song, a division of OCP. All rights reserved.

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