



Mary of Magdala, ECC May 2, 2021

Para-Liturgy Celebrating the 5th Sunday of Easter

Participants may wish to prepare their home worship space with a lit candle and the food and drink to be remotely shared.

Announcements *Lector Lynne Barnes*

BLM/Social Justice reflection *Tom Moos, Co-chair Social Justice Ministry*

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

ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA! LET THE HOLY ANTHEM RISE

Timothy R. Smith

1. Al-le-lu - ia! Al-le-lu - ia! Let the ho - ly an -
 2. Al-le-lu - ia! Al-le-lu - ia! Like the sun from out
 3. Al-le-lu - ia! Al-le-lu - ia! Bless - ed Je - sus, make

1. - them rise, and the choirs of heav - en chant it
 2. the wave, he has ris - en up in tri - umph
 3. us rise from the life of this cor - rup - tion

1. in the tem - ple of the skies; let the
 2. from the dark - ness of the grave. He's the
 3. to the life that nev - er dies. May your

1. moun - tains skip with glad - ness, and the joy - ful val -
 2. splen - dor of the na - tions, he's the lamp of end -
 3. glo - ry be our por - tion when the days of time

1. - leys ring with ho - san - nas in the high - est
 2. - less day; he's the ver - y Lord of glo - ry
 3. are past, and the dead shall be a - wak - ened

1, 3 2 to Verse 3

1. to our Sav - ior and our King! 2. day!
 2. who is ris - en up to -
 3. by the trum - pet's might - y blast!

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Greeting *Fr Teri Harroun*

May the Divine Presence of the Gardener, the Nourishment of the Vine, and the unity of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

ALL: with Anne **And also with you.**

God's mercy in our midst *Fr Teri Harroun*



God, you bless us tending the garden of creation,
Lord have mercy

All: with Anne Lord have mercy.

God, you are the vine, and we are your branches,
Christ have mercy.

All: with Anne Christ have mercy

God, you abide in us asking that we abide in You,
Lord have mercy

All: with Anne 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: with Anne Amen

Opening Prayer - Fr Teri Harroun

Let us pray: God of the Garden, who cultivates
our faith. We know that a branch that is cut
from the tree will wither and die and bear no
fruit. But Jesus says, if we remain in him we will
bear much fruit. May we be one with the Vine,

and tended to be the Gardener. May our faith,
tended to by you God the Gardener, bear the
fruit of your justice and grace. In Your Good
Name we pray.

ALL: with Anne Amen

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

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: A reading from “Offering the Cup”

from *The Cup of Our Life*, by Joyce Rupp - Lector Lynne Barnes

I think that the image of the Body of Christ is still
vital and helpful when it comes to living
compassionately. This Christian spirituality
envisions each of us as a part of a whole, with the
spirit of Jesus uniting us. Scripture contains
images of this unity, particularly in the
description of the one body that has many
members: “If one member suffers, all suffer
together with it; if one member is honored, all
rejoice together with it” (1Cor 12:26). Each and
every part of the whole has significance and
worth.

I find great strength in knowing that I am
connected to everyone and everything in my
world because of the vibrancy of the divine spirit
dwelling in each of us and because of the atoms

that twirl and whirl in every piece of creation. All
of life is a part of me, and I am a part of all of life.
All people are my sisters and brothers. In each
one I recognize the face of the Divine presence
looking back at me. The God of compassion has
shown me a loving face; now I am to be that
reflection in return. I am to be the presence of
God to another.

When I offer the cup of compassion to someone,
it is God in me reaching to God in the other.
There is a oneness of Love bonding us to all of
life

Words Inspired by God

ALL with Anne Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 22: 26 – 32 – Lector Lynne Barnes

The response is: The Beloved dwells among us.

ALL: The Beloved dwells among us.



To you, O Beloved, I lift up my voice in the great congregation; for you promise to remain with those whose love is steadfast.

The hungry shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek you shall sing praises! Your heart is our dwelling place forever!

ALL: The Beloved dwells among us.

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to Love's way; all the families of the nation shall bow down with grateful hearts.

Yes the proud of the earth will be humbled, while those who still live in fear and illusion will separate themselves, not knowing the indwelling Peace of the Beloved.

ALL: The Beloved dwells among us.

Let the coming generation come to know and serve Love and proclaim deliverance to a people yet unborn that the Most High dwells among us.

ALL: The Beloved dwells among us.

Second Reading – 1 John 3: 18-24 *Lector Art Bavoso*

Dear ones, let our love continue in our words and in our speech; but let our love be genuine, revealed true through our actions. In that way, we will know that we are living with integrity. When our hearts condemn us, know that God is greater than our hearts. God knows everything, sees more than we see, and is gracious. If our hearts do not condemn us, Beloved, we have boldness before God, for we have heeded God's commandment of love.

God commands that we trust in the way of Jesus the Christ, who is of God, and that we love one another, just as Jesus called us to do. All who follow these commandments abide in God, and God abides in them. We know that God abides in us by the Spirit God has breathed into all our hearts.

The Word of God

ALL: with Anne Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia *(please join in with Bill while muted)*

Refrain

Alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia.

Alleluia. Alleluia.

Let your heart rejoice in the Lord.

Let your word proclaim his deeds.

Let your voice sing out to the world that our God has come to save.

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Gospel Reading – John 15:1-2, 4-5, 8 *Co-Pastor Dcn. Rosean Amaral*

God is with you.

A reading from the holy gospel according to John

“I am the true vine, and my loving God tends the vine. God cuts off dead branches. Even branches that do bear fruit are pruned that they may flourish.

“Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as a branch cannot bear fruit unless it abides in the vine,

ALL: with Anne And also with you.

ALL: with Anne Glory to you, O God.

neither can you bear fruit unless you abide in me. I am the vine and you are the branches. Those who abide in me, and I in them, bear much fruit. You must be rooted to bear fruit. Your fruitfulness is God's glory.

“Love in action is your fruitfulness. Do not love



only in word. You show yourselves to be my disciples by the fruit you bear, which is the Beloved's glory."

The Gospel of God.

All: with Anne **Praise to you, Jesus the Christ**

Homily *Father Teri Harroun*

Creed

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 and Confirming 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 -

Fr Teri Harroun

Introduces the prayers

Lector Art Bavoso

Response: Loving God, hear our prayers. **All: Loving God, hear our prayers.**

For the peoples of the world who are suffering the effects of the Covid virus and especially for the people of India and other nations where the virus is prevalent and the illnesses are severe, we pray.

All: Loving God, hear our prayers.

For our Regional Ecumenical Catholic Community as we complete the process of electing a new bishop, that we will grow in unity and common purpose as we continue our journey of faith together, we pray...

All: Loving God, hear our prayers.

You are now invited to share your prayers so that we might pray in community with you. You can press the spacebar and voice your prayer, OR you can type your prayer into the chat box.



(Art to read each prayer on “chat”) ... we pray **All: Loving God, hear our prayers.**

And for those on our Prayer List and all the prayers we hold in the privacy of our hearts, we pray.

All: Loving God, hear our prayers.

Fr Teri Harroun

Concluding prayer.

Sign of Peace

Co-Pastor Dcn Rosean Amaral

Celebrating our unity in the Body of Christ, may the peace of the Risen Christ be with you always.

All: with Anne 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.

Meditation Song *(please join in with Bill while muted)*

Remain in Me, I Am the Vine

Refrain

Remain in me, I am the vine.

Remain in me; you shall have life.

You are the branches: bear fruit for all to see.

I am the vine, remain in me.

1. No branch can live without the tree,
nor grow or serve apart from me.

This I have told you that you may see
my love in you, your joy complete.

3. As I have done so you should do,
so as to love as I love you.

For in your witness, my love is shown;

in simple ways, my heart made known.

4. As I died, so too shall you die.

As I rose, so too shall you rise.

Do not be troubled: your eyes have seen.

You trust in God, have trust in me.

5. I am the way, the truth, the life.

I am your living sacrifice.

I offer freely my life for you.

Go now and do as I would do.

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Our Celebration at the Table, for all tables are God’s Table *Fr Teri Harroun*

The Love of God be with you all.

Open your hearts.

Let us give thanks to our Loving God

All: with Anne And also with you.

All: with Anne We open them to God.

All: with Anne 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.



Tonight, 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. 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 *Fr 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. Because May is traditionally the month of Mary, let us begin with the Hail Mary and then go right into the Our Father:

ALL: (together on mute) Hail Mary, full of grace. The Lord is with thee. Blessed are thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God. Pray for us. Now and at the hour of our death, Amen.

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.

Reception for Spiritual Communion - *Fr Teri Harroun*

Before we share in eating the food on our tables, I'd like to remind you that God invited you here today. Wherever 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: with Anne Amen

ALL: Jesus, our hearts are Your Tabernacle. You abide in us. We abide in you. You love in us as well. 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.

Sacred Music - *Rosanna Bateman*

Prayer after the Meal *Fr Teri Harroun*

Let us pray...

God of the Garden, 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: with Anne Amen

The Love of God be with you.

ALL: with Anne And also with you.

God, May we receive the blessing of holy abiding. May we welcome God abiding in us, as we abide in God. May we enjoy the dance of this



abiding, living in one another as Garden,
Gardener, Vine and Branches bearing the fruits of
justice and grace. We ask for this blessing now, in
the name of our Holy Mother, and of the Eternal
Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

ALL: *with Anne* **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:** *with Anne* **Thanks be to God.**

Closing Song - *(please join in with Bill while 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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