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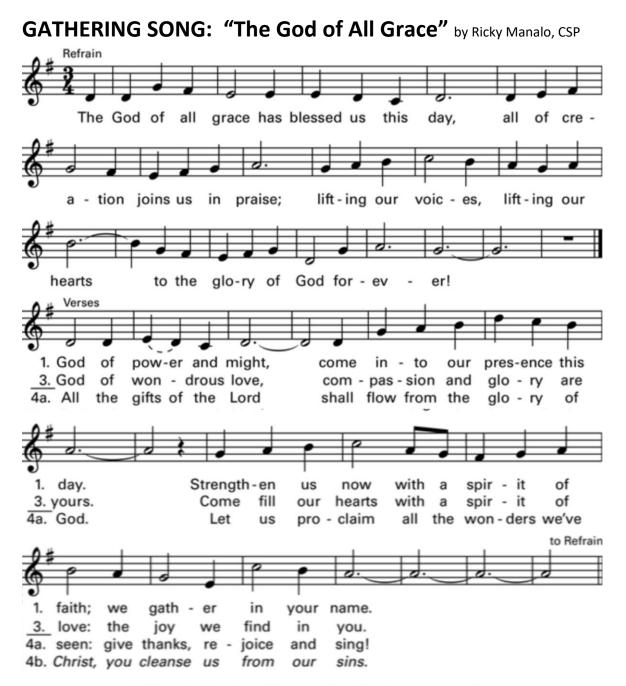
# All-Communion Mass

### Sunday, October 13 at 10am MDT

Hyde Chapel (MCA of the Rockles, Estes Park, Colorado



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#### GREETING

★ The grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you. *ALL: And also with you*.

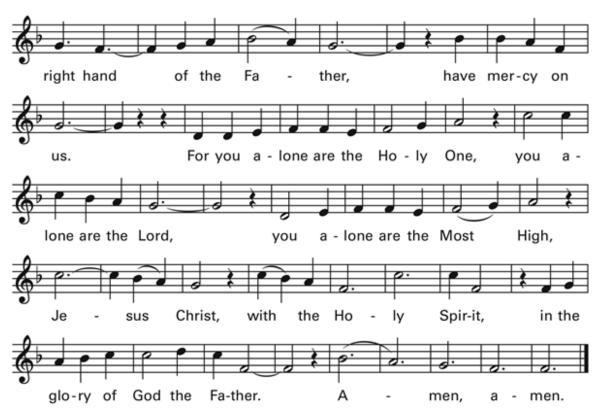
#### **INTRODUCTORY RITE**

At this and every Eucharistic feast we are both challenged and empowered by what we receive and what we become because of it. The mystery of our faith and our discipleship in Christ can be expressed in this affirmation: In this we are a Eucharistic people the Body of Christ incarnate, the Blood of Christ poured out for the life of the world. To this we are called; this we are by God's grace. But in humility we acknowledge our woundedness and ask for God's aid: When we fail to follow Holy Wisdom's leading, Jesus our brother, have mercy on us. ALL: Jesus our brother, have mercy on us. When our own personal desires impede our communal mission, Jesus our brother, have mercy on us. ALL: Jesus our brother, have mercy on us. When we fail to guard the good treasure entrusted to us, Jesus our brother, have mercy on us. ALL: Jesus our brother, have mercy on us. May the God who challenges and empowers us have mercy on us, ₭ forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life. Amen.

Empowered by God's grace we are bold to sing...

THE GLORIA Mass of St. Mary Magdalene, Sarah Hart





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#### **OPENING PRAYER**

DCN. ROBERT PRAGANO, OSB, *St Francis, Largo FL*: Let us pray.

+PABLO: God, Source of all Life,

your radiance shines brightly in our faith

perceived in the light of your boldly inclusive love.

Help us to pass on this light.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, your Son and our brother,

who with you and the Holy Spirit lives among us and through us, now and always. *Amen*.

Let us be attentive to God's word, alive in our midst.

#### WISDOM 9:1, 9-11

Lector GAYLE CRAUN, Church of the Holy Family, Denver CO

A reading from the book of Wisdom.

Solomon prayed, "God of my ancestors, passing knowledge of you down through the generations: With you is wisdom; she who knows your works and was present when you made the world; she understands what is pleasing in your sight and what is right according to your commandments.

Send her forth from the holy heavens, and from the throne of your glory send her, that she may labor at my side, and that I may learn what is pleasing to you. For she knows and understands all things, and she will guide me wisely in my actions and guard me with her glory.

Hear what Wisdom is saying to us now. ALL: Thanks be to God.

#### SABIDURÍA 9:1, 9-11

Una lectura del libro de la Sabiduría.

Salomón oró: "Dios de mis antepasados, pasando el conocimiento de ti de generación en generación: Contigo está la sabiduría; ella que conoce tus obras y estuvo presente cuando hiciste el mundo; ella entiende lo que es agradable a tus ojos y lo que es justo según tus mandamientos.

Envíala desde los santos cielos, y desde el trono de tu gloria envíala, para que ella pueda trabajar a mi lado, y que pueda aprender lo que te agrada. Porque ella sabe y comprende todas las cosas, y ella me guiará sabiamente en mis acciones y guárdame con su gloria.

Escuche lo que la Sabiduría nos está diciendo ahora. TODOS: Gracias a Dios.

#### PSALM 112: "A Light Rises in the Darkness" by Michael Guimont

Cantor FR. MICHAEL NICOSIA, St. Paul, Denver CO



With steadfast hearts they will not fear. Openhanded, they give to the poor; Their justice stands firm forever. Their torches\* will be raised in glory. R:/

\*The Grail gave onetime permission to change "upright" to "peoples" and "heads" to "torches" in the verses.

#### 2 TIMOTEO 1:1-9a, 10b-11, 14, CCI

Lectora JEAN CHRISTEN, Mary of Magdala, Fort Collins CO

Lectura de la segunda carta de Pablo a Timoteo.

Pablo, apóstol de Cristo Jesús por elección de Dios, a Timoteo, mi hijo amado en la fe: gracia, misericordia y paz del Dios de todos y de Jesucristo.

Doy gracias a Dios, a quien adoro con la conciencia tranquila, como lo hicieron mis antepasados, cuando te recuerdo constantemente en mis oraciones noche y día. Recordando tus lágrimas, anhelo verte para llenarme de alegría.

Recuerdo tu fe sincera, una fe que vivió primero en tu abuela Lois y en tu madre Eunice, una fe que ahora vive en ti. Por eso, les recuerdo que mantengas encendido el don de Dios que está en nosotros por la imposición de mis manos. Recuerde, Dios no nos dio un espíritu de cobardía, sino un espíritu de acción, amor y autodisciplina. Por tanto, no nos avergoncemos del testimonio de Jesús, que murió en la cruz, ni de mí, que estoy en prisión por causa de él. Más bien, únete a mí en el sufrimiento por el evangelio, confiando en el poder de Dios, que nos libró, nos liberó y nos llamó con llamamiento santo.

Porque Cristo puso fin a la muerte y reveló la vida eterna por el evangelio. Para este evangelio, fui nombrado mensajero, apóstol y maestro.

Y nosotros también somos llamados. Guarda el buen tesoro que te ha sido confiado. El Espíritu Santo, que vive en nosotros, nos ayudará.

La Palabra de Dios. *TODOS: Gracias a Dios.* 

#### 2 TIMOTHY 1:1-9a, 10b-11, 14, CCI

A Reading from Paul's Second Letter to Timothy.

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by God's choosing, to Timothy, my beloved child in faith: grace, mercy, and peace from the God of all and Jesus the Christ.

I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy.

I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice, a faith that now lives in you. For this reason, I remind you to keep aflame the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands. Remember, God gave us not a spirit of cowardice, but a spirit of action, love, and self-discipline.

Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony of Jesus who died on the cross, or of me who is in prison for his sake. Rather, join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, who delivered us, freed us, and called us with a holy calling...

For Christ put an end to death and revealed life everlasting through the gospel. For this gospel, I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher...

And you, also, are called. Guard the good treasure entrusted to you. The Holy Spirit, who lives within us, will help you.

The Word of God. ALL: Thanks be to God.

#### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** Mass of St. Mary Magdalene



V2: Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life, [Tus palabras, Señor, son Espíritu y vida, you have the words of everlasting life. tienes palabras de vida eterna.]

#### MATTHEW 5:13-16, paraphrased

DEACON CONNIE HANSER, Emmaus, Olympia WA:

A Reading from the Good News attributed to Matthew.

#### ALL: Glory to you, O God.

Jesus asked the disciples, "Why are we here? We're here to be the seasoning that brings out the God-flavors of this world. If you lose your saltiness, what you hope to contribute as a gift will only be scattered and trampled upon.

"We're here to be a light to a world that's lost its way in the dark. As a city located on a hill cannot be hidden, so too a radiant church. People do not light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand so that it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before people, so that they can see your good deeds and give God the honor and the glory."

The Gospel of God. ALL: Praise to You, Jesus the Christ.

#### MATEO 5:13-16, parafraseado

Lectura de la Buena Nueva atribuida a Mateo. *TODOS: Gloria a ti, oh Dios.* 

Jesús preguntó a los discípulos: "¿Por qué estamos aquí? Estamos aquí para ser el condimento que resalta los sabores divinos de este mundo. Si pierde su sabor salado, lo que espera aportar como regalo sólo quedará esparcido y pisoteado. "Estamos aquí para ser una luz para un mundo que se ha perdido en la oscuridad. Así como una ciudad situada sobre una colina no se puede esconder, así también una iglesia radiante. No se enciende una lámpara y se pone debajo de un canasto, sino sobre un candelero, para que alumbre a todos los que están en la casa. De la misma manera, deja que tu luz brille ante los hombres, para que puedan ver tus buenas obras y darle a Dios el honor y la gloria".

El Evangelio de Dios. TODOS: Alabado seas, Jesús el Cristo.

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**PROFESSION OF FAITH** (based on "Our Truth" by Michael J. Nicosia and Phil. 2:6-11) +PABLO: While echoing the ancient creeds of our faith,

using fresh words to articulate our core beliefs

helps us to bring it into dialogue with our present experience

of God's activity in our midst.

Together we profess what we have received,

as it continues to unfold in our midst.

ALL: We believe in God, our Mother out-pouring, our Father uniting, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is seen and yet to be revealed.

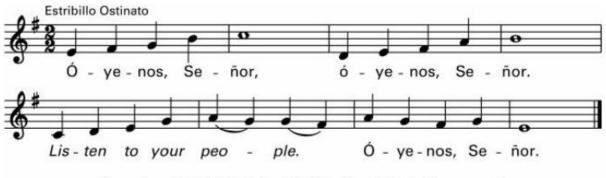
Jesus the Christ, although divine in essence, disregarded the image of a lofty God. Instead, Jesus poured himself out, taking on the mantle of a servant. Born, human in essence, human in every way, Jesus humbled himself, accepting death on a cross. Yet even in this, God brought forth new life. God gave Jesus the name above all other names, so that all will honor the name of Jesus, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, so that every tongue will proclaim that Jesus the Christ lives and reigns with peace and love, for the glory of God.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the spirit of truth and giver of life, who with the Father and the Son models equality in diversity and the blessings that proceed from self-giving love. With the Father and the Son, She is worshiped and glorified. We believe in the ways She unites us: through her prophetic challenge, through the Body of Christ, the Church, in our shared baptism, in our sacrifices on behalf of others, in our hope in the resurrection, and in the fulfillment of God's promise in eternity.

#### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Our faith makes a difference when we live our care and concern for others. Let us then pray for the needs of the Church and the world.

#### "Óyenos Mi Dios" Misa de las Americas, Bob Hurd



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Reader Liz Begalla, St. Paul Catholic Community of Faith:

 We spread the light of Christ through the way we are church together. May our Communion's compassion, care and advocacy give glory to God, bring light to the entire household of faith, and give witness to those who are searching for faith's relevance. For this we pray: Óyenos mi Dios. Óyenos mi Dios. Listen to your people. Óyenos mi Dios.

 A hallmark of our ECC life is to strive to inclusively engage in holy conversations, wherein every voice is heard and valued. May our example inspire civil discourse and the pursuit of the common good. For the healing of our nation, we pray: Óyenos mi Dios. Óyenos mi Dios. Listen to your people. Óyenos mi Dios.

- When we care for the sick or any who are sore oppressed,
   God hears their cry for help and is present to them.
   May healing spring up quickly for those God has placed in our care,
   we pray: Óyenos mi Dios. Óyenos mi Dios. Listen to your people. Óyenos mi Dios.
- 4. For all our dearly departed and for those who mourn their passing. We particularly remember Sheila Dierks, Fred Ball, Jack Wolff and the other deceased members of our Communion whose ministries helped to shape who we are and who we hope to be. Please mention other names aloud.... That, as Christ's light dawns, glory may be further revealed, we pray: Óyenos mi Dios. Óyenos mi Dios. Listen to your people. Óyenos mi Dios.
- 5. For whom else or what else shall we pray?
  [floor open to intercessions of the assembly] ... we pray:
  Óyenos mi Dios. Óyenos mi Dios. Listen to your people. Óyenos mi Dios.

#### All-vulnerable God,

in his crucifixion your Son became one with his siblings who are naked and defenseless. Hear these prayers and empower our voices and service

on their behalf. All this we ask and can do in Jesus' name. *Amen.* 

#### SIGN OF PEACE

God's glory is surely revealed when we work together in peace.

May the peace of Jesus Christ be always with you. ALL: And also with you.

Please turn toward the camera first

and offer a sign of Christ's peace to our virtual congregants, then extend that peace to those around you.

#### LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

DCN. ROBERT: During the preparation of the gifts, we ask those who are participating online to follow the tradition of your community.

If you choose, you are welcome to offer with us bread and wine in your homes.

#### SONG OF PREPARATION: "Bread for the World" by Bernadette Farrell



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#### **PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS**

BreadBlessed are you, God of all creation. Through your goodness<br/>we have this bread to offer which earth has given and human<br/>hands have made. It will become for us the bread of life.ALL: Blessed be God forever.

WineBlessed are you, God of all creation.Through your goodness we have this wine to offer,<br/>fruit of the vine and work of human hands.It will become our spiritual drink.ALL: Blessed be God forever.

#### **PRESENTATION OF THE NEWLY ORDAINED & INCARDINATED**

At this time of offertory, I call forward the newly ordained and incardinated members of our Communion: Dcn. Besem Oben Etchi, Dcn. Robert Pragano, Dcn. Christy Chady, Dcn. Bill Shea, Rev. John Tanner, Rev. Tammy Fuqua, and Rev. John Higgins.

- My siblings in Christ, you have joined us in offering our ministries for the up-building of Christ's Church.
- We also acknowledge the gifts of those preparing for ordination or incardination into our beloved Communion: Dcn. Mike Weil, Dom Peter Veitch, Deborah Imbach, Rev. Cathy Chambers, Tim Rooney, and Rev. Maggie Gann.
- Together with all the disciples of Christ Jesus we join in prayer, that our sacrifices may be acceptable to our Father/Mother God.
- ALL: May God accept the sacrifice at our hands for the praise and glory of God's name, for our good, and the good of all the Church.

#### **PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS**

God of blessings abundant, whatever we have comes from you.

Offering these gifts, we ask you to call us to the table of your Son, so inclusive that its light pierces any darkness that would divide us. May we be bearers of that light. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Those recognized return to their seats.

PREFACE OF INCLUSIVE UNITY (Michael J. Nicosia © 2024. Permission to use freely.)

Let us lift up our hearts to the God who is with us. ALL: We lift them up to God.

Give thanks to our loving God. ALL: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Holy God, Holy and Inclusive, Holy and Immortal One, we do well always and everywhere to give you thanks through Your Son, Jesus the Christ.

Through Christ you bring us the challenge of the Good News, that we may be united by one faith and one baptism to become Christ's Body working with your grace, that our wounded world might be transformed.

Yet even before Jesus' coming,

having created all things through your Word, Christ's love animated all that is and your Holy Spirit flowed to all peoples, continually inspiring us to live as one family in love. How marvelous is the unity that She creates from our diversity, as She dwells in the hearts of your children, each anointed to be a blessing to the rest.

Grounding us and guiding us with her Wisdom and challenge, we can live up to the full potential that unity affords!

In union with the whole of Creation

we join the choirs of angels to sing of your glory:



HOLY, HOLY, HOLY Mass of St. Mary Magdalene

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#### **EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

(adapted from Eucharistic Prayer XX from the German Old Catholic Sacramentary)

You are indeed holy, God, source of all holiness.

You bring light out of darkness, life out of death, word out of silence.

We thank you for our earthly life

and for the world which you have given us.

We thank you for the new world to come and for the light of your love which will penetrate all.

#### We praise you for your grace which you have bestowed on your church,

your priestly people, lay and ordained; for the salvation that is ours through your inclusive love; and for your gift of the promised land that we have come to know in our way of being church together.

We thank you for your faithfulness to

the covenant which you made with us, for leading us out of exile and into this place of belonging, this community of faith that carries the torch of the prophets old and new.

- We praise you for the death and resurrection of your beloved Son who fulfilled and will still fulfill your promises.
- As a community of his disciples we remember what he did at table and in life, foreshadowing the self-gift that was his death.

Jesus took bread, gave you thanks and praise, broke the bread, and gave it to the disciples saying:

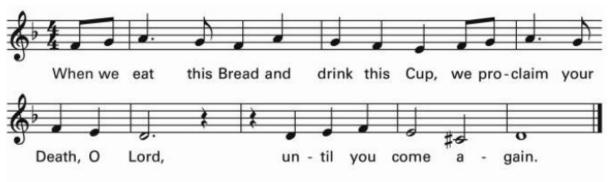
- ALL: Take this, all of you, and eat it. This is my body, which will be given up for you.
- When the supper was ended, he took the cup of wine. Again he gave you thanks and praise, gave the cup to the disciples, and said:
- ALL: Take this, all of you, and drink from it.
  This is the cup of my blood,
  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.

Therefore, God on High, with this bread and this cup we remember your self-emptying and the covenant your Son made with us: Born in our flesh, he shared the table with everyone. For the sake of your inclusive love, he gave his life.

In particular, in joy and gratitude,

we remember today his resurrection, the light of our eternal hope.

DCN. ROBERT: Great is the mystery of our faith.



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Loving God, send your Holy, life-giving Spirit upon us and upon these gifts, that they may become for us 承 the Body and Blood of Christ. Unite us and all who receive this sacrament in his communion and fellowship.

Let us enter the splendor of your earthly and your heavenly kin-dom and receive our heritage with all your saints in light.

With all who have gone before us and now see you face to face, we long for our resurrection and for the completion of your promises, when Christ will come again in beauty and power to celebrate the great and all-inclusive feast.

# Through Christ, with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, Life-giving God, forever and ever.



#### THE PRAYER OF JESUS

- +PABLO: Let us turn toward the camera again and join our prayers to the prayer Jesus taught us, in whatever words our diverse communities use.
- ALL: Our Parent, who art in heaven, hallowed by thy Name. Your kin-dom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
- +PABLO: As a mother comforts her children, comfort us and grant us peace in our day. In your compassion correct our missteps and keep our torches burning brightly as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Savior and brother, Jesus Christ.

ALL: For the kin-dom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.



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#### INVITATION TO THE TABLE FOR ALL

**Our Family in Christ:** 

In the Ecumenical Catholic Communion we acknowledge that this table is the source and substance of our kinship with Christ and one another. The invitation to receive Christ's body and blood is open to all.

#### For as the Scriptures tell us:

They will come from every race, nation, tribe, and way of life and sit at table in the kingdom of God. Come, share the feast which the Christ has prepared for us.

DCN. ROBERT: Gluten-free hosts are in the covered ciborium and consecrated grape juice is available in the wooden serving trays.Both stations are in front of the altar, while consecrated wheat bread and wine are to either side.

All are invited down the center aisle, returning to your seats down the side aisles. If abstaining from alcohol, receive the juice first, then head to either side if receiving wheat bread.

#### May the body and blood of Christ bring us to everlasting life.

#### **COMMUNION SONGS**



\* Bread of Life, body of the Lord, \*\*power is for service, because God is Love. \*\*\*You call me "Lord," and I bow to wash your feet: you must do the same, humbly serving each other.

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#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

DCN. ROBERT: Let us pray.

+PABLO: We thank you, great God, for the gifts of your love made tangible in this sacrament of belonging and your Spirit's empowerment. Illumine, we pray, our collaborations as your church, so that all can see the light we pass on and give you honor and the glory. This we ask in the name of Jesus, the Light of the World and of our lives. Amen.

#### **CONCLUDING RITE**

God is with you. ALL: And also with you.

May the blessing of God's Covenant be yours:

**H** the Source of all Being, the Eternal Word, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

#### DISMISSAL

#### DCN. CONNIE:

Echoing the words of author L. R. Knost: "Do not be dismayed by the brokenness of the world. All things break. And all things can be mended. Not with time, as they say, but with intention. So go. Love intentionally, extravagantly, unconditionally. The broken world waits in darkness for the light that is you."

ALL: Filled with thanksgiving, we go in the peace and love of Christ.

#### CLOSING SONG: Canticle of the Sun by Marty Haugen



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