



Mary Mother of Jesus ICC
2nd Week of Easter

Presiders: Dotty Shugrue and Joan Pesce
Readers: Suzanne and Jerry Bires
Prayer: Jim Brandi and Anna Davis
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Opening Theme: "Blessed Are They That Have Not Seen, and Yet Have Believed"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F8o4TrIA76U&t=3s>

Jesus said to the women and men with him: My peace I give You. My peace I leave with you." Let us share the peace of Jesus with one another
Namaste, Namaste, Namaste

Opening Prayer:

Dotty: Our country is distraught and divided. We as citizens are not just concerned, we are afraid. We have lost trust in those in the position to lead, our government and our church. Like Thomas we seek assurances, and we find none. We seek knowing, believing and it is hard. We are people of faith, of hope and of love. When we look to Jesus who continues to teach us, we have a powerful leader who is always in our midst. A leader who provides a roadmap. A leader that we seek to emulate. It is Jesus who taught us the way to faith and trust. We have the Divine in us and around us, in our world and in the Universe. "Blessed are those who have not seen but believe."

Joan P: Glory to the Cosmic Christ whose Presence is everywhere in our Universe.

Glory to the Cosmic Christ who continues breathing life in us and into all the birds of the air, the fish of the sea, the animals of the earth, the flowers and the trees.

Glory to the Cosmic Christ filling human life with insight, vision, wisdom and love.

Glory is the Cosmic Christ the energy and presence that is within our very self and all peoples of the earth.

Glorious is the Cosmic Christ who is everywhere, within us, around us, below us beyond us.

For these things and more we give Glory to the Cosmic Christ.

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"Even in My Old Age" Aaron Shust

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

Joan P. Acts 2:42-47

They devoted themselves to the apostles instructions and to the communal life, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers.

A reverent fear overtook them all for many wonders and signs were performed by the apostles.

Those who believed lived together and shared all things in common; they would sell their property and goods sharing them with each other as each had need.

They met in the temple area and broke bread together in their homes every day. With joyful and sincere hearts they took their meals in common, praising God and winning the approval of all people.

Day by day, God added to their number those who were being saved.

These are the Words of the apostle called John and the community responds:

ALL: So be it!

Alleluia Celtic Alleluia by Christopher Walker

<https://youtu.be/o1rc7ojQtJU>

Jerry: Gospel: John 20 (19-31)

In the evening of that same day of the week,
the doors were locked in the room where the disciples were,
for fear of the Temple authorities.

Jesus came and stood among them and said "Peace be with you."
Having said this, the savior showed them the marks of the crucifixion.
The disciples were filled with joy when they saw Jesus who
said to them again, "Peace be with you.

As Abba God sent me, I'm sending you."

After saying this, Jesus breathed on them and said "Receive the Holy Spirit.
If you forgive anyone's sins, they are forgiven,
If you retain anyone's sins, they are retained.

It happened that one of the twelve, Thomas, nicknamed Didymus or "Twin",
was absent when Jesus came.

The other disciples kept telling him, "We've seen Jesus. "

Thomas' answer was "I will never believe it without putting my finger in the nail
marks and my hand into the spear wound."

Suzanne B. On the eighth day the disciples were once more in the room
and this time Thomas was with them.

Despite the locked doors Jesus came and stood before them saying
"Peace be with you."

Then he said to Thomas, "Take your finger and examine my hands.
Put your hand into my side.

Don't persist in your unbelief, but believe." Thomas said in response, "My
Savior and my God!" Jesus then said, "You've become a believer because you
have seen me. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

Jesus performed many other signs as well as signs not recorded here-in the
presence of the disciples. But these have been recorded to help you believe
that Jesus is the Messiah, the only Begotten, so that by believing you may have
life in Jesus' name.

These Let it Be So

Dotty: Shared Homily

Jim B. 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.

Joan M. Prayers for the Community

We pray that the Holy One renew in our hearts our commitment to journey always
in faith, hope and love as we reach out and support, comfort and love those
closest to us, and all the needs of the people of our earth.

We bring to the table our Congress and our Local Leaders that they may do the will
of the people and pass gun laws that will save lives.

We bring to the table those in our country who have been murdered because of
gun violence and we pray for their families and friends.

We bring to the table the people of war-torn countries around the world and we
pray for strength as they struggle for their survival.

Please share your intentions beginning with the words: “ I Bring to the table...

(Pause until all who have requests have spoken.)

Special Request from our community prayer book.

We pray that the concerns and desires we hold in our hearts will come into
fruition and together we respond: Let it be So

Anna Davis. Holy One, blessed are we as we gather around our tables to
celebrate the memory of Jesus. He lived among us teaching us to dream of a
world healed and made whole, to believe in the power of Divine Presence within

us. We accept our call to serve others. We are committed to the teachings and the ministry of Jesus.

Liturgy of the Eucharist
adapted from Diarmuid O'Murchu

Jerry B. With open hands let us pray our Eucharistic Prayer together. Holy One, source and sustenance of life, redeeming presence to the pain and brokenness of our world, we celebrate the Life and Ministry of Jesus as people of Faith.

Down through the ages, you rescue us from darkness.
you light up our ways with wise and holy people. You restore our spirits and you revive our dwindling hope.

May the Spirit of life and wholeness transform us that we may be refreshed in our inner being and be empowered to bring mercy, love, and healing to those whose lives we touch.

For all you bring to our lives, and for all we seek amid pain and suffering, we proclaim your love and greatness, and we join with all creation to sing our hymn of praise:

Holy, Holy, Holy: Here in this Place –by Christopher Grundy

<https://youtu.be/cVWY9ourool>

Joan P: Holy One, when opposing forces in us tug and pull and we are caught in the tension of choices, inspire us to make wise decisions toward what is good.

We thank you for our brother, Jesus, and for all our sisters and brothers who have modeled for us a way to live and love in challenging times. Inspired by them, we choose life over death, we choose to be light in dark times. We walk in the Light of the Cosmic Christ so that all may see the Real Presence of the Divine. We exemplify the way Jesus lived as we speak truth to power. We Follow his example as we commit to challenge systems of oppression. We proclaim his mission of love and peace to all people free of our own prejudices.

Source of our health and wholeness, healer of body, mind, and spirit, we bring before you the darkness of our world, and the pain and suffering of your people. seek to be healed and made whole; we seek to be reconciled and united; we seek peace in our hearts and in our world.

Anna Davis: We are grateful for your Spirit at our Eucharistic Table and the blessing of the Cosmic Christ on this bread of the grain of the fields and wine,

from the grape of the vine. We are once again reminded that we are the body of Christ in the world.

On the night before he died, Jesus gathered for supper with the people closest to him. Like the least of household servants, he washed their feet. Once again, he showed us how to love one another.

All lift the plate 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 the cup and pray:

Then he took the cup of the covenant, spoke the grace, and offered it to them saying:

Take and drink.

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

Anna Davis: 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.

Jim B: 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

Let us share this bread and cup to proclaim and live the gospel of justice and peace, remembering that we are bearers of light and hope.

Communion Song: Enya – Epona

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JiPDRuHw9GI>

Prayer After Communion

Joan P: In faith and hope we are sustained,
In grace our dignity reclaimed,
In praise we thank our God.

Grant that we may strive to create a world where suffering and pain are diminished, where justice and peace are restored, and where all people can live in health and wholeness, united in acclaiming the God of life, whose abundance is offered to each and to all, until the Kin-dom arrives in the fullness of time.

Jim B. Let us pray as Jesus taught us:

O Holy One, who is within, around and among us,
We celebrate your many names.
Your Wisdom come.
Your will be done, unfolding from the depths within us,
Each day you give us all we need;
You remind us of our limits, and we let go.
You support us in our power, and we act with courage.
For you are the dwelling place within us,
the empowerment around us,
and the celebration among us, now and forever. Amen
(Miriam Therese Winter)

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS, THANKSGIVING, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

** Reminder: Brief Membership Meeting immediately following our Liturgy*

Dotty: Blessing:

Let us raise our hands and bless each other.

Holy One, we to choose to support and challenge one another in living a resurrected life of bravery and trust. Jesus our brother changed the world with no more than himself, his community and trust in you. Those same precious relationships are ours. With them, may we heal ourselves, each other and our hurting, waiting world. Amen

Closing Song: Be Strong. By the Martins

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

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