

# Mary Mother of Jesus

An Inclusive Catholic Community



**July 8, 2023, A Celebration of the Life for Jack Duffy, Presiders: Bridget Mary Meehan and Mary Kay Staudohar, Readers: Jim Brandi and Ann Cooke, Prayer Leaders: Pat and Bob Ferkenhoff, Music: Linda Lee Miller, IT Cheryl Brandi  
NEW Zoom link**

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(left: Jack Duffy and Helen Duffy at MMOJ liturgy in home church)

### Welcome and Gathering

Presider: Mary Kay A warm welcome to the Celebration of Life for the members of Jack Duffy's family, and Mary Mother of Jesus Inclusive Catholic Community and all who have gathered with us today for this Celebration of Life to honor our dear Jack. During the service everyone will be muted. A gentle reminder to unmute and mute when you read or share. You are invited to fully participate in the prayers, songs and tributes as well as to have bread and wine on your table in this Eucharistic Liturgy.

Gathering Song: We Come to Your Feast by Michael Joncas and Michelle Sherliza

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=\\_sbNXbnO1lg&t=19s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_sbNXbnO1lg&t=19s)

### Opening Prayer

Bridget Mary: We begin this liturgy in the presence of Holy Mystery, the Lover of All, the Beloved, and the Breath of Love with us, within us and beyond us. Our dear brother Jack is already enjoying the fullness of love in the Risen Christ with all his loved ones in

the Communion of Saints. We pray for comfort and strength for his children, grandchildren and for those who will miss him. In the name of Jesus and in the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray:

All: Amen.

### Communal Transformation Rite

Presider:

Mary Kay:

We pause now to remember times when fear and guilt blocked us from experiencing God's tender love for us and for others.

We now place our hands over our hearts and send forgiveness, healing, transforming love to all we love, to all who need forgiveness, comfort and strength today.

*(pause)*

All: We pray together: I let go into the arms of Boundless Love and Infinite Forgiveness and open myself to Spirit moving within guiding me to healing and wholeness.

GLORIA: Linda Lee Miller:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rbarqE9o8QY>

First Reading – Jim Brandon

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah (25:6-9)

On this mountain, the Holy One will prepare for all peoples a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines, food rich and succulent, and fine, aged wines.

On this mountain, God will remove the mourning veil covering all peoples, the shroud covering all nations, destroying all death forever.

God will wipe away the tears from every cheek. On that day, it will be said, this is the One for whose liberation we awaited, the Holy One in whom we have hoped.

These are the inspired words of the prophet Isaiah, and we affirm them by saying,  
All: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial: Psalm 23 - Bobby McFerrin

[https://youtu.be/000AuO\\_IBJk?t=9](https://youtu.be/000AuO_IBJk?t=9)

Second Reading – Ann Cooke

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians

I thank my God every time I think of you. In every prayer I utter, I rejoice at the way you have continually helped promote the Good News from the very first day. And I am sure of this much: that God, who has begun the good work in you, will carry it through to completion, right up to the day of Christ Jesus.

God knows how much I long for each of you with all the affection of Christ Jesus!

It's my wish that you be found rich in the harvest of justice which Jesus Christ has ripened in you, to the glory and praise of God.

These are the inspired words of the author of Philippians and we affirm them by saying,  
All: Thanks be to God.

Alleluia – Eightfold Alleluia sung by Jan Phillips  
<https://youtu.be/IC4nbwmQDVw>

Gospel: A reading from the Gospel of John (14:1-3)  
*Mary Kay*

Don't let your hearts be troubled.  
You have faith in God.  
In God's house there are many dwelling places.  
Otherwise, how could I have told you that I was going to prepare a place for you?

I am indeed going to prepare a place for you.  
And then I will come back to take you, that where I am, there you may be as well.

These are the inspired words of the Gospel writer known as John, and we affirm them  
by saying,  
All: Thanks be to God.

Homily: Our gratitude to Jack Duffy: Bridget Mary

Sharing: We invite the Duffy Family, Friends and MMOJ Community to share a tribute to  
Jack Duffy at our liturgy

### Communal Statement of Faith

Prayer Leader: Pat F.  
Please join in our Communal Statement of Faith

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.

Prayer Leader: Bob F Prayers for the Community

As we prepare for this sacred meal we are aware of our call to serve, and just as Jesus  
is anointed, so is each of us. We bring to this table our prayers for the Jack Duffy and  
the Duffy Family/friends and our MMOJ community.

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

*Spontaneous Prayers for the community are offered.*

Bob F: We pray for these and all unspoken intentions. Amen.

Preparation of the Gifts:

Presider Bridget Mary: 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 Mary Kay: 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 Mary Kay: 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

Prayer Leader: Pat F

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: Bob F.

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/orKBBlj5LZA>

Prayer Leader: Pat F

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 the least and the last, the oppressed and marginalized. The bread we break and the cup we share are symbols of the fullness of life that all are invited to share.

Please extend Your hands in blessing and pray together.

Presider: Bridget Mary and All

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 reflected the depth of divine love beyond our hopes and dreams.

Presider Bridget Mary and All:

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 Mary Kay and All:

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 Bob F. 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 Pat F: 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 Jack Duffy, and all our family and loved ones in the Communion of Saints.

(pause)

(Presiders and all hold bread and wine)

Presider 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 on for all people and for planet Earth.

All: Great Amen (Sung) Linda Lee Miller

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<https://youtu.be/Dy76fpkNsg>

Communion Rite

The Prayer of Jesus

Presider Mary Kay and All:

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 Hesel/ws*)

Presider Mary Kay: Sign of Peace: Peace is flowing like a River by Carey Landry

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ob6HgTQ6lZ4>

### Communion

Presider Bridget Mary and All: Please join in praying the Litany for the Breaking of the Bread All:

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

Presider Mary Kay and All: You are the Body and Blood of Christ for the world.

Please receive/share Eucharist now.

Communion Meditation Song: Dance With Me, Lover of My Soul by Robert Stearns

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=24tz2yp4Y-0>

Presider Mary Kay: Communion Prayer:

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.

Bridget Mary: Thanksgiving, Introductions, Announcements



## Concluding Rite

**Bridget Mary: I invite you to raise your hands in blessing for our dearly beloved sister, Jack, and for all of us as we go forth in faith and hope to live the fullness of God's love in the world.**

**May the Road Rise to Meet You- Celtic Thunder**  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FVg6-hYnreE>

**Bridget Mary: Let us go forth alive with the Spirit and in loving oneness with our brother, Jack**

**Closing song: When the Saints Go Marching In**  
<https://youtu.be/xvIHW-UbtgA>

If you would like to add your intention to our MMOJ Community Prayers book,  
Please send an email to Joan Meehan: [joanmeehan551@aol.com](mailto:joanmeehan551@aol.com)

If you would like to invite another person to attend our liturgy please refer them to  
[Marymotherofjesus.net](http://Marymotherofjesus.net)  
where the day's liturgy is found. Zoom instructions are also included there.

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