



MMOJ Liturgy, 6th Sunday of Easter, May 13, 2023, Presider: Bridget Mary Meehan and Suzanne Bires, Readers: Andrea Seabaugh and Joan Pesce, Prayer Leaders: Denis Rigdon and Luca Cruzat, IT Cheryl Brandi

Welcome and Gathering Rites

Presider 1: Suzanne Bires

Happy Mothers' Day!

Welcome to our Zoom liturgy at Mary Mother of Jesus, an inclusive Catholic Community that embraces diversity, works for equality and the empowerment of all people.

-We invite you to pray the liturgy and respond where it says "All."

-All participants will be muted during the liturgy except for the presiders and readers.

-Please have bread and wine/juice nearby as we pray our Eucharistic prayer.

-Our theme is Christ dwells within you and you dwell within Christ, so set the world ablaze with love.

Gathering Song: How Can I Keep from Singing by Pete Seeger, video by Denise Hackert-Stoner

<https://youtu.be/UxQhxKPbFTY>

Communal Transformation Rite

Presider 2 : Bridget Mary

As we gather at this table of abundant love and gracious care in memory of Jesus, we pause now to remember the times we did not treat others with kindness and compassion. Take a few moments to recall one missed opportunity, one broken or damaged relationship.

(Pause briefly)

Hold your hands over your heart and remember the power of divine love within you to forgive and heal self and others. Now imagine this person or situation in the light of abundant grace as we pray for forgiveness.

(Pause briefly.)

I am sorry, please forgive me, I love you, I thank you.

Gloria: Christopher Grundy

<https://youtu.be/w7ykbXZUCOw>

Opening Prayer:

Presider 1: Suzanne Bires

We rejoice that the Holy Mystery, the Lover of All, the Beloved, and the Breath of Love is with us, within us and beyond us. We rejoice in the precious memories of our mothers and pray for all mothers in our world. May we be a reflection of nurturing love, wisdom, strength and courage to all whom we encounter.

All: Amen

Liturgy of the Word

Reader 1: Andrea Seabaugh

Our First Reading is Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

Philip went down to the city of Samaria and proclaimed the Christ to them.

With one accord, the crowds paid attention to what was said by Philip when they heard it and saw the signs he was doing.

For unclean spirits, crying out in a loud voice, came out of many possessed people, and many paralyzed or crippled people were cured. There was great joy in that city.

Now when the apostles in Jerusalem
heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God,
they sent them Peter and John,
who went down and prayed for them,
that they might receive the Holy Spirit,
for it had not yet fallen upon any of them;
they had only been baptized in the name of Jesus.
Then they laid hands on them
and they received the Holy Spirit.

Responsorial Psalm:

I Will Sing of Your Love, Love, Love by Christopher Grundy

<https://youtu.be/AUyjdGNIYH4>

Reader 2: Joan Pesce

Our Second Reading is from Ilia Delio

Get Up! Go into the world and live in the flow of love.

Forgive, show mercy, be compassionate, care for the poor, tend to the earth as family; find your inner wholeness in the love of God and create new wholes in your midst, in your communities, your workplace, at shopping malls, and jazz fests.

Live in the energy of the Spirit; let yourself be led into new patterns of wholeness, into new structures and languages that kindle life more abundantly.

Stop playing with your toys, your electronic gadgets; stop creating books of laws and rules that lie on dusty shelves; do not lose yourselves to consumer products that blind your mission or distract your attention from the whole.

Get up because you are too old to be asleep, lest you die in your sleep and the world dies of neglect,

Grow up because it is time to move on. The world is your life, and your life belongs to the whole of life.

Stop trying to preserve yourself; lose yourself; lose yourself in something more than yourself because you have the power to christify life, to help unify it, to raise it to a new level of ultrahumanity .

Live to the point of tears and don't be saddened by sin, misunderstanding, weakness, and hate.

Omega love is in our midst, and this love is our power, our hope and our future. Remain in this love, because this love is the fire of life itself and will endure forever. Be the co-creator you are made to be: emblazen this world with the grandeur of God.

These are the sacred words of Ilia Delio and we affirm them by saying,

All: AMEN.

Alleluia: Jan Phillips

<https://youtu.be/IC4nbwmQDVw>

Presider: 2 Bridget Mary

A reading from the Gospel according to John 14:15-21

Jesus said to his disciples:

"If you love me, and obey the command I give you, I will ask the One who sent me to give you another Paraclete, another Helper, to be with you always- the Spirit of Truth, whom the world cannot accept since the world neither sees her nor recognizes her, but you can recognize the Spirit because she remains with you and will be within you.

I won't leave you orphaned; I will come back to you. A little while now and the world will see me no more but you'll see me because I live, and you will live as well. On that day you'll know that I am in God, and you are in me, and I am in you. Those who obey the commandments are the ones who love me, and those who love me will be loved by Abba God. I, too, will love them and will reveal myself to them.

These are the sacred words in the Gospel of John and we affirm them by saying:

All: Amen

Homily Starter: It is Love that Matters with Ilia Delio

https://youtu.be/DG_CIHDM4SY

Community Sharing: What did you hear in our readings today?

Communal Statement of Faith

Prayer Leader 1: Denis Rigdon and All

We believe in the Holy One, a divine mystery
beyond all definition and rational understanding,
the heart of all that has ever existed,
that exists now, or that ever will exist.

We believe in Jesus, messenger of the Divine Word,
bringer of healing, heart of Divine compassion,
bright star in the firmament of the Holy One's
prophets, mystics, and saints.

We believe that We are called to follow Jesus
as a vehicle of divine love,
a source of wisdom and truth,
and an instrument of peace in the world.

We believe in the Spirit of the Holy One,
the life that is our innermost life,
the breath moving in our being,
the depth living in each of us.

We believe that the Divine kin-dom is here and now,
stretched out all around us for those
with eyes to see it, hearts to receive it,
and hands to make it happen.

Prayers of the Community

Prayer Leader 2: Luca Cruzat

As we prepare for this sacred meal we are aware of our call to serve,
and just as Jesus did. We bring to this table our prayers for the

community. Please feel free to voice your prayers beginning with the words "I bring to the table...."

(Joan Meehan shares MMOJ Book of Intentions)

Prayers for the community are offered.

Closing Prayer: Prayer Leader 2: Luca C.
We pray for these and all unspoken intentions. Amen.

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation of the Gifts:

Presider 1: Suzanne Bires

Blessed are You, Holy One, through Your divine providence we have this bread, to share, the Bread of Life.

All: Blessed are You, Holy One, forever.

Presider 2: Bridget Mary

Blessed are You, O Loving One through Your divine providence we have this wine to share, our spiritual drink.

All: Blessed are, You, Holy One, forever.

Presider 1: Suzanne Bires

Nurturing One, we are united in this sacrament by the love of Christ, whose presence we are as we proclaim the liberating power of your Spirit Sophia, in our humanity and divinity, calling us to build the unity of Love in a more compassionate and just world. All: Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer

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Preface:

Prayer Leader 1: Denis R: The Holy One is within us.

Prayer Leader 2: Luca C and All: And within all living beings.

Prayer Leader 1: Denis R: Lift up your hearts.

Prayer Leader 2: Luca C and All: We celebrate the divine presence within and all around.

Prayer Leader 1: Denis R: Extravagant Lover, in you, with you and through your endless outpouring of grace, we are blessed with joy amidst the wrong and suffering of our world. In you, we live and move and dwell in love beyond our deepest desires.

Prayer Leader 2: Luca C.

Generous Giver, you give us wise companions on our journey who work for humanity's healing and well-being and for the flourishing of all creation. With thankful hearts, in the company of all holy women and men, your liberating Spirit rises up within us, works through us and we sing:

All: Holy, Holy, Holy (adapted from Holy, Holy, Holy by Karen Drucker)
<https://youtu.be/orKBBij5LZA>

Prayer Leader 1: Denis Rigdon

Conscious of the oneness we share and the inequity that exists in our world, we pray that we may serve others with generous hearts especially those in need of tender, loving care and the basic necessities of life. The bread we break and the cup we share are symbols of the love that all are invited to share.

(Please extend Your hands in blessing and pray together)

Prayer Leader 2: Luca Cruzat

As we bless this bread and wine, we are ever aware of Your Spirit in us and among us at this Eucharistic table. We remember our brother Jesus whose life and teachings remind us that we are called to point the way to God by living and loving as he did.

Prayer 2 Bridget Mary and All: *(hold bread in hand)*

On the night before he died, Jesus came to table with his family and the women and men he loved. Jesus took bread blessed and broke it, saying, "Take, eat, this is my body. Do this in memory of me."

(pause)

Presider 1 Suzanne Bires and All: (hold cup in hands)

After supper, Jesus poured a cup of wine and shared it with his friends, saying,

“This is the cup of the covenant of my love. As often as You drink of it, remember me.”

Prayer Leader 1 Denis Rigdon and All:

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died in all those who have passed away from violent hate crimes.

Christ is rising in all those working for the well-being of humanity, dismantling institutional sexism, racism and all that divides us.

Christ comes each day in our ministry, prayers and actions for a renewed world with justice and equity for all.

Prayer Leader 2: Luca Cruzat

Embracing Presence, we remember all the companions who have gone before us: Mary, Mother of Jesus, Mary of Magdala, and all holy women and men who are rising up in loving service to heal our world. We pause now to remember our family and loved one in the communion of saints.

(pause)

(Presiders and all hold bread and wine)

Presider 2 Bridget Mary and All:

For it is through living as Jesus lived, and loving as he loved, that we awaken to Your Spirit empowering us to work for the flourishing of life for all people and for planet Earth.

All: Great Amen (Sung) Linda Lee Miller

<https://youtu.be/Dy76fpfkNsg>

Communion Rite

Presider 1 Suzanne and All:

The Prayer of Jesus

Gracious Spirit,
Who loves us like a mother,
Whose realm is blooming among us now.
And within.
We pray that your compassion guide us in every action.
Give us what we need for each day,
and help us to be satisfied with the miracle of that alone.
Forgiver, whose embrace brings us to wholeness without our asking, may
we reconcile ourselves to one another in humility.
And may we cancel the crushing debts that imprison our neighbors, so that
communities of joy and health may flourish.
May we neither profit from nor ignore evil.
But ever work to thwart it with non-violence, as we co-create the realm of
peace in this world, now and each day.
Amen. (*Bret Hesla/wsj*)

Sign of Peace: (*Offer one another a gesture of peace.*)

Namaste

<https://youtu.be/Hxf8QFTkYY8>

Litany for the Breaking of the Bread

Presider 2: Bridget Mary and All:

Please join in praying the Litany for the Breaking of the Bread All:

-Holy One, You call us to speak truth to power; we will do so.

-Holy One, You call us to live the Gospel of healing and justice; we will do
so.

-Holy One, You call us to be Your presence in the world; we will do so.

Presider 1: Suzanne B (*hold bread and cup up*)

This is the bread of life and the cup of blessing. Blessed are we who are
called to the Feast.

Presider 1 Suzanne B. and All: We are the Body and Blood of Christ for the
world.

Please receive/share Eucharist now saying You are the Body of Christ.

*(Let us remember our mothers and the world's mothers past and present
as we reflect on our meditation song.)*

Communion Meditation Song: Medals for Mothers by Rhonda Vincent
<https://youtu.be/5rWpoACrqBc>

Prayer After Communion

Presider 2: Bridget Mary

We go forth, nourished at this banquet table, to be love in the world. May, we know Jesus in the depths of our hearts and, experience the Risen One's strength within us, enabling us to live as courageous, compassionate witnesses to the Gospel every day. May we give thanks for all mothers especially our own mothers.

Community Thanksgiving, Introductions and Announcements

Concluding Rite

Presider 1: Suzanne B.

The Holy One is within You. As you go forth to continue your ministry for justice and equality, and peace for all life and earth itself, may you be a radiant reflection of the Risen Christ in our world. Please extend Your hands as we pray our final blessing.

Presider 1: Suzanne Bires and All

We go forth as apostles, to share the good news that love lives within us, and, strengthens us to be love in our world. Amen Alleluia

Closing Song: Compassion by Andrew Witt

https://youtu.be/Tw_pUMqEZ_E

Eucharistic Prayer written by Dr. Bridget Mary Meehan

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