



## Mary of Magdala, ECC February 7, 2021

### Celebrating the Divine Feminine on the 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Participants may wish to prepare their home altars with a lit candle, and the food and drink to be remotely shared.*

#### Announcements – *Lector Cindy Cloyd*

#### Black Lives Matter – *Tom Moos, co-chair Social Justice Ministry*

*Pause to hold this message in our hearts.*

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

### Come, Now Is the Time to Worship

1. Come, now is the time to worship.  
Come, now is the time to give your heart.

2. Come, just as you are to worship.  
Come, just as you are  
before your God. Come.

Bridge

One day ev'ry tongue will confess  
you are God.  
One day ev'ry knee will bow.  
Still the greatest treasure remains for those  
who gladly choose you now.

(to verses 1 & 2)

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### Greeting

*Father Teri Harroun*

May the Divine Presence of God, the New Light of the Incarnation, and the passion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **ALL: And also with you.**

### God's Mercy in Our Midst

*Father Teri Harroun*

Let us remember our God .....

God, you bless us through your Guiding Hand in Creation, Lord have mercy **ALL: Lord have mercy.**

God, you are present to all of humanity, Christ have mercy. **ALL: Christ have mercy.**

God, you bring healing and peace, Lord have mercy **ALL: Lord have mercy.**

May our loving God shower us with grace, be forever present to us, assure us of the forgiveness of our sins, and bring us all to everlasting joy and life  
**All: Amen**

### Opening Prayer –

*Father Teri Harroun*

Let us pray....

God, you are our Sacred Mother and Holy Father, you are the Eternal Parent ever present to us. You



burst forth into our awareness sharing grace and tender care. Awaken in us an awareness of you in new manifestations that we may encounter you

more fully and engage with new passion your work of justice and peace. In Jesus' name we pray **All: Amen**

## Liturgy of the Word

Lector Cindy Cloyd

### First Reading from the Book of Job 7:1-4, 6-7

Is not human life on Earth a hard service? Are not our days like the days of field workers?

Like a laborer longing for the shade, a hired hand who waits for wages? We have months of futility assigned to us. Then, when evening falls, troubled nights can be our lot.

While in bed we toss and wonder, "When will it be day that we may rise?" We are filled with

restlessness until dawn.

Then, our days are swifter than a weaver's shuttle and can come to an end without hope. Remember that our life is but a breath. We may not see happiness again. The Word of a Wisdom writer.

**ALL: Thanks be to God**

## Responsorial Psalm

Lector Matt Chavez

### Psalm 147:1-6

Our psalm response is: Heal our broken hearts, O God. Bind up our wounds

**ALL: Heal our broken hearts, O God. Bind up our wounds**

Praise God who is good. Sing to our God who is gracious. God builds up the Holy City of Hope, and gathers dispersed families of war. God heals the broken-hearted, and binds up their wounds.

**ALL: Heal our broken hearts, O God. Bind up our wounds.**

God numbers the stars, calling each by name. Great is our Holy God, vast in creative power, Whose wisdom is beyond all measure. God

sustains those who are bowed low.

**ALL: Heal our broken hearts, O God. Bind up our wounds.**

The Holy One lifts up those who are downtrodden. All wrong-doing will be thwarted. Sing to the Holy One, giving thanks. Make melody to God on the harp.

**ALL: Heal our broken hearts, O God. Bind up our wounds.**

## Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia – Mass of Mary Magdalene** (please join in with Bill while muted)

Refrain:

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Speak O Lord, your servant is listening;  
You have the words of everlasting life.

Refrain

Lyrics and music: Sarah Hart



## Gospel Reading - Mark 1: 29-31

Co-Pastor Dcn. Rosean Amaral

A Reading from the Good News attributed to Mark

**ALL: Glory to you, O God**

As soon as Jesus and the disciples left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John.

Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. Jesus came, and took her by the hand, and raised her up.

Then the fever left her; and she began to serve, to deacon, to them.

The Gospel of God

**ALL: Praise to you, Jesus the Christ**

## Homily – *Father Teri Harroun*

### Divine Feminine

### Creed *(please join in with Father Teri while muted)*

In love and in light, we profess our faith together:

We believe in God who is creator and nurturer of all. We believe in Jesus, the Christ, who is our love, our hope, and our light. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the breath of Wisdom Sophia, who energizes and guides us to build caring communities and to challenge oppression, exploitation, and injustices.

We believe that God loves us passionately and forgives us everything. We believe that we are radiant images of God who calls us to live fully, love tenderly, and serve generously.

We believe in the communion of saints, our heavenly friends, who support us on life's journey.

We believe in the partnership and equality of women and men in our church and world. We believe that all are one in the Heart of God. Here on this earth we are meant to dwell in loving relationships. Here we live out our prophetic call of Gospel equality. Amen.

*CREED by Bridget Mary Meehan and  
Mary Theresa Streck, ARCWP*

## Regional Prayer for Calling a Bishop

Co-Pastor Dcn. Rosean Amaral

Let us join together in our Regional Prayer for Calling a Bishop

*(All to Join in on mute)*

**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**



## Prayers of the People

Father Teri Harroun

Our “Yes” blooms in our caring for the church and the world. Faithful to our call, let us pray.

Lector Matt Chavez

Our response is: Holy Spirit, source of wisdom, inspire us. **ALL: Holy Spirit, source of wisdom, inspire us.**

That our elected leaders will work cooperatively to find solutions that bridge the divisions born of racial inequity, political strife, and economic despair, we pray... **ALL: Holy Spirit, source of wisdom, inspire us.**

That we as a community will be led to help heal the pain, the brokenness, and the relationships in our lives and our world as we steep ourselves in Divine Love, we pray... **ALL: Holy Spirit, source of wisdom, inspire us.**

I now 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.

(Lector to read each prayer on “chat”) .....we pray **ALL: Holy Spirit, source of wisdom, inspire us.**

And for all the prayers we hold in the privacy of our hearts, we pray:

**ALL: Holy Spirit, source of wisdom, inspire us.**

Father Teri Harroun

Closing for ‘Prayers of the People’

## Sign of Peace –

Co-Pastor Dcn Rosean Amaral

Christ Jesus, you said to your apostles: I leave you peace, my peace I give you. Look not on our failings and doubts, but on the faith of your church, and grant us peace and unity in your kin-dom forever and ever. **ALL: Amen**

May the peace of Christ be with you always.

**ALL: And also with you.**

Let us all unmute and go to gallery view, that we might share with one another a sign of Christ’s peace.

## Offertory Meditation

**Holy Spirit** (please join in with Bill while muted)

Refrain:

Holy Spirit, come into our lives.

Holy Spirit, make us truly wise.

Verses:

1. Give us a spirit of wisdom,  
an understanding heart.

Give us a spirit of knowledge,  
and lead us to the truth.

Refrain

3. Spirit of love and compassion,  
give hope to all the poor.

Spirit of justice and mercy,  
come open every door

Refrain



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## Preparation of our Tables

*Co-Pastor Dcn Rosean Amaral*

As we prepare our tables,  
Offering food and drink from our cupboards,  
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.

## Our Celebration at the Table

*Father Teri Harroun*

The love of God be with you all.  
Open up your hearts  
Let us give thanks to our loving God

**All: And also with you.**  
**All: We open them up to God.**  
**All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Let us welcome God and God's creative spirit.  
God has called us to gather around these tables  
this evening, knowing that all tables are God's  
table. So....God, welcome in! Be our Sacred  
Mother.

Blessed are you, O Holy God, Breath and Life of  
the world. Worship and praise belong to you, God  
our maker. You are God who creates and who  
flutters. Out of nothing, you called all worlds into  
being.

In Jesus, your Word became flesh and  
dwelt among us and walked on Your streets;  
swaddled in flesh in bones, your love was made  
manifest in a new way. Filled with the Spirit who  
continues to create and flutter with and with us,  
we await with joy the fulfilment of your new  
Creation.

Today, we tell the story, and remember, that our  
brother Jesus took bread, blessed it and broke it  
and shared it with all saying "Take and eat. This is  
my own body shared with you." Then he took a  
cup of wine, he blessed it as well and said, "Take  
and drink. This is my blood. This is the beginning  
of a new covenant. A covenant that I share  
generously with you."

My sisters and brothers, my family, Christ has  
come among us and blesses food with us today.  
Christ is here now, coming to all of us in the gifts  
of bread and wine and other sacred food and  
drink, which God has provided. And Christ will  
come again to make all things new. May we look  
for Christ in one another and in all those yet to be.

In Jesus' name, together let us pray. **All: AMEN.**

## The Our Father

*Father Teri Harroun*

Let us join hearts together as part of God holding the world in love, and let us trust in prayer as we pray  
together:

*(All to Join in on mute)*

**Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy  
name. Thy kin(g)dom come, thy 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 lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil...

For the Kin(g)dom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

## The Shared Table

*Father Teri Harroun*

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 to Join in on mute)*

**All: Jesus, our hearts are Your Tabernacle. You live in us. You love in us. Your Light shines through 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.**

Please spend a moment now, receiving God's grace as you eat and drink what is on your table.

## Sacred Music *Rosanna Bateman*

### Prayer after the Meal

*Father Teri Harroun*

Let us pray...  
God of Holy Mothering, may our lives be fed in you. May all who are hungry or thirsty for you find a home here. May your grace be abundant as you

bring us together as the Body of Christ. In Jesus' name we pray. **All: Amen**

### Blessing

*Father Teri Harroun*

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

God, may we receive the blessing of your Holy Mothering. This is a blessing of wholeness as well as holiness. This is a blessing of becoming more of the fullness of our holy selves. May this blessing awaken our own holy mothering, and holy fathering, and holy parenting, that we may care for the world with love as beacons of your

Light. We ask for this blessing now, in the name of our Holy Mother, and of the Eternal Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **ALL: Amen**

### Dismissal

*Co-Pastor Dcn. Rosean Amaral*

We are the Body of Christ. May we go forth now to love and serve God as we get to love and serve in God's world. **All: Thanks be to God**



**Closing Song** - (please join in with Bill while muted)

**Go Make a Difference**

Refrain

Go make a diff'rence.

We can make a diff'rence.

Go make a diff'rence in the world.

Go make a diff'rence.

We can make a diff'rence.

Go make a diff'rence in the world.

2. We are the hands of Christ  
reaching out to those in need,  
the face of God for all to see.

We are the spirit of hope;  
we are the voice of peace.

Go make a diff'rence in the world.

Refrain.

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