Mary Mother of Jesus Inclusive Catholic Community Liturgy
10th Sunday of Ordinary Time, June 8, 2024
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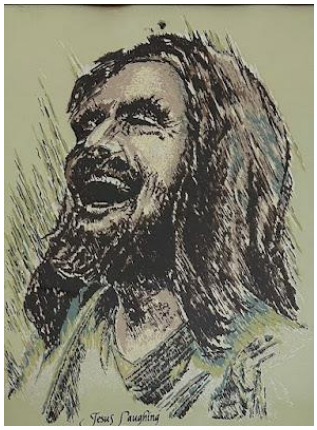

The Jesus Message- lighten up, do not worry, smile!

Theme: Insults and humiliation can also be gifts.

(Elena)
GREETING
The Jesus message which appears above is about shalom, peace, seeking well-being for self and others in chaotic times.
In the story of the healing of Peter's sick mother-in-law (Mark 1:29-31) Jesus lifts her up (helps her to be filled with energy) and she serves a meal. The word used is diakoneo, the root word of deacon. I imagine that since her home was a meeting place for Jesus and his companions, there were lots of gatherings, delicious food ,and of course plenty of laughter. So too, at every meal, we remember that Jesus gathers at our tables - lifting us up- telling us not to worry, assuring us to be at peace and smile even if the sink overflows with dishes and our lives are a hot mess!
Our instinct may be to flee from insults and humiliation, but these can be gifts, too, provided we submit to the working of grace.
And so, we welcome everyone 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. We ask you to please have bread/crackers and wine/juice near you so that you may conveniently consecrate them for your Communion in the service.

We begin this and every liturgy In the name of God our creator, of Jesus our brother and of Holy Spirit Sophia, our wisdom. we come together. ALL: Alleluia

OPENING PRAYER

(Elena) O Holy One, You nourish and challenge, call and direct, forgive and comfort ---- sheltering us in your presence every moment of our lives. Enkindle the faith of our prophets, the courage of your martyrs, and the Love that led your son, Jesus, to live and to die for us. Let our lives continue the revelation of your goodness, you who are God forever and ever. **AMEN**

May our hearts respond in joy and trust as we gather together today in the Name of All that Is.

GATHERING SONG

In the Name of All That Is -by Jan Novotka

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kR38ZBpAXZ8&sns=em

In the name of all that is we come together.
In the name of the stars and galaxies;
In the name of the planets, moons and the sun;
In the name of all that is we come.

In the name of all that is we come together.
In the name of the ocean and the sea;
In the name of the mountain, desert and plain;
In the name of all that is we come.

In the name of all that is we come together.
In the name of the buffalo and bear;
In the name of the turtle, eagle and whale;
In the name of all that is we come.

In the name of all that is we come together.
In the name of the cactus and the fern;
In the name of the flower, tree and the herb;
In the name of all that is we come.

In the name of all that is we come together.
In the name of the elements of life;
In the name of the soil, water and air;
In the name of all that is we come.

In the name of all that is we come together.
In the name of the children of earth;
In the name of the Spirit breathing in all things;
In the name of all that is we come.

RITE OF TRANSFORMATION

(Jeanne) We pause now to remember the times we have failed to love one another and all beings on earth, when we have not born fruit in caring for self, others, and our planet Earth. Let us take a moment to recall one missed opportunity, one broken or damaged relationship.

(Pause briefly and extend your hand over your heart)
(Jeanne and ALL) As we ask for and receive forgiveness, we open our hearts to Infinite Love embracing and healing us. Let it be so! Alleluia!

THE SIGN OF PEACE
(Suzanne B)
It is fitting that, having asked for Divine and mutual forgiveness, we now extend an expression of Peace to each other.
(Mary M and All): Grant us Your peace O Loving God, that following the example of Jesus and with the strength of the Spirit, we may be eager to spread that peace to everyone, everywhere, with no exceptions. Amen
(**Mary M):** May the peace of our gracious and loving God be always with us. Let us turn to each other and with praying hands offer each other a sign of peace. **NAMASTE 3x**

Gloria: Glory to God https://youtu.be/udjH7EON5IY
by Marty Haugen **- video by Bridget Mary Meehan and Mary Theresa Streck**

LITURGY OF THE WORD
(Cath A)
First Reading "We Who Are Alive Today" by Jan Phillips
We who are alive today are the eyes and ears,
the hands and feet of the Creative Force.

We are Thought Incarnate, Word made Flesh, Love materialized.

We are the consciousness of the earth:
the universe knowing itself, seeing itself, singing to itself.

We are prophets of a new time, makers of a new myth,
where our Source dwells not on some heavenly throne
but in the very breath of living things: among us and within us.

We are made of heaven and earth, starlight and clay,
minerals and meteor dust.
We are the Infinite Wave transformed into finite particles,
spacetime compressed into the spec of a lifetime.

As the Cosmos multiplies and expands forever outward
so does it expand forever inward
evolving us into beings of higher consciousness.

We who are alive today came here with a purpose,
are in service to a mission: to extend mercy, to bring forth justice,
to re-member ourselves and converge as one.

We are creating tomorrow with our thoughts and words.
We are shaping ourselves and families, our communities and cities,
our cultures and civilizations by what we do and failed to do.

We are ascending into our potential, evolving into our God-ness,
co-creating the Whole that is the sum of our parts.

We who are alive today; let us sing out that the heaven we seek
is already around us, that wherever we look,
the Holy One is there, looking right back.

No matter what storms batter and buffet us, let us not lose heart,
for we are One with All and life holds us firmly in the palm of its hand.

These are inspired words shared by Jan Phillips, and we respond: Thanks be to God!

(Jerry B) Psalm 113: 1-9: God restores joy and gladness of heart.
Sing praises to the Beloved of all hearts!
Sing praises all you who would honor Love,
Sing praises to the Architect of the universe!
RES: God restores joy and gladness of heart.
Bless the Holy One from this time forth and forever more!
Aspire to know the unknowable, to enter fully into the Great Mystery
To be fertile ground to the Heart-seed of Love.
Aspire to gifts of the Spirit, be open to grace and express gratitude!
RES
Who is like the Blessed One, the One who is Infinite Love, Power, and Wisdom,
Who enters into human hearts and brings comfort to those in need?
Yes, those who call upon the Merciful One, are lifted up and blessed with new life
They wear a crown of joy, as they recognize their oneness with Spirit.
RES
Come, all who suffer and are heavy-laden, open your hearts to Love
Sing praises to the Heart of all hearts!

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 4: 13-5:1
(Maryal)
We are not keeping this quiet, not on your life. Just like the psalmist who wrote. “I believed it, so I said it,” we say what we believe. And what we believe is that the One who raised up the Master Jesus will just as certainly raise us up with you, alive. Every detail works to your

advantage and to God's glory: more and more grace, more and more people, more and more praise!. So we are not giving up. How could we! Even though on the outside it often looks like things are falling apart on us, on the inside, where God is making new life, not a day goes by without God's unfolding grace. These hard times are small potatoes compared to the coming good times, the lavish celebration prepared for us. There's far more here than meets the eye. The things we see now are here today and gone tomorrow. But the things we can't see now will last forever. For instance we know that when these bodies of ours are taken down like tents and folded away, they will be replaced by resurrection bodies in heaven- God-made, not handmade—and we'll never have to relocate our 'tents' again.
Inspired words shared by St. Paul, the Apostle. And we respond: **Amen**

Gospel Acclamation: **Alleluia, Alleluia (Eightfold) – Jan Phillips shortened**

https://youtu.be/IC4nbwmQDVw

Gospel: Mark 3:20-35
(Jeanne S)
Jesus came home, and, as usual, a crowd gathered—so many making demands on him that there wasn't even time to eat. His friends heard what was going on and went to rescue him, by force if necessary. They suspected he was believing his own press.
The religion scholars from Jerusalem came down spreading rumors that he was working black magic, using devil tricks to impress them with spiritual power. Jesus confronted their slander with a story:" Does it make sense to send a devil to catch a devil, to use Satan to get rid of Satan? A constantly squabbling family disintegrates. If Satan were fighting Satan there soon wouldn't be any Satan left. Do you think it's possible in broad daylight to enter the house of an awake, able-bodied man and walk away with his possessions unless you tie him up first? Tie him up, though, and you can clean him out.
"Listen to this carefully. I'm warning you. There's nothing said or done that can't be forgiven. But if you persist in your slanders against God's Holy Spirit, you are repudiating the very One who forgives, sawing off the branch on which you're sitting, severing by your own perversity all connection with the One who forgives" He gave this warning because they were accusing him of being in league with Evil.
Just then his mother and brothers showed up. Standing outside, they relayed a message that they wanted a word with him. He was surrounded by the crowd when he was given the message, "You're your mother and brothers and sisters are outside looking for you."
Jesus responded, "Who do you think are my mother and brothers?" Looking around, taking in everyone seated around him, he said, "Right here, right in front of you –my mother and my brothers. Obedience is thicker than blood. The person who obeys God's will is my brother and sister and mother."
These are inspired words found in the Gospel of Mark. And we all respond: **Alleluia**

Homily for 10th Sunday in Ordinary Time- these can be gifts

Shared Homily

What did you hear in today's readings? Please share your wisdom with the community.

(Suzanne B) Profession of Faith
ALL: We believe in God, the creator and lover of all. We believe in Jesus, the Christ, who shows us how to live in the fullness of God's love. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the breath of God, who empowers us with spiritual gifts for loving service of our sisters and brothers. We believe in Shekinah, God's dwelling among the people. We believe in Sophia, Holy Wisdom, leading us to justice, and equality. We believe in Christ Sophia, nourishing us with abundant life as the Body of Christ at the table, on the table and around the table at the Banquet of love.

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS RES: Be mindful of your Mercy to us.
(Jerry B) Loving God, give those who struggle with addictions the courage and perseverance and support they need, we pray
Response: Be mindful of your Mercy to us.

(Jerry) Loving God, inspire persons of integrity and compassion to care for children who are separated from their parents, we pray
Response: Be mindful of your Mercy to us.

(Jerry) Loving God, give all involved in research the insight they need to develop the good you desire for us, we pray
R. Be mindful of your Mercy to us.

(Jerry) Loving God, bless farmers and all who are stewards of the soil**,** we pray...
R. Be mindful of your Mercy to us.

(Jerry) Loving God, call our consumer culture to a change of heart and to values that lead to life.
R. **Be mindful of your Mercy to us.**

(Jerry) We lift up all the prayer intentions that have been brought to our community and entered as prayer requests**.**
R**: Be mindful of your Mercy to us.**

Pause for individual requests with Response: Be mindful of your Mercy to us

(Jerry) O Holy One, we long to love you with all our heart and mind and soul, but we know we are divided. Give us a single heart. Make us one as you are one with Jesus and your Holy Spirit.
Amen

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

(Jeanne S) Blessed are you, God of all life, through your goodness we have bread, wine, all creation, and our own lives to offer. Through this sacred meal may we become your new creation.

ALL: Blessed be God for forever.

(Elena)

Although we come from diverse backgrounds, we are one body, for we all share in this one bread. And so, let us listen as Joe Wise helps us to bring ourselves with gratitude and humility, just the way we are, to the celebration of Eucharist**.**

Song: We offer our gifts. "**Here is My Life" by Joe Wise**

https://youtu.be/Ao5VnopCP-Y

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

(Jeanne) The Holy One dwells within you.

ALL: And loves through you.

(Jeanne) Lift up your hearts.

ALL: We lift them up to the Great Spirit dwelling in all creation.

(Jeanne) Let us give thanks that we are co-creators of a new heaven and earth.

ALL: It is right to proclaim our oneness with All.

(Suzanne)

God of amazing surprises, Creator of tiny bugs and awesome planets, Designer of earth's wonders, Giver of life and laughter, we praise your passionate love hidden, yet revealed, everywhere in the cosmos.

(Jerry)

Source of being from the beginning, all creation joins in, in the holy dance of life in your Divine Presence. In you, with you and through you, we jump for joy in an explosion of grace that resounds through the universe. We join with one another in the cosmic dance, Creator God, as we celebrate your holy presence in every living thing.

Holy, Holy, Holy: Here in this Place by Christopher Gundry:
https:.youtube.com/watch?v=V9LZURdBJxE

Holy One, may your presence here open our minds
may your Spirit among us help us to find
you are rising up now like a fountain of grace
from the holy ground here in this place. Here is this place. (x2)

Holy, holy, holy God of love and majesty

the whole universe speaks of your glory
from the holy ground here in this place. Here in this place. (x2)

(Jeanne)
We affirm the women and men through the ages who have danced Love's cosmic dream of communion with hearts ablaze. We pause now to remember those who have shown us how to step lightly on the path to holiness, pouring new wine into new wineskins and fearlessly speaking truth to power. (Time for spontaneous remembrance)
Heart of Love, we are grateful for this festive banquet that we share- the Bread of Life and New Wine of Unending Delight- that nourishes us and makes us more deeply one as your beloved family.

(Elena)
On the night before he died, Jesus gathered for the Seder supper with his friends. At this meal, he took bread, gave thanks, broke the bread, gave it to them and said:
Take and eat. Whenever you do this, you remember me
(PAUSE)
(Jeanne)
At the end of the meal, Jesus took a cup of wine, gave it to his friends and said:
Take this, all of you, and drink of the everlasting covenant. Every time you do this, you remember me.

Let us proclaim the Sacred Mystery:
(Jeanne and ALL) Your love moves through us to make a more compassionate and just world.

(Maryal)
Let us live as a new body, brought to birth by the Spirit of the Risen One in acts of forgiveness, healing, and justice. Let us support all who suffer and work for peace in lands torn by violence and hatred.

(Maryal and ALL) Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the resurrecting power of Divine Love forever evolving everywhere, all glory and praise is yours, O Gracious God, forever.

THE PRAYER OF JESUS
(Cathy and ALL)
Eternal Spirit, Earth maker, Pain bearer, Life giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be,
Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven –
The hallowing of your name echoes through the universe.
The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world,
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings.

Your commonwealth of peace and freedom
sustain our hope and come to earth.
With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In the times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trial too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
For you reign in the glory of the power
that is love, now and forever. Amen

LITANY FOR THE BREAKING OF BREAD
(Elena) Loving God, You call us to speak truth to power, we will do so.
Loving God, You call us to live the Gospel of peace and justice, we will do so.
Loving God, You call us to be Your presence in the world. We will do so.

(Elena) Let us share the Body of Christ with the Body of Christ! All are welcome.
ALL: AMEN

Communion Meditation: Standing on the Shoulders by Joyce Johnson Rouse
https://youtu.be/elh77GtHWPU

I am standing on the shoulders of the ones who came before me I am stronger for their courage, I am wiser for their words
I am lifted by their longing for a fair and brighter future
I am grateful for their vision, for their toiling on this Earth

We are standing on the shoulders of the ones who came before us. They are saints and they are humans, they are angels, they are friends We can see beyond the struggles and the troubles and the challenge When we know that by our efforts things will be better in the end

They lift me higher than I could ever fly Carrying my burdens away
I imagine our world if they hadn't tried We wouldn't be here celebrating today

I am standing on the shoulders of the ones who came before me I am honored by their passion for our liberty
I will stand a little taller, I will work a little longer
And my shoulders will be there to hold the ones who follow me

They lift me higher than I could ever fly Carrying my burdens away
I imagine our world if they hadn't tried We wouldn't be so very blessed today

I am standing on the shoulders of the ones who came before me I am honored by their passion for our liberty,

I will stand a little taller, I will work a little longer
And my shoulders will be there to hold the ones who follow me

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION
(Jeanne) Creator of the cosmos, divine dancer, you have lifted us up and swung us around to see your beauty in nature's awesome gifts everywhere and in everyone. May we continue to move together to the divine rhythm of harmony and peace, dancing joyfully in love with all created beings forever. You guide us to new life and inspire our work and play with creativity and joyful enthusiasm.. We are new wine in new wineskins! ALL: Amen

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS, THANKSGIVING, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONCLUDING RITE
(Elena) Christ Sophia is within you
ALL: and within all people and all creation everywhere.

BLESSING
(Elena) O Holy One, You nourish and challenge, call and direct, forgive and comfort ---- sheltering us in your presence every moment of our lives. Enkindle the faith of our prophets, the courage of your martyrs, and the Love that led your son, Jesus, to live and to die for us. Let our lives continue the revelation of your goodness, you who are God forever and ever. **AMEN**

(Everyone please extend your hands in mutual blessing)
(Jeanne and ALL) May we go forth as dancing prophets and mystic visionaries of our cosmic communion with all life, in the Name of the Creator, in the Name of our brother Jesus, and in the name of the Divine Spirit dancing with us . Amen

DISMISSAL
(Elena) Go in the peace of Christ Sophia. Let us live as new wine in new wineskins! ALL: Thanks be to God.

CONCLUDING HYMN
Take us Home by another way -Christopher Gundy
https://youtu.be/i_FcwT8Cg34?si=Rl3DsUSrKom4STjp

If you would like to add an intercession to our MMOJ Community Prayer book, please send an email to jmeehan515@aol.com

If you would like to invite another person to attend our liturgy please refer them to www.marymotherofJesus.org **where the day's liturgy is found. Zoom instructions are also included there.**

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