

Easter

Order of Worship

April 21, 2019 - Cycle C

Mary of Magdala, Apostle to the Apostles Catholic Church

Presider – Rev. Alice Iaquina



## Gathering Rite

*Opening Song*            *(Ring the bells!)*

*Greeting and Introduction*

*Opening Prayer*

**All:** God, creator of all, on this day of Easter joy, we remember how Jesus appeared to Mary of Magdala, who had begun to lose hope, and how he opened her eyes to what the scriptures foretold: that first he must die, and then he would rise and ascend into God's glorious presence. May the risen Jesus open our minds and our eyes in that same way, so that we may know him in the breaking of bread, in the needs of others and in the love we share. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

*Blessing of the water*

*Renewal of Baptismal Promises*            *Please respond, "I do"*

*Sprinkling Rite /Song of Gloria*            *(Ring the bells!)*

## Liturgy of the Word

*First reading* Acts 10: 34-43

So Peter addressed Cornelius and the people assembled in the house in these words, "I begin to see how true it is that God shows no partiality—rather, that any person of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to God.

You yourselves know what took place throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee with the baptism John proclaimed. You know how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, and how Jesus went about doing good works and healing all who were in the grip of the Devil, because God was with him. We are eyewitnesses to all that Jesus did in the countryside and in Jerusalem. Finally, Jesus was killed and hung on a tree, only to be raised by God on the third day. God allowed him to be seen, not by only by the witnesses who had been chosen beforehand by God—that is, by us, who ate and drank with Christ after the resurrection from the dead. And Christ commissioned us to preach to the people and to bear witness that this is the one set apart by God as judge of the living and the dead. To Christ Jesus all the prophets testify, that everyone who believes has forgiveness of sins through this name."

*Lector:* The Word of God.

**All:** Thanks be to God!

*Psalm*

*Second Reading Letter of Paul to the Colossians 3:1-4*

Since you have been resurrected with Christ, set your heart on what pertains to higher realms, where Christ is seated at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on things of earth. After all, you died, and now your life is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ—who is your life—is revealed, you too will be revealed with Christ in glory.

*Lector: The Word of God.*

*All: Thanks be to God!*

*Alleluia! (Ring the bells!)*

*Gospel John 20:1, 11-18 (please stand as you are able)*



Early in the morning on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been rolled away from the entrance. Mary stayed outside the tomb weeping. And as she wept, she stooped to peer inside, and she saw two angels in white sitting there. One was seated at the head and the other at the foot of the place where Jesus' body had lain.

They asked her, *"Woman, why are you weeping?"* She answered them, *"Because they have taken away my Rabbi, and I don't know where they have put the body."*

No sooner had she said this than she turned around and caught sight of Jesus standing there, but she didn't know it was Jesus. Jesus asked her, *"Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?"*

She thought it was the gardener, so she said, *“Sir, if you are the one who carried him away, tell me where you’ve laid him and I will take him.”*

Jesus said to her, *“Mary!”* She turned to him and said, *“Rabbouni!”* – which means *“Teacher.”* Jesus then said, *“Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to Abba God. Rather, go to the sisters and brothers and tell them I am ascending to my Abba and to your Abba, my God and your God!”*

Mary of Magdala went and announced to the disciples. *“I have seen the Teacher!”* Then she reported what the savior had said to her.

Lector: The Good News of Salvation.

**All:** Glory and praise to you, Jesus Christ!

*Shared Homily*            *(please be seated)*



## The Commercium (The Exchange)

*(During the Commercium, the exchange, we, as a community, profess our faith, offer our prayers, present our gifts of bread and wine, service and gifts for the poor, offering them back to God, from whom they came, blessing God as we do so. Then, together, we pray the Eucharistic prayer.)*

*Prayers of the Faithful (please stand as you are able)*

**All: "We thank you, O God, for the promise of resurrection."**

*Preparation Song (ring bells!)*

*Presentation of the Gifts*

*Blessing Prayers over the gifts*

**All: Blessed are you, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the bread of life.**

**Blessed be God for ever.**

**All: Blessed are you, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become our spiritual drink.**

**Blessed be God for ever.**

**All: Blessed are you, God of all creation. Through your goodness we humbly offer back to you our gifts of time, talent, and treasure as the work of our human hand.**

**They will become the instruments of your presence among us.**

**Blessed be God for ever.**

*Priest: Pray, my sisters and brothers, that our gifts may be acceptable to our loving God.*

**All: May God accept these gifts from our hands, for the praise and glory of God's name, for our good, and the good of all.**

*Prayer over the Gifts*

## Liturgy of the Eucharist

*Preface Dialogue: (Please stand as you are able)*

**Priest: God be with you.**

**All: And also with you.**

**Priest: Lift up your hearts.**

**All: We lift them up to God.**

**Priest: Let us give thanks to God.**

**All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

*Preface prayer:*

**All: We give you thanks, O God, for the life and work of Jesus among us. He leveled the mountains of ignorance and injustice. He stretched the visions of our beliefs and imaginations far beyond their normal horizons. He readily forgave sin. He died for teaching people to love all creation, but he rose to bring us the assurance of new life. May this meal we share express our thankfulness to you, O God, as the presence of your Spirit deepens in our grateful community. We unite our voices as sisters and brothers with those of the whole Church as we praise you for your glory,**

*Holy, Holy, Holy.... (all sing)*

*Epiclisis: (Invocation of the Holy Spirit)*

*Institution Narrative*

Priest: We recall that .....then He broke the bread and said:

**All: "Take this all of you and eat. This is my body which will be given up for you."**

Priest: Then he took a cup of wine and.. with these words:

**All: "Take this, all of you and drink from it. This is the cup of my blood, the blood of the new and everlasting covenant. It will be shed for you and for all so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in memory of me."**

*Memorial Acclamation: Christ has died ...*

*Anamnesis, Offering, Intercessions*

*Doxology* **Through Christ, with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, loving God, forever and ever.**

*Great Amen*

*Disciples' prayer: "Holy One, Source of all, Great Spirit, Yahweh, Allah, Our Mother, Our Father, ...*

*Sign of Peace*

*Breaking of the Bread*

Priest: This is the Lamb of God.....

**All: Jesus, by your cross and resurrection, you have set us free. You are the Savior of the world.**

*Communion* **All are welcome to the communion table**

*Communion Song (Ring the bells)*

*Prayer after communion:*

Priest: Gracious God, As the Easter season now unfolds to Pentecost, help us grow in faith and love so that, like Jesus, we can empty ourselves for the sake of others as witnesses to the coming of Jesus, our brother and Savior.

**All: Source of all Love, watch over your church and bring us to the glory of the resurrection promised by this Easter sacrament. By this Eucharist may we grow in our ability to love and to live our Vatican II faith in the world. Bless our efforts to serve you by loving others well. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.**

### Closing Rite

*Blessing*                      **All: Amen**                      *(3X)*

*Dismissal prayer*

**All: With the help of God, we now go forth to "Live Jesus," bringing God's loving presence to our communities, through faith, Sacrament and outreach. Thanks be to God. AMEN!**

*Going Forth Hymn:*      *(Ring the bells!)*

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