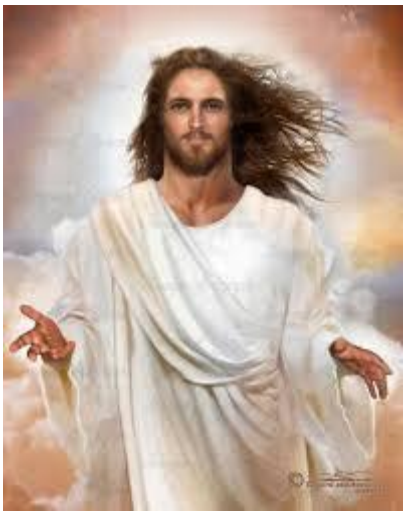
Mary Mother of Jesus Inclusive Catholic Community

14th Sunday of Extra-Ordinary Time
July 6, 2024



Presiders: Jeanne Schmidt and Kathryn Shea
Readers: Anna Davis and Jane S.
Prayer Leaders: Andrea Seabaugh and Jim Bires
Music Ministers: Linda and Rick Miller
IT: Cheryl Brandi

Theme: "My grace is sufficient for you."

Welcome and Gathering

Jeanne: **Welcome to our Zoom liturgy at Mary Mother of Jesus, an inclusive Catholic Community where all are welcome.**

We invite you to pray the liturgy and respond where it says "All."
-All participants will be muted during the liturgy except for the presiders and readers.
-Please have bread and wine/juice nearby as we pray our Eucharistic prayer.

Whoever you are,
Wherever you are,
Just as you are,
You are welcome at this table. (*Integral Christianity by Paul Smith*)

Let us now take a few minutes to collect ourselves as we prepare to focus our minds and our hearts on our knowledge that we are all one, brought together at this time to transform ourselves and our world through love; love for our Holy One, love for our neighbors, love for ourselves, and love for our planet. Let us begin our liturgy by expressing this love through song.

Gathering Song: Unspoken-Call It Grace
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AAMU68NTVQw

Opening Prayer

Kathryn: In the name of our Creator, Jesus our brother, and Holy Spirit Wisdom, we gather to celebrate our oneness with and in you and in all things. This Great Mystery is the foundation and template for the entire universe, and when fully experienced, has the capacity to change everything. We seek to fully understand this Great Mystery, but more importantly to understand how we live it in our lives. Let our ears hear, our eyes see, and our hearts receive as we remember and expand the power of love on Earth. During these dark days, we live with the certainty that you walk with us, Infinite One, as we continue to awaken to the fullness of grace consciousness; united as one people, one planet, one universe, expressing unconditional love toward all living things. We know you are here with us as we walk this journey as companions and we know your grace is sufficient to get us through our darkest hours. ALL: Amen

Rite of Transformation

Andrea: We pause now to remember the times we have not borne fruit in caring for self and others. Take a moment to recall one missed opportunity, one broken or damaged relationship. (Pause briefly and extend your hand over your heart)

Andrea and ALL: As we ask for and receive forgiveness, we open our hearts to Infinite Love embracing and healing us. Let it be so, Yes, Alleluia!

A Joyful Gloria: Linda Lee Miller and graphics by Rick Miller
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_IA5I0nODZI

Liturgy of the Word

Anna: First Reading: Ezekiel 2:2-5
And when he spoke to me, the Spirit entered into me and set me upon my feet; and I heard him speaking to me. And he said to me, "Son of man, I send you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels, who have rebelled against me; they and their fathers have transgressed against me to this very day. The people also are impudent and stubborn: I send you to them; and you shall say to them, 'Thus says the Lord God.' And whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house) they will know that there has been a prophet among them.
These are the words spoken by the prophet Ezekiel and we affirm them by saying, AMEN.

Responsorial – Psalm 123 – Unto Thee Lift Up Mine Eyes
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lmVdF65PpaY

Jane: Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 12:7-10
Brothers and sisters:
That I, Paul, might not become too elated,
because of the abundance of the revelations,
a thorn in the flesh was given to me, an angel of Satan,
to beat me, to keep me from being too elated.
Three times I begged the Lord about this, that it might leave me,
but he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you,
for power is made perfect in weakness."
I will rather boast most gladly of my weaknesses,
in order that the power of Christ may dwell with me.
Therefore, I am content with weaknesses, insults,
hardships, persecutions, and constraints,
for the sake of Christ;
for when I am weak, then I am strong.

Alle, Alle, Alleluia: Linda Lee
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ID5UGWcS6Ws

Jeanne: Gospel: Mark 6: 1-6
He went away from there and came to his own country; and his disciples followed him. And on the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue; and many who heard him were astonished, saying, "Where did this man get all this? What is the wisdom given to him? What mighty works are wrought by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joseph and Judah and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?"

And they took offense at him. And Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor, except in his own country, and among his own kin, and in his own house." And he could do no mighty work there, except that he laid his hands upon a few sick people and healed them.

And he marveled because of their unbelief.

And he went about among the villages teaching.

These are the inspiring words of the Gospel writer known as Mark and we respond by saying: ALL: Let it be so, and so it is.

Alle, Alle, Alleluia: Linda Lee
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ID5UGWcS6Ws

Homily Starter and Community Sharing

Communal Statement of Faith

Jim and ALL: We believe in one God, 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 God's Word, bringer of God's healing, heart of God's compassion, bright star in the firmament of God's prophets, mystics, and saints.
We believe that we are called to follow Jesus as a vehicle of God's love, a source of God's wisdom and truth, and an instrument of God's peace in the world.
We believe that God's 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 of and for the Community

Anna: We now bring our prayer intentions to the Table, saying, "I bring to the Table…"

Our response is: All: Holy One, we know your grace is sufficient.

We pray for all those suffering as a result of the natural disasters taking place on our planet, especially those suffering from the latest hurricane in the Caribbean.

Response: <u>All: Holy One, we know your grace is sufficient.</u>

We pray for all who are suffering, lonely, and without faith or hope.
Response: <u>All: Holy One, we know your grace is sufficient.</u>

We pray for all those living in the conditions of war and fear.
Response <u>All: Holy One, we know your grace is sufficient.</u>

We pray for the intentions in our MMOJ community prayer list. (Joan shares)
Response <u>All: Holy One, we know your grace is sufficient.</u>

And, for what else should we pray?

Response: <u>All: Holy One, we know your grace is sufficient.</u>

<u>Anna:</u> Holy Mystery may we respond to the needs of our sisters and brothers in loving prayer and solidarity. Amen

<u>Presentation of the Bread and Wine</u>

<u>Jane:</u> Gracious God, you have set the banquet table and have invited all of us to a feast of unending delight. Blessed are You, Holy One, through Your divine providence we have this bread, to share, the Bread of Life.

<u>Jane and All:</u> Blessed are You, Holy One, forever.

<u>Jim:</u> Blessed are You, O Loving One through Your divine providence we have this wine to share, our spiritual drink.

<u>Jim and All:</u> Blessed are, You, Holy One, forever.

<u>Andrea:</u> Let us lift up our hearts.

<u>Andrea and All:</u> We lift them up to the Holy One, abiding with us and loving through us.

<u>Eucharistic Prayer</u>

<u>Anna:</u> Gracious Wisdom, you embrace us with your extravagant affection in our times of both blessedness and weakness. Even though we have times of doubt, we know You are always with us…you living in us and we living in you. In this festive meal, your Spirit is poured out on each of us

gathered in the circle of your friends and disciples, we also ask that your Spirit be spread to those of our community who are not with us today.

Let us rejoice as we sing:

All: Holy, Holy, Holy Linda Lee Miller
(adapted from Holy, Holy, Holy by Karen Drucker)
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=orKBBIj5LZA

Jeanne: We thank you for the gift of Jesus of Nazareth in history -- and the gift of Jesus in faith. On earth, his life burned with the vision of his mission on earth. Through the example of his life – his teachings and actions - he showed us not only how we should live, but also what was worth even dying for.

Kathryn: When his time on earth had come to an end, Jesus – aware of and accepting his destiny – gave us his life for the values that he deeply believed, lived and taught…his conviction that love is stronger than death. And then, in providing an example of this wisdom for all people in ages to come, he opened wide his arms…and died. And the spirit that lived in Jesus resurrected him to a new life, a promise made to all of us too who live the new story. Jesus is with us today and he will be through the end of time.

***(With an outstretched arm, we pray the consecration together*. We remember the gift that Jesus gave us on the night before he died. He gathered with his friends to share a final Passover meal. And it was at that supper that Jesus took bread, said the blessing and shared it with them saying: take this, all of you, and eat it. This bread is you; this bread is me. We are one body, the presence of God in the world. When you do this, remember me and all that I have taught you. This is the new and everlasting covenant.**

[short pause]

Jane: In the same way, Jesus took a cup of wine, said the blessing and gave it to his friends saying: take this, all of you, and drink it. This wine is you; this wine is me. We are one blood, the presence of God in the world. When you do this, remember me and all that I have taught you. This is the new and everlasting covenant.

Andrea: Jesus, who was with God "in the beginning of the creation of the heavens and the earth," is with us now in this bread. The Spirit, of whom the prophets spoke in history, is with us now in this cup. Let us proclaim this mystery of faith.

Andrea and All: **Jesus has died. Christ is risen. The Divine Presence lives in us and through us in the world today.**

Jim: God, we know that you bless your church throughout the world. We, your people, ask for your grace that we may continually grow in our love and caring for Francis, our Pope, Bridget Mary, our Bishop and for everyone with whom we come in contact, especially those who live on the margins of church and society. They are all our brothers and sisters, members of your Blessed Family. We remember also all those, living and dead, who touched our lives and left their footprints on our hearts. We remember especially….*(mention names here, if you would like to..)*

Jim and All: We believe that the Spirit of God is at work in and among us and will do more than we could ever ask or imagine. We believe that it is through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, Creator God, forever and ever.

Great Amen: Linda Lee Miller
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Dy76fpfkNsg

COMMUNION RITE

The Prayer of Jesus

Jane: Let us pray as Jesus taught us.

Jane and All: 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 we need. You remind us of our limits, and we let go. You support us in your 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

Sign of Peace:

Jim: *Eternal wellspring of peace-*
May we be drenched with the longing for peace
That we may give ourselves over
As the earth to the rain, to the dew,
Until peace overflows our lives
As living waters overflow the seas. **(Marcia Falk)**

Kathryn: Jesus said to his disciples, "My peace I leave you. My peace I give you." Let us now extend a sign of peace to one another as we say, "Namaste, Namaste, Namaste."

Anna: Please join in praying the Litany for the Breaking of the Bread:

Anna and 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.

Andrea: This is the bread of life and the cup of blessing. Blessed are we who are called to Christ's table.

Andrea and All: May we live as the Body of Christ in the world, serving all in need, especially those living on the margin.

Andrea: Please receive/share Eucharist now, saying: "You are the bread of life." And "You are the cup of compassion."

Communion Song: Hello Grace by Selah
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Dr0HGORnPOE

Introductions/Thanksgiving/Announcements

Closing Community Prayer

Jeanne: Holy One, may we come to know your grace in ourselves and one another. May we live and be your grace as we go forth in our calling to serve and commit to our own spiritual growth so that we might work together to transform our earth to one of peace, equality, and justice for all. Timeless One, Your eternal love wraps courage around us as we enter into your invitation to dance and to bring your Light into the world. Your ageless presence draws us to you as we step forward, ready to embrace where you lead us. Your sustaining peace rests within our every heartbeat and accompanies us into the unknown future. We have no fear, for we live with the assurance that you are always in us and we in you. We are forever grateful to live in your presence and your love. Amen.

Closing Community Blessing

Kathryn: And together with our arms extended we bless one another and commit to healing our hurting world:

May our lives radiate the light of the Holy One. May we have the courage to speak truth to justice in our church and in our world.
May we be humble enough to be like children in receiving the kin-dom of Great Mystery. May we be a blessing in our time and the Face of God to all whom we meet.

ALL: Thanks be to all that is holy! Go in Peace knowing Hoy Mystery's grace is sufficient for you. Amen and Alleluia!

Closing Song: Imagine by John Lenon
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dT4hLudO-is

If you would like to add your intercession to our MMOJ Community Prayers 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.net where the day's liturgy is found. Zoom instructions are also included there.

Please support our community, send your check to:

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