



Presiders: Dotty Shugrue and Joan Pesce

Readers: Suzanne and Jerry Bires

Prayer Leaders: Jim Brandi and Joan Meehan

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**Opening Song: Colors of The Wind - Vanessa Williams
(Lyric Video)**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ob5UggoNtjc>

Gathering Prayer

Dotty: As we share this Liturgy let us be calm, be still in the truth knowing that the Cosmic Christ is consistently and always becoming known to us.

We find peace and comfort in our new knowledge of the expanding universe as Christ is a real part of all that we are. The Cosmic Christ is forever changing and expanding time and the totality of our Universe.

Let us wish one another Peace as we enter into this Celebration.

Namaste, Namaste, Namaste

Joan P. Transformation Rite: Called to be Transformed

Called to see that the same divine presence that lived in Jesus lives also in me: Open my eyes that I may see.

Called to respond to the cries of our broken world, the destruction of life, of land of our earth: Open my mind that I may listen.

Called to respect differences and accept individual choices: Open my heart that I may love.

We are transformed because we believe.

Jerry Bires - First Reader: A reflection on The Hymn of the Universe written by Pierre Teilhard de Chardin.

Pierre Teilhard de Chardin was a person of many gifts who made a significant contribution at the interface of faith and reason as a Jesuit priest, mystic, theologian and scientist, and as an exile and a seer far into the future. He made a conscious decision to develop a theology using the language of science that links the cosmic, the human and the spiritual.

As a scientist he explored humanity's early beginnings and our place in the ever-unfolding sweep of evolution. As a philosopher and theologian, he developed a unique synthesis of science and religion based on an evolutionary understanding of what he called the 'Cosmic Christ' – the idea that the universe and everything in it is constantly moving towards to a point of perfection defined by unity and love.

Love is the energy of what he calls the divine milieu, the living context of each person's relationship with God, with each other and with all of created reality. Each act of love, no matter how small or hidden, moves all of reality closer

to full union; each act of non-love moves it further away. Therefore, the shape and form of human action is vital.

Prophets are usually lauded only after their death, and today we can name Teilhard de Chardin as a prophet of cosmic hope. His message is one of love at the heart of all reality, and love can never be vanquished. Humanity is assured that the world can still be created in love's image.

This is a reflection on the prophetic work of Pierre Teilhard de Chardin

And the community responds: **AND SO IT IS!**

Psalm 139

Hold Me Fast [Official Lyric Video]

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wmog7XnUa7M>

Suzanne: A Reading from The Universal Christ – Richard Rohr, OFM

“How God Keeps Creation both Good and New”

God keeps creating things from the inside out, so they are forever yearning, developing, growing, and changing for the good. This is the fire he has cast upon the earth, the generative force implanted in all living things, which grows things both from within—because they are programmed for it—and from without—by taking in sun, food, and water. If we see the Eternal Christ Mystery as the symbolic Alpha Point for the beginning of what we call “time,” we can see that history and evolution indeed have an intelligence, a plan, and a trajectory from the very start. Jesus, who appears in the middle of history, assures us that Spirit is leading us somewhere good and positive, all crucifixions to the contrary. Spirit has been leading us since the beginning of time, but now Spirit includes us in the process of unfolding. This is the opportunity offered us as humans, and those who ride this Christ train are meant to

be the “New Humanity.” Christ is both the Divine Radiance at the Beginning Big Bang and the Divine Allure drawing us into a positive future. We are thus bookended in a Personal Love—coming from Love, and moving toward and evermore inclusive Love. This is the Christ Omega! (Rev 1:6).

These are the inspired words of Richard Rohr,

And the community responds: **AND SO IT IS!**

Celtic Alleluia:

<https://youtu.be/bPA24bwYBp4>

Joan P: The Gospel is taken from the one called John, disciple and prophet, Chapter 1: verses 1-15. (Women’s Lectionary for the Whole Church)

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The Word was with God in the beginning. Everything came into being through the Word, and without the Word not one thing came into being that came into being. What has come into being in the Word was life, and that life was the light of all people. The light shines in the bleakness, and the bleakness did not overtake it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world was created through him; yet the world did not know him. To his own he came and his own did not receive him. But to all who did accept

him, who believed in his name, he empowered to become children of God—that is, those who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of a human person, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of a parent's only child, full of grace and truth.

These are the inspired words of the disciple and prophet called John.

And the people respond: **AND SO IT IS**

Shared Homily

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Jim B. We believe in the Cosmic Christ, 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.
We believe in the Cosmic Christ, the everlasting Presence,
within the Universe.**

Joan M. Prayers of the Community:

**As we prepare for this sacred meal, we share those things
that concern us, that bring sadness in our lives, that we
may find strength and comfort from one another. We seek
to be one with the Cosmic Christ whose healing power is
ours if we believe. We voice our intentions today as we
pray....**

**We bring to the table our broken world and we hold the
children and families with love who are living in horror and
terror because of war.**

**We bring to the table our troubled leaders who are
dividing our country as they continue to refuse to listen to
one another and make the decisions that our country
needs at this time in history. Enlighten them to truth
instead of personal power.**

**We bring to the table those we love who need healing. We
assure them that we hold them in our hearts and pray
constantly that they will feel our love and gather strength
from us by knowing we travel with them on their journey
of healing.**

**We remember all the intentions in the MMOJ Book of
Prayer requests.**

And for what else should we pray...

**We make these prayers believing in the power and
presence of the Cosmic Christ.**

**Offertory Song: Christ Has No Body Now But Yours - David
Ogden**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zoV6R6qk4vY>

Joan P: Christ of the Cosmos, we give thanks for our growing understanding of You. We find nourishment from your Energy of which we are a part. We awaken your Spirit within us and within our whole universe.

We are moved to deep faith recognizing the that you are manifested in all life. We will share our growing understandings that we are the loving Real Presence of Christ in the world. We seek ways to invite other on this journey of discovery and peace. We find strength in our ministry to others. Christ within us we believe, Christ around us, we believe, Christ behind us and within all of creation, we believe. We are in your hands in our world.

As your people, we gather in the power of your Spirit. As followers of Jesus, we seek to live as wise and holy Spirit-filled people: courageous, prophetic, ever hopeful and hope-filled as we answer your call to serve one another.

We invoke Your Spirit upon these gifts of this Eucharistic table, bread of the grain and wine of the grape, that they may become gifts of wisdom, light and truth which remind us of our call to be the body of Christ to the world.

Holy, Holy, Holy: Here in This Place by Christopher Grundy

<https://youtu.be/sgkWXOSGm0Q>

Dotty: Christ of the Cosmos, we give thanks for our growing understanding of You. We find nourishment from your Energy of which we are a part. We awaken your Spirit within us and within our whole universe.

Christ of the Cosmos, we are here to do your work on our earth. Guide us, protect us, give us courage to do what

you ask of us in living the mission of Jesus. We seek to journey as Jesus did in his time as we re-create the living presence of a love that models justice. We live with compassion, seeking to heal and to be healed, to liberate and to be liberated in your name as we continue to be messengers of light and love and healing.

Holding your hands over the bread and wine we pray:

We are ever aware of your Spirit in us and among us at this Eucharistic table and we call blessings on this bread, grain of the fields and this wine fruit of the vine.

On the night before he faced his own death, Jesus sat at supper with his companions, the women and men whom he loved. He reminded them of all that he taught them, and to fix that memory clearly with them, he bent down and washed their feet.

All lift your plate of bread and pray:

When he returned to his place at the table, he lifted the bread, spoke the blessing, broke the bread and offered it to them saying:

Take and eat, this is my very self.

(pause)

All lift your cup of wine and pray:

Then Jesus lifted the cup of the new covenant, spoke the grace, and offered it to them saying:

Take and drink.

**Whenever you remember me like this,
I am among you.**

(pause)

We share this bread and cup to proclaim and live the gospel of justice and peace. We choose to live justly, love tenderly, and walk with integrity.

**What we have heard with our ears, we will live with our lives,
as we share communion, we will become communion
both Love's nourishment and Love's challenge.**

Receive the Bread and Wine at your table with the words: You are the Body of the Cosmic Christ!

Communion Meditation/Song: Visual of Earths Vibrations

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WB0bm5CkU_c

Aramaic version, the language that Jeshua (Jesus) spoke. Aramaic is a language of vibration, and the prayer is a practice of attuning to the divine, becoming one with the source of all creation. It is an extraordinary practice for personal transformation!

Aramaic The Prayer of Jesus

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qMoocTan1W0>

Jim B. Cosmic Christ we believe you are the Divine within us. We believe that you live in fullness with us. We will be your Body and your Hands in our world. LET IT BE SO

Introductions – Thanksgivings - Announcements

Jim B. Blessing: Let us raise our hands and bless each other.

May we seek truth boldly and love deeply.

May we welcome opportunities to share an understanding of who the Cosmic Christ is in our world, in all of life, in all creation and in our ever-expanding Universe.

May we continue to be the face of the Sacred One, the body and hands of the Living Christ.

May we continue to be a blessing in our times to all those we meet on our journey.

Closing Song Sing! American Music Festival Choir with Children

https://youtu.be/TzBEtwa9_qo

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