

**Mary Mother of Jesus Inclusive Catholic Community
15th Week of Extraordinary Time, July 9, 2022**

Presiding: Andrea Seabaugh & Michael Rigdon

IT: Cheryl Brandi

Readers: Russ Banner & Beth Ponce

Prayer Leaders: Teresa MacEachern & Denis Rigdon

Welcome. Andrea. We warmly welcome you to the inclusive Catholic community of Mary Mother of Jesus in Sarasota, Florida. All are welcome here!

We celebrate together  in the name of God our creator, Jesus the Christ, and the Spirit our wisdom within. Amen.

Please welcome each other with a sign of Christ's peace 

 Namaste! The peace of Christ be with us!

Gathering  Standing on Their Shoulders

<https://youtu.be/elh77GtHWPU>

Theme Michael. For our theme, go to the **bold** type in first reading.

Opening Prayer Beth. We commit to care for those who are abandoned or neglected, and to change unjust social, cultural and legal systems that subjugate them. All: Transform us, O Holy One.

Glory to God  Marty Haugen. Video by Bridget Mary Meehan & Mary Theresa Streck <https://youtu.be/udjH7EON5IY>

Liturgy of the Word (*Please pause for a moment of silence.*)

Russ. First Reading. A Reading from the speeches of Martin Luther King and Nelson Mandela.

With true structural change there would be far less need for charity; without it, the very best charitable efforts will never be

enough. (MLK) A true revolution of values will soon cause us to question the fairness and justice of many of our past and present policies. **On the one hand we are called to play the Good Samaritan on life's roadside, but that will be only an initial act.**

One day we must come to see that the whole Jericho Road must be transformed so that men and women will not be constantly beaten and robbed as they make their journey on life's highway. True compassion is more than flinging a coin to a beggar. It comes to see that an edifice which produces beggars needs restructuring. (NM)

These are the inspired words of heroic Christian activists Martin Luther King and Nelson Mandela, and the community affirms them by saying, **Amen.**

Acclamation 🎵 Alle, Alle, Alleluia. <https://youtu.be/ID5UGWcS6Ws>

Michael. The second reading is from the letter to the Colossians attributed to Paul.

We look at this Son and see the God who cannot be seen. We look at this Son and see God's original purpose in everything created. For everything, absolutely everything, above and below, visible and invisible, rank after rank after rank of angels—everything got started in him and finds its purpose in him. He was there before any of it came into existence and holds it all together right up to this moment. And when it comes to the church, he organizes and holds it together, like a head does a body.

He was supreme in the beginning and—leading the resurrection parade—he is supreme in the end. From beginning to end he's there, towering far above everything, everyone. So spacious is he, so roomy, that everything of God finds its proper place in him without crowding. Not only that, but all the broken and dislocated pieces of the universe—people and things, animals and atoms—get properly fixed and fit together in vibrant harmonies, all because of his death, his blood that poured down from the cross.

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Denis. A reading from the Good News Attributed to Luke.

Just then a religion scholar stood up with a question to test Jesus.
"Teacher, what do I need to do to get eternal life?"

Jesus answered, "What's written in God's Law? How do you interpret it?"

He said, "That you love the Lord your God with all your passion and prayer and muscle and intelligence—and that you love your neighbor as well as you do yourself."

"Good answer!" said Jesus. "Do it and you'll live."

Looking for a loophole, the scholar asked, "And just how would you define 'neighbor'?"

Jesus answered by telling a story. "There was once a man traveling from Jerusalem to Jericho. On the way he was attacked by robbers. They took his clothes, beat him up, and went off leaving him half-dead. Luckily, a priest was on his way down the same road, but when he saw him he angled across to the other side. Then a Levite religious man showed up; he also avoided the injured man.

A Samaritan traveling the road came on him. When he saw the man's condition, his heart went out to him. He gave him first aid, disinfecting and bandaging his wounds. Then he lifted him onto his donkey, led him to an inn, and made him comfortable. In the morning he took out two silver coins and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take good care of him. If it costs any more, put it on my bill—I'll pay you on my way back.'

"What do you think? Which of the three became a neighbor to the man attacked by robbers?"

"The one who treated him kindly," the religion scholar responded.
Jesus said, "Go and do the same."

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Shared Homily Michael & Community.

Profession of Faith Teresa.

We believe in the creator of all whose divinity infuses life with the sacred.

We believe in Jesus the Christ who leads us to the fullness of humanity.

We believe in the Spirit of wisdom, the divine breath in the cosmos, who enlightens those living in darkness.

Amen to courage, to hope, to the spirit of truth, to wholeness,

to the partnership of all women and men in the divine plan.
We believe in justice and peace for all. We surely believe in all this!

Community Prayers

Andrea. As we prepare for this sacred meal, we are aware that the needs of our country and our world are many. As a community and as individuals we do our part to be the healing power of Christ for the world as we bring our prayers to the Eucharistic Table. Please voice your intentions beginning with the words, "I bring to the table...."

We pray for these and all unspoken intentions in our hearts. Amen

Teresa: We offer our gifts. We invite everyone to place their plate of bread and cup of wine on their table of plenty. *(Pause)*
Ever present Sacred Spirit, you who hold us in your loving hands, we offer these gifts of bread and wine as we celebrate your life with us. These gifts are made sacred through our faith. We ask this in the name of Jesus our brother. Amen

Eucharistic Prayer

Michael. We begin our Eucharistic prayer in song.

 Here in this Place <https://youtu.be/sgkWXOSGmOQ>

Beth & All. We commit ourselves to live the ministry of the Gospel as we speak clearly with respect and love, as we challenge the contradictions within our society, especially during these times of division and fear. We remind ourselves daily to remain faithful in our words and actions to our commitment to nonviolence. We are called to the inner life, our spiritual life, to be open to the new beginnings in our lives. We walk with Jesus seeking wisdom and peace.

(Hold your hand over bread and wine)

Beth & All. Jesus, we remember the last meal you had with your followers. We call upon Sacred Spirit, ever and always with us, to bring blessing on this bread and wine as they are made sacred through our faith in the presence of Christ with us.

During Jesus's life on earth, he lived and died loving the poor, healing the sick and challenging the injustices within society. Because of his ministry, Jesus was feared by the authorities of his day, and they sought out ways to bring him to his death.

Teresa & **All**. On the night before he faced his own death, Jesus sat at the Seder supper with his companions and friends. He reminded them of all that he taught them, and to fix that memory clearly with them, he bent down and washed their feet.

All lift 🍞 and pray:

Teresa & **All**. When he returned to his place at the table, he lifted the bread, spoke the blessing, broke the bread and offered it to them saying:

Take and eat, this is my very self.

Pause, then lift the 🍷 and pray:

Beth & **All**. Jesus took the cup, spoke the grace, and offered it to them saying: Take and drink. This is the new covenant. Whenever you remember me like this, I am among you. (*pause*)

Denis. What we have heard with our ears,
we will live with our lives.
As we share communion,
we will become communion
both love's nourishment and love's challenge.

Denis & **All**. Let us share this bread and cup to proclaim and live the gospel of justice, nonviolence and peace, remembering that we are bearers of light and hope. We are the Christ alive today.

We now share the bread and wine, saying, "I am/You are a disciple of justice."

🎵 Communion Song: What Shall I Give by Sara Thomsen

<https://youtu.be/UUTs9qa5h3g>

Prayer after Communion Andrea. Sacred Spirit, we rejoice that the Universal Christ remains always and ever present within and around us. We remember all those who have transitioned from life on earth to complete union with your Sacred Presence—Mary of Nazareth and all

great saints, prophets and martyrs. We also remember family members, friends, and MMOJ members. We remember all those whose lives have been lost to covid, to war, to racism and other forms of exclusion and violence that exist in our world. And we remember those you wish to be remembered (*we pause to remember our loved ones*) All are beloved souls who have blessed our lives and who continue to inspire us. And we respond together: **All:** So be it!

Russ. Let us pray together as Jesus taught us:

All. O Holy One, who is 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 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

🎵 **Irish blessing** <https://youtu.be/hw-Z2Vfskvo>

Michael. Please share the gratitude you hold in your hearts.
Announcements

Closing 🎵 ***We are the World, Together at Home Edition 2020***
<https://youtu.be/EIUAdAEgvU>

Thanks to Dotty Shugrue for the theme, the music and the first reading today.

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

If you want to invite someone to attend our liturgy, please refer them to the day's liturgy at MaryMotherofJesus.org

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