Mary, Mother of Jesus Inclusive Catholic Community

28th Sunday in Extra-ordinary Time
October 13, 2024
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Theme: Burning Desire

WELCOME AND GATHERING

Welcome

(Cathy) Welcome to Mary Mother of Jesus Inclusive Catholic Community! All are welcome to participate with us this afternoon in this liturgy which celebrates the twenty eighth week of the liturgical season which we respectfully name as an *extraordinary* time.
We invite you to pray the liturgy and respond where it says "All."
Please have bread and wine/juice nearby as we invite all to participate in our Eucharistic prayer.
Whoever you are,
Wherever you are,
Just as you are,
You are welcome at this table**.** (***Integral Christianity by Paul Smith***)

(Cathy) Let us now take a few minutes to collect ourselves as we prepare to focus our minds and our hearts on the burning desire within to surrender completely, to the will and love of our God. We have been brought together at this time to transform ourselves and our world through loving forgiveness and a BURNING DESIRE to follow and serve.
Let us begin our liturgy by expressing this love and burning desire through song.

OPENING SONG

Do Something by Matthew West STOP at 2:06
https://youtu.be/b_RjndG0IX8?si=6xdNJ_5aGjldtMxb

OPENING PRAYER

(Elena)

God and hope of every new day, as we gather together in your presence today, our hearts are full of gratitude for your mercy. We thank you for revealing to us the way of life that is the gospel. Awaken us to its wisdom, and give us the courage to embody its message. Let nothing distract us from its call to a more conscious relationship with you and to a quality of life worthy of your children. So may we praise you for the gift of Jesus and for the call to be one with you forever. Amen

RITE OF TRANSFORMATION

(Cathy) We pause now to remember the times we have not born fruit in caring for self and others. Take a moment to recall one missed opportunity, one broken or damaged relationship. Let us remember we are born in Divine Blessing and that we are perfect in the eyes of the Holy One. Let us also realize, and forgive ourselves, for not always acting in ways of Divine Blessing, both towards ourselves and others. Now, let us imagine all of the ways we can be brightly lit by a love that heals and transforms us as we evolve and grow in awareness of our divinity and our humanity. (*Pause for several moments)*

(Cathy) *As we extend a hand over our hearts let us together express words of Repentance***:**

All: I love you. I am sorry. Please forgive me. Thank you.

SHARING OF PEACE

(David)

It is fitting that, having asked for Divine and mutual forgiveness, we now extend an expression of Peace to each other.

If we are in Christ, we are becoming a new creation.
We see God around us. We see God within us.
We give thanks to our Creator.
Let us show the caring nature The Holy One has instilled within us
by greeting each other with a sign of
God's peace, love, forgiveness and grace.
The peace of our Creator be with us in all things.

All: Namaste 🙏 Namaste 🙏 Namaste 🙏

(adapted from Celebrating Creation: Honoring Indigenous People, Kelly Sherman-Conroy)

A GLORIA **Glory To The Lamb** by Fernando *Ortega* ***(Stop at 2:29)***
https://youtu.be/9gaFm-MpxBw?si=zUiZyNsGTRmHtXN9

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Spirit of the Living God by Linda Lee Miller
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vfl1ZbTjluY

(Beth) Reading from 'Making All Things New'

The Spiritual life is a gift. It is the gift of the Holy Spirit, who lifts us up into the kingdom of God's love. But to say that being lifted up into the kingdom of love is a divine gift does not mean that we wait passively until the gift is offered to us. Jesus tells us to set our hearts on the kingdom. Setting our hearts on something involves not only serious aspiration but also strong determination. A spiritual life requires human effort. The forces that keep pulling us back into a worry filled life are far from easy to overcome. "How hard it is" Jesus exclaims "……to enter the kingdom of God! " (Mark 10:23) And to convince us of the need for hard work, he says, "If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and follow me" (Matthew16:24)

These are inspired words shared by Henri J.M. Nouwen
Our response is: Thanks be to God!

Responsorial – Spirit of the Living God by Linda Lee Miller
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vfl1ZbTjluY

Celtic Alleluia
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o1rc7ojQtJU

(Elena) Gospel Reading: Mark 10: 17-30
As he went out into the street, a man came running up, greeted him with great reverence, and asked, "Good teacher, what must I do to get eternal life?" Jesus said, "Why are you calling me good? No one is good, only God. You know the commandments: Don't murder, don't commit adultery, don't steal, don't lie, don't cheat, honor your father and mother." He said, "Teacher, I have -from my youth- kept them all!" Jesus looked him hard in the eye- and loved him! He said , "There's one thing left: Go sell whatever you own and give it to the poor. All your wealth will then be heavenly wealth. And come follow me"
The man's face clouded over. This was the last thing he expected to hear, and he walked off with a heavy heart. He was holding on tight to a lot of things, and not about to let go. Looking at his disciples Jesus said, "Do you have any idea how difficult it is for people who 'have it all' to enter God's kingdom?" The disciples couldn't believe what they were hearing, but Jesus kept on: "You can't imagine how difficult. I'd say it's easier for a camel to go through a needle's eye than for the rich to get into God's kingdom."

These are the inspired words of the Gospel writer, Mark, and we affirm them by saying,

ALL: Amen.

Celtic Alleluia
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o1rc7ojQtJU

HOMILY STARTER AND COMMUNITY SHARING

COMMUNAL STATEMENT OF FAITH
(David)
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

(Beth) As we prepare for the sacred meal, we now bring our prayer intentions to the Table, saying, **"We bring to the Table…"**
And we respond**: May we be filled with a burning desire to serve while not counting the cost.**

We pray for all those suffering as a result of hurricanes Helene, Milton and all other natural disasters taking place on our planet.
All: May we be……..

We bring to the table all who are suffering, lonely, and without faith or hope.
All: May we be……..

We bring to the table all those living in war-torn countries, that their leaders will commit to lasting peace agreements which include the release of innocent hostages.
All: May we be……..

We bring to the table all women who are and will be affected by laws that seek to limit women's rights and freedom.
All: May we be……..

We bring to the table prayers for the end of world hunger, the end of Worldwide sickness and disease, and the end of Worldwide conquest through war.
All: May we be…….

We bring to the table all vulnerable persons being trafficked into slavery—for purposes of sex, marriage and/or work.
All: May we be……..

We bring to the table indigenous children and their families in both Canada and the United States as they continue to mourn children lost, and the impact of forced acculturat**ion.**
All: May we be……..

We bring to the table the safety and success of all the ordinands and supporters travelling to Rome as they respond to God's call to serve as ordained diacons and priests in an inclusive Catholic Community of equals.
All: May we be filled with a burning desire to serve while not counting the cost.

We pray for the intentions in our MMOJ community prayer list. (Joan shares**)**
All: May we be……..

And, for what else should we pray?
All: May we be……

(Beth) We pray for these and all intentions held in the silence of our hearts. Holy Mystery instill in us a burning desire to respond to the needs of our sisters and brothers in loving prayer and solidarity. **AMEN**

OFFERTORY SONG AND PRAYER

OFFERTORY: Here is My Life by Joe Wise
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jsHM7_XZT5A

PRESENTATION OF THE BREAD AND WINE
(Cathy) 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.

(Cathy and All) Blessed are You, Holy One, forever.

(Cathy) Blessed are You, O Loving One, through Your divine providence we have this wine to share, our spiritual drink.

(Cathy and All) Blessed are, You, Holy One, forever.

(Cathy) Let us lift up our hearts.

(Cathy and All) We lift them up to the Holy One, for whom we have a burning desire to serve.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

(Elena) 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:
Holy, Holy, Holy: Here in this Place by Christopher Grundy https://youtu.be/uXyu57tR2gk?si=xAc1gOkkEdxoz3sv

(Cathy) 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.

(Elena) When his time on earth had come to an end, Jesus – aware of and accepting his destiny – gave up 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.)

(Elena) 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.

(Elena and All) ***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]

(Cathy) In the same way, Jesus took a cup of wine, said the blessing and gave it to his friends saying:

(Cathy and All) ***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.***

(David) 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.

(David and All) Jesus has died. Christ is risen. The Divine Presence lives in us and through us in the world today.

(Beth) 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..)*

(Elena 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

LORD'S PRAYER

(Beth and All) Oh cosmic birther of all radiance and vibration, soften the ground of our bodies and carve out a space within us where your presence can abide. Fill us with your creativity so that we may be empowered to bear the fruit of your mission. Let each of our actions bear fruit in accordance with our desires. Endow us with the wisdom to produce and share what each being needs to grow and flourish. Untie the tangled threads of destiny that

bind us as we release others from the entanglement of past mistakes. Do not let us be seduced by that which would divert us from our true purpose that illuminates the opportunities of our present moment, for you are the ground, the truthful mission, the birth, the power and fulfillment, as all is gathered and made whole again. And so it is. AMEN
From the original Translation found in the Aramaic bible/Tina Nyambwe

COMMUNION RITE
(Cathy) Please join in praying the Litany for the Breaking of the Bread:
(Cathy 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.

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

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

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

Communion Meditation
I Surrender All by Carrie Underwood
https://youtu.be/iE3jyYhHluo?si=Z3zK5rNjHjSZF3fs

INTRODUCTIONS/THANKSGIVING/ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLOSING COMMUNITY PRAYER

(Elena) Holy One, we thank you for revealing to us the way of life that is the gospel. Awaken us to its wisdom, and give us the courage to embody its message. Let nothing distract us from its call to a more conscious relationship with you and to a quality of life worthy of your children. We praise and thank you for the gift of Jesus and for instilling in our hearts a burning desire to follow Him and grow in union with you forever. **Amen**

(Cathy) A Prayer for Peace
For those who are fleeing: sanctuary
For those who are staying: safety
For those who are fighting: peace
For those whose hearts
are breaking: comfort
For those who see no future: hope

(Cathy and All) Amen

CLOSING COMMUNITY BLESSING

(Elena) And together with our arms extended to one another, let us share this Native American Blessing**:**

~May the sun
Bring you new energy by day.
~May the moon
Softly restore you by night.
~May the rain
Wash sway your worries.
~May the breeze
Blow new strength into your being.
~May you walk
Gently through the world and know
Its beauty all the days of your life. – Apache Prayer
(ALL) Thanks be to God. Let it be so! Alleluia!

CLOSING SONG:
Do Something by Matthew West START at 2:06
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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.

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