



Mary of Magdala, ECC Sunday Service – Sept 6, 2020 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Black Lives Matter

Announcements – *Lector Lynne Barnes*

Opening Song (*please join in while muted*)

All Creatures of Our God and King

1. All creatures of our God and King,
Lift up your voices, let us sing:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Bright burning sun with golden beams,
Soft silver moon that gently gleams,
O praise God! O praise God!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

2. All you with mercy in your heart,
Forgiving others, take your part,
O sing now! Alleluia!
All you that pain and sorrow bear,
Praise God, and cast on God your care:
O praise him! O praise him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

3. Let all things their Creator bless,
And worship God in humbleness,
O praise God! Alleluia!
Praise God the Father/Mother, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, Three in One:
O praise God! O praise God!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!!

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Greeting – *Deacon Rosean*

Penitential Rite – *Deacon Rosean*

Conscious of God's loving presence and great gifts to us in creation, let us enter into the quiet of our spirits, praying for a prophetic courage, wisdom, and deeper love for God, for all people, and for creation which gives us life and sustains us

Creator God, You have entrusted the human family with the richly diverse gifts of creation, asking us to receive them with gratitude and care for them wisely and well. Creator Spirit of God, have mercy.

All: Creator Spirit of God, have mercy.

Christ Jesus you have entrusted us with a mission to warn those whose actions abuse and are destructive of Earth, its life, and its

peoples, to invite them and ourselves to more loving, protective and life-giving ways. Word of God, have mercy.

All: Word of God, have mercy.

Holy Spirit of God, You are at work in us and among us making us more conscious of the sacredness of all creation, raising up global movements in these times to care for Earth and each other. Wisdom of God, have mercy.



All: Wisdom of God, have mercy.

May God the creator of all time and space in the vast Web of Life in which we live, have

mercy on us, free us from our sins, and guide us into the fullness of divine Life.

All: Amen

Opening Prayer – Deacon Rosean

Loving God in you justice and mercy meet. With unparalleled love and forgiveness, You have drawn us into the circle of your life. You send us to invite our sisters and brothers to turn from their mis-steps into Your ways, ways of love and care for You, for each other, and for all creation. Open our eyes to the wonders Your creation sets before us that we may say

that we may serve You free from fear and address You with grateful love. We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Christ.

All: Amen

*Penitential Rite and Opening Prayer by James E. Hug, SJ,
Sacramental Minister of the Adrian Dominicans*

Liturgy of the Word – Lector Lynne Barnes

1st Reading: Ezekiel 33: 7-9

A reading from the book of the prophet, Ezekiel.

Now, mere mortal, I make you sentinel for the House of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you must give them my warning.

If I say to evil doers, “You will surely die,” and you did not warn them to turn from their ways,

the evildoers will die because of their sin, but I will hold you responsible for their deaths. But if you warn the evildoers to turn from their sin, they will die for their sins, but you will have saved your life.

The Word of God.

ALL: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm 95 – Lector Lynne Barnes

Please join in singing the response – (On mute)

If today you hear God's voice, harden not your hearts.

If today you hear God's voice, harden not your hearts.

Come, let us sing joyfully to the Lord; let us acclaim the rock of our salvation. Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us joyfully sing psalms to him.

Response:

Come, let us bow down and worship; let us kneel before the Lord who made us. For he is our God, and we are the people he shepherds, the flock he guides.

Response:...



Oh, that today you would hear his voice:
“Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as in
the day of Massah in the desert, where your
fathers tempted me; they tested me though
they had seen my works.”

Response:...

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2nd Reading: From the letter of Paul to the Romans 13: 8-10 – Lector Matt Chavez

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

Owe no debt to anyone-- except the debt that
binds us to love one another. If you love your
neighbor, you have fulfilled the Law. The
commandments --no committing adultery, no
killing, no stealing, no coveting, and all the
others-- are all summed up in this one: “Love

your neighbor as yourself.” Love never does
any wrongs to anyone--hence love is the
fulfillment of the Law.

The Word of God
ALL: Thanks be to God

‘Alleluia’ - Mass of Mary Magdalene

Sung by Bill Smith (please join in while muted)

Refrain

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.
Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia

Open our hearts O God
To listen to the words of your Son.

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Gospel: Matthew 18: 15-20 – Pastor Jane

The Lord is with you.
A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew

ALL: And also with you.
ALL: Glory to you, O Christ.

Jesus said to the disciples, “If your sister or
brother should commit some wrong against you,
go and point out the error, but keep it between
the two of you. If she or he listens to you, you
have won a loved one back; if not, try again, but
take one or two others with you, so that every
case may stand on the word of two or three
witnesses.

he ignores even the church, then treat that sister
or brother as you would a Gentile or a tax
collector.

The truth is, whatever you declare bound on
earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you
declare loosed on earth will be loosed in heaven.

If your sister or brother refuses to listen to
them, refer the matter to the church. If she or

Again I tell you, if two of you on earth join in
agreement to pray for anything whatsoever, it
will be granted you by my Amma/Abba God in



heaven. Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there in their midst.”

The Good News of Salvation of Jesus, our Christ!

ALL: Glory and Praise to our Savior Jesus Christ!

Homily – *Deacon Rosean*

Creed/Affirmation of Faith

(Please rise as you are able or desire to profess our faith.)

Deacon Rosean

We gather in this assembly as a community of faith. A community made up of all sorts of creatures.

(Led by Deacon Rosean - together on mute)

ALL: We believe in God the creator, a real God, always present with us, a God who fashioned and made us, breathed life into us, and gave us dominion, stewardship over all creation. A responsibility to take care of waterways and deserts, flowers and mountains, animal and fellow human beings. To reduce our negative impact on the environment so that all creatures coming after us may be able to enjoy the beauty and majesty of this universe, as we have had the chance.

We believe in Jesus of Nazareth, son of God, born in Bethlehem, surrounded by brays and neighs, moos and baas of this world. A man who related to animals, spoke of sparrows and foxes, rode a donkey, pulled a coin from the mouth of a fish, and welcomed us as sheep of his own flock. The proclaimed

Lamb of God, who died and rose, to take away the sin of the world.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the wind and whisper of God, that moves in and through creation, pushing us, and guiding us to act with justice and peace, loving creation as ourselves. A dove that comes to comfort us, or brings a vision from God that all animals have been made clean. A promise that one day the lion and the lamb will lay down together, as this divisive world ends and unity is restored. The hope of God that each part of creation is loved, valued, and honored.

Amen

By Pastor Rick Reiten

Prayers of the People –

Deacon Rosean

Christ calls us together in prayer, promising to be with us, promising us that our prayer will be heard. Let our prayer deepen our awe and reverence before God revealed powerfully in creation

Lector Matt Chavez

The response for the “Prayers of the People” is: Creator God, move us to right action

All: Creator God, move us to right action

That we may grow in consciousness of the great gift of Creation and all of its elements, we pray...

All: Creator God, move us to right action.



That we may deepen our gratitude for nature's rich Web of Life within which we live and may grow in openness to wiser and more just ways of caring for it and sharing it with all, we pray...

All: Creator God, move us to right action.

That we may take up our prophetic responsibility in this time of climate crisis to speak God's truth to each other and to call each other into conversation and to ways of

living within creation wisely, sustainably, justly, and reverently, we pray...

All: Creator God, move us to right action.

That all in our parish community and our neighborhoods who are suffering from isolation, loneliness, and sadness during these difficult times be comforted by our outreach and witness of love for them, we pray...

All: Creator God, move us to right action.

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.

(Matt to read each prayer on "chat")we pray **Response: Creator God, move us to right action..**

And for all the prayers we hold in the privacy of our hearts, we pray. **Response: Creator God, move us to right action...**

Deacon Rosean

Christ, you show us our God through your compassionate Love. Hear our prayers that we may grow into more committed disciples, living lives of service to you and our neighbor. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **ALL: AMEN**

Sign of Peace

Deacon Rosean

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles: I leave you peace, my peace I give you. Accept our failings and doubts, as you accept the faith of your Church, and grant us the peace and unity

of your kin-dom where you live for ever and ever. **ALL: AMEN**

The Peace of the Lord be with you always.
All: And also with you

Pastor Jane:

Let us all go to "gallery view" and please unmute yourself by holding down your space bar so all can hear you offering a sign of Christ's peace.

Regional Prayer for Calling a Bishop –

Pastor Jane

Let us all pray our Regional Prayer for calling a Bishop

**ALL: Holy One,
Enlivening Spirit,
In the wilderness of new,**

**root the Body of Christ
fully into our "Yes,"
blooming in Your Holy Season. Amen**



Our Celebration of Food

The Lord be with you
Lift up your hearts.
Let us give thanks to our God.

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

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. 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 share Your Breath with one another, with our ancestors, and with all those yet to be.

Even in this new and challenging times, You are bringing to birth through us a new heaven joined with a new Earth, and like the early followers of Jesus, we gather together as family and kin.

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 this world.

During this season of Creation, we ask you to grant us courage to observe a Sabbath for our planet. Strengthen us with the faith to trust in your providence. Inspire us with the creativity to share what we have been given. Teach us to be satisfied with enough. And send Your Holy Spirit to renew the face of creation.

In the name of the One who came to proclaim good news to all creation, Jesus, the Christ.

All: Amen

The Lord's Prayer *(all together on mute)*

Pastor Jane

Let us turn to God in prayer.

ALL: Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kin-dom 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 against us, and let us not enter into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For the kin-dom and the power and the glory are Yours now and forever. Amen.

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Reception for Spiritual Communion

Before we share and 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: 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 is 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, receiving God's grace as you eat and drink what is on your table.

Communion Song --(please join in while muted)

Renew

Verses

1. Our Fa - ther, Mak - er of the heav - ens and the earth,
 2. Lord Je - sus, Son of God who sits at his right hand,
 3. Ho - ly Spir - it, Gift of ris - en hope, a - bid - ing peace,

1. Au - thor of the u - ni - verse who im - ag - ined us,
 2. Per - fect Love that be - came man sac - ri - ficed for us,
 3. Com - fort - er who in - ter - cedes, car - ries ev - 'ry prayer,

1. God All - See - ing: in - to our hu - man - i - ty come;
 2. Pure Re - deem - er: in - to our in - i - qui - ty come;
 3. Mov - ing Pres - ence, Liv - ing Breath of liv - ing God: come,

1. let your king - dom be with us,
 2. let for - give - ness sweet - ly fall,
 3. stir the pas - sion in our hearts;

1. oh, let your will be done.
 2. have mer - cy on us
 3. breathe new life in - to

1 to Verse 2 2, 3
 2. all.
 3. us.

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Prayer After the Meal – Deacon Rosean

Let us pray

Our loving God, at the tables of
Your word and sacrament, You nourish Your
faithful and give us life. Grant that through
these gifts of Your son, we may advance in
holiness, in love of our neighbor, and in

reverence and care for Your creation. May
we look forward with joy to sharing his life
forever. we ask this through Jesus, our
brother.

ALL: Amen

Blessing – Deacon Rosean

The Lord is with you.

ALL: And also with you.

We believe that all creatures come forth
from the all-powerful hand of the Creator
evolving through time and space, filled with
God's presence and tender love.

May God awaken our praise and
thankfulness for every creature and bless us
with the grace of feeling profoundly joined
to everything that is.

All: Amen

Through Christ all things were made.
Formed in the womb of Mary our Mother,
Christ Jesus became part of this Earth,
gazing upon this world with human eyes.

May Christ bless us with eyes to see him
alive in every creature in his risen glory.

All: Amen

The Holy Spirit guides this world toward the
Creator's love and accompanies creation as
it groans in travail.

May this Holy Spirit dwell in our hearts and
inspire us to do what is good, to care wisely
and with love for her Earth, our common
home.

All: Amen

And may our Triune God, wonderful
community of infinite love, bless us all with
justice, peace, love, and beauty, Creator,
Word and Holy Spirit.

ALL: Amen

From a prayer by Pope Francis

Dismissal – Pastor Jane

May we go forth as mystic visionaries of our
cosmic communion with all life.

ALL: Thanks be to God

Closing Song – join in singing on mute

Send Your Glory Down

1. O Radiant Light Divine,
shine within this heart of mine;
Word of God, dispel our darkness.
O Image of the Light Sublime,
our God Incarnate beyond time,

that fills this place with heaven's glory:

Refrain
Send your glory down,
send your glory down,



send your glory down! (Repeat)

2. Lord Jesus Christ, as daylight fades
we give you thanks for all our days,
the work, the toil, the pain, the glory.
We praise the Father, Mother. Son,
the Spirit blest and with them one.
We stand united as your fam'ly.

3. O Son of God, the source of life,
we give you praise both day and night,
for you are worthy and most holy.
Unsullied lips must raise the strain
of your proclaimed and splendid name:
the Lamb of God, the King of Mercy..

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