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Joan P. Welcome: Welcome to our Zoom liturgy at Mary Mother of Jesus, an inclusive Catholic Community, where all are welcome:
Whoever you are, wherever you are, just as you are, you are welcome here.

Mary Al: Theme – Love, Acceptance, Relationship

As we gather today as Christian Community to celebrate the mystery of the Trinity, our focus is on Relationships - the relationship we have with one another and therefore with the Holy and Sacred. We hold one another in our hearts as we draw strength from the love we share. We recognize the overwhelming struggles of so many people in our world, especially the children. We commit ourselves once again, to do all that we can to demand change in our church, country and world.

Let us begin now with our Gathering Song:

The House That Love Is Building – Sarah Hart

https://youtu.be/dM69BAgvuXw

Joan P. Opening Prayer: O Holy One, you are one with us. We are strong in our faith and will live life in hope and faithfulness to you, to be Church committed to

the message of the Gospels. We depend upon the ever-present Spirit to walk with us as we journey in the present and rejoice in the life before us.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Mary M. The first reading is an excerpt from "Trinity and Personhood" by Ilia Delio

Our personhood, is not a product of God's action, something left over after the action has ceased. Rather it is God's action in the very actuality of acting. 'We' are not a thing but an activity. This is why God's activity of ecstatically moving out to us is an act of coinciding with our activity, just as our union with God will be our ecstatically moving out to God as an act of coinciding with God's activity. . . . This activity which we are and which God is, is the act of creative freedom, of initiative, of self-originated self-giving.

Jack M. A trinitarian theology of personhood requires just that: persons in relationship. Personhood is key to human identity and to divine life; the distinction of person is precisely in relation to the whole. Thomas Merton said that God utters each of us like a partial thought of Godself. I would say that each of us is a unique thought of Godself, never to be uttered exactly the same way again for all eternity. In this respect, each of us contributes to God what God lacks in God's own being, namely, the expression of divine love in this particular way, the way of my life. Each of us is like a fractal, a particular pattern of divine love, contributing to the unfolding of divine beauty through the complexifying particularities of our lives, in the same way that each of the persons of the Trinity contribute to the dynamic beauty of divine love.
These are the words of prophet and theologian Ilia Delio and the community responds

LET IT BE SO

Mary M. Our second is taken is taken from the Paul' letter to the Roman (Chapter 8 verses 14-17)

Those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. For the Spirit that God has given you does not enslave you and trap you in fear, instead, through Spirit God has adopted you as children, and by that Spirit we cry out, "Abba - Amma"! God's Spirit joins with our spirit to declare that we are God's children. And if we are children, we are heirs as well: heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, sharing in Christ's suffering and sharing in Christ's glory.

These are the words of Paul, follower of Christ and we affirm them by saying:

LET IT BE SO

Alleluia, Alleluia (Eightfold) – Jan Phillips shortened

https://youtu.be/IC4nbwmQDVw

Jack M, A reading from the gospel of the apostle called Matthew.
(Chapter 28: 16-20)

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw Jesus, they worshiped Jesus; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father-Mother and of the beloved Child and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have taught you. And remember, I am with you always to the end of the age."

These are the inspired words of the apostle called Matthew and the community responds:
LET IT BE SO!

HOMILY STARTER:

Invitation to share personal reflections

Profession of Faith

Mary Al: 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 for the Community

Joan P. 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 the table all those who are separated from their families because of the horrors of war, the innocent who are in harms way, hungry and often alone, as they struggle for survival.

Response: May peace be embraced by all

We bring to the table the people of Gaza and Israel as we pray for their leaders to negotiate peace agreements.

Response: May peace be embraced by all

We bring to the table the sick and the dying as a result of hunger and violence

Response: May peace be embraced by all

We bring to the table our country riddened by discord, prejudice, racism and leader who continue to put self-interest before the needs of our Nation

Response: May their eyes and ears be open

We pray for one another that we will rise above our disappointment that the Institutional Church has expressed a lack of openness to their need to include all Catholics as equals participants on every level

Response: May their eyes and ears be open

Joan M. will now share the intentions from our community prayer request.

Pause for individual requests

Jack M. We recognize we are in relationship with all people, with all life on the earth, in the universe. We believe in our hearts we accompany one another on this journey through life sharing our support and spiritual strength. We are confident that our thoughts and prayers will bring hope through Sacred Spirit that makes us all One.

(Raise YOUR bread and the wine)

Mary Al Ever present Sacred Spirit living and being in al people everywhere we offer gifts of bread and wine as we celebrate our lives connected to all of creation. These gifts are made sacred through our faith.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Mary M. "Prayer of Thanksgiving" is an ancient writings of the earliest Christians gathered in prayer as found in the New, New Testament

This is the prayer they said:

We give thanks to you,
every life and heart stretches toward you,
O name untroubled,
honored with the name of God,
praised with the name of Father-Mother,
and love
and desire.

And if there is sweet and simple teaching,
it gifts us mind, word and knowledge:
mind that we may understand you;
word that we may interpret you;
knowledge that we may know you.

**We rejoice and are enlightened by your knowledge.
We rejoice that you have taught us
about yourself.
We rejoice that in the body
you have made us divine through
your knowledge.**

Holy, Holy: Here in This Place by Christopher Grundy

https://youtu.be/sgkWXOSGmOQ

**Jack M. The thanksgiving of the human
who reaches you
is this alone: that we know you.**

**We have known you,
O light of mind.
O light of life,
We have known you.**

**O womb of all that grows,
we have known you.
O womb pregnant with the nature
of the Father,
we have known you.**

**O never-ending endurance of the
Father who gives birth,
so we worship your goodness.
One wish we ask:
we wish to be protected
in knowledge.
One protection we desire:
that we not stumble in this life.**

**When they said these things in prayer,
they welcomed one another,
they shared bread and their holy food,
which had no blood in it.**

Mary Al. We, recognizing Sacred Spirit is present to us, here among us, we extend our hands over this bread formed from the fields of wheat and the wine gathered from the grapes of the vine.

(extend you hand over the bread and wine in blessing)

You bless us O Sacred Spirit and you enliven all that exists. You transform these gifts of bread and wine, and our lives, by boundless grace that nourish and sustains us on our journey.

Dotty. On the night before he died, Jesus gathered for the 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.

Back at the table, Jesus took the Passover Bread, spoke the grace, broke the bread, and offered it to them saying, Take and eat, this is my very self

(pause)

All present lift the cup as we pray
Jesus then took the cup of blessing, spoke the grace, and offered it to all present saying:

Take and drink of the covenant
Made new again through my life in you.
Whenever you remember me like this,
I am among you.

Joan P. Bread and wine is transformed by Your Spirit, and we are transformed when we open ourselves to the very Spirit that is our life. Every time we share this bread and wine we choose to be transformed. We choose to love as You love us.

For it is through living as Jesus lived,
That we awaken to your Spirit within,
Moving us to glorify you,
O Holy One,
At this time and all ways.

Receive the Bread and the Wine and with the words:
******The Spirit in me sees the Spirit in you. ******

Reflection Song: Breath of the One Life by Jan Novotka
'https://youtu.be/FV8dQhTZe_o

Jack M. Let us pray in the manner that Jesus taught his companions to pray:

O Holy One, you are 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 that 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.
(Adapted, Miriam Therese Winter, MMS)

Mary M. As we celebrate the memory of Jesus in our sharing of Eucharist, we remember all those people who walk with us in the search for the Divine. We remember families we know and those we do not know who suffer much hurt and pain in their lives. We remember the children who fear going to school because of violence. We remember the parents who suffer beyond our understanding because of the brutal deaths of their children, because of the lack of gun laws. We commit ourselves to stand up and have our voices heard.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS, THANKSGIVING,
AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Closing Prayer

Mary Al. Melt us into Oneness, O Holy One, so that a new creation might be born. Help us all embrace Your wisdom, embedded in our sacred planet. Enable us to always live the reality of the Cosmic Christ in ourselves and all creation and even beyond.
Amen

Dotty. Blessing

Sacred Spirit of Life, as you infuse your Spirit within us, as we care for all of creation, we choose peace. May our security not be from weapons, but from respect. May our strength come not from violence, but love. May our own wealth come not from money, but sharing. May our path be not come of ambition, but justice. May our victory not be one of revenge, but of forgiveness. Unarmed and confident, we will defend the dignity of all creation. Sharing today and always the bread of solidarity and peace. We bless one another as we continue our journey to live the ministry of Jesus.

LET IT BE SO

Closing Song: Heal the World by Michael Jackson performed by World-wide Child Prodigies
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h6d6Yo3DwVI

Please send personal intentions to Joan Meehan. Jmeehan515@aol.com
They will be added in our Community Prayer Book.

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