

The 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time, July 19, 2026

Eucharist Liturgy

Opening Song: Magdalene (by Bonnie Murphy)
(To the tune of God of Day and God of Darkness)

Christ companion, Mary Magdalene, how the world has slighted you.
You were honored by the early church as a preacher of good news.
May we right the wrongs you've suffered and restore your image to
Apostle to the apostles, woman leader, strong and true.

There beneath the cross on Calvary, bearing witness till the end,
Steadfast with the other women, loyal to your lord and friend.
First to see the risen Jesus, perhaps first to comprehend
The deep meaning of the empty tomb, future kin-dom, ours to tend.

Opening Prayer: Good and Loving God, Creator of women and men in Your own image, create in us and in our church a desire for the wholeness you planned. Word, made flesh and born of a woman, empower us that we, like Mary Magdalene, may boldly proclaim the truth of our Experience; Holy Spirit, animator of women throughout space and time, guide us as we work to create more just and inclusive structures in our Church and World.

AMEN!

Penitential Rite/Call to Transformation:

God, our Mother and Father of compassion, through his living, dying and rising, Jesus has revealed that nothing can separate us from the infinite love of God. May God give us pardon and peace, and may we forgive each other our failures to care for one another and for our earth in the name of God our creator, and of Jesus our brother, and of the Holy Spirit our wisdom. Amen.

Gloria:

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth. O God, heavenly Being, all loving God and Mother, we praise you, we give you thanks, we honor all creation. Jesus Christ, blessed Son of the Creator, Our God, help us to become a loving people: for you have loved us from the beginning and you dwell within us always. For you, Eternal Word, are Whole and Holy, you are the light of our faith, one with the Trinity, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God our Father. Amen.

(Choose Readers)

FIRST READING: A Reading from the Book of Wisdom 12:13,16-19

For there is no deity besides You, Woman Wisdom, Whose care is for all people, to whom You must prove that You have not judged unjustly. Your strength is the source of righteousness, and Your sovereignty over all causes You to spare all. You show Your strength when people doubt the completeness of Your power, and You rebuke any insolence among those who know it. Although You are sovereign in strength, You judge with mildness. With great forbearance You govern us, although You have power to act whenever You choose. Through such works, compassionate judgment and forbearance in governance, You have taught Your people that the righteous must be kind. You have filled Your children with good hope because You awaken conscience in them, regret for harm they do to one another and creation, and capacity to repent.

The Word of a Wisdom Writer

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 86:4-6; 8-10; 15-16

The Psalm response is: How great is our God.

R: How great is our God.

Gladden our souls!

For to You, O God, we lift up our souls.

You, Compassionate One, are good and forgiving,
abounding in steadfast love to all who call on You.

Give ear to our prayer.

Hear our heartfelt prayers.

R: How great is our God.

None among the gods can equal You, Source of All.

Their deeds cannot compare to Yours.

All creation reflects Your pride.

All the peoples You have created
will offer their gifts in Your service,
and be the glory of Your Name.

For You are great. All are in awe at the wonders of Creation.

You alone are God.

R: How great is our God.

You are a tender and compassionate God, ready to forgive,
slow to anger, abounding in love and truth.

Be present to us. Be gracious to us.
Strengthen us.
Free us from all that hinders the fullness of life.

R: How great is our God.

**SECOND READING: A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans
8:26-27**

The Spirit helps us in our weakness because we do not know how to pray as we ought. That very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches human hearts, knows the mind of the Spirit. Thus, the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the desire of God's heart.

The Word of the Apostle Paul.

Thanks be to God.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Gospel According to Mary Magdalene 5:1-7

But they were grieved. They wept greatly, saying, How shall we go to the Gentiles and preach the gospel of the Kingdom of the Son of Man? If they did not spare Him, how will they spare us? 2 Then Mary stood up, greeted them all, and said to her brethren, Do not weep and do not grieve nor be irresolute, for His grace will be entirely with you and will protect you. 3 But rather, let us praise His greatness, for He has prepared us and made us into Men.

4 When Mary said this, she turned their hearts to the Good, and they began to discuss the words of the Savior. 5 Peter said to Mary, Sister we know that the Savior loved you more than the rest of women. 6 Tell us the words of the Savior which you remember which you know, but we do not, nor have we heard them. 7 Mary answered and said, What is hidden from you I will proclaim to you.

The Words of Mary Magdalene.

Praise to you, Jesus the Christ.

[Homily](#)

Profession of Faith

ALL: We believe in God who is compassion in our world. We believe in Jesus, whose death and resurrection reveals God's infinite love. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the breath of Wisdom Sophia, who energizes and

guides us to live Christ's presence. We believe in the communion of saints, our heavenly friends, who inspire us to live holy lives. We believe in the church as the people of God, living in faith, hope and love. Amen!

Prayers of the Faithful:

We invite you to give voice to any concerns, needs and thanksgivings. After each petition, please say, "Hear our prayer." **Our response: Amen.**

We believe that you hear our prayers and join us in our time of need and gratitude. For these and the requests we carry in the silence of our hearts, be near and fill us with your grace. **Amen.**

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation of the Gifts: Please join me in the preparation of the gifts. 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. **All: Blessed be God forever.**

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. **All: Blessed be God forever.**

My siblings, let us pray that these gifts may be acceptable to God, our Creator. +

All: Creator God, accept these gifts from our hands for the praise and glory of your name, for our good and the good of all your people.

Ever-gentle God, Jesus accepted all who came to him as an example for us. Accept our gifts, our intentions and ourselves. We offer our lives in service to you and your people. Fill us with the spirit of humility and love. We ask this through Jesus our hope. **Amen.**

The Eucharistic Prayer (Women's Ordination Worldwide, 2012)

God, our Mother and Father, creator of us in Your own image, loving foundation and heart of all beings, we are gathered here before You. We pray for all the faithful around the world so that they may be blessed with the strength to persevere, the courage to speak out, the vision to seek a renewed ministry and the faith to believe in You beyond all systems and institutions, so that Your face on earth may be seen in all its beauty.

We call on the holy, courageous women and men who went before us, to intercede for us so that we might be given the grace and vision to follow in their footsteps as we work together in solidarity for an inclusive and accountable Catholic Church.

We join our voices now with them and with all those who have gone before us, with all your saints who have struggled to bring a glimpse of your kin-dom here on earth, saying this hymn of unending praise:

Holy, holy, holy, God of gentleness and light. Heaven and Earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the One who comes in the name of our God. Hosanna in the Highest.

Holy God, who breathes fire into our very existence, filling us with heavenly joy and holy indignation at the plight of our world: we worship You, we praise You, and we trust in Your promise to be with us, now and always.

We claim the sign of renewal given to a broken and discouraged community, now as then in Jerusalem; for You came to Your people, filling them with confidence. Your Holy Spirit inspired their lives, bringing clarity and vision, perseverance and persistence, hope and peace.

Blessed is Jesus, our brother, who calls us beyond the limits of our understanding of our humanity to seek the divine spark within us all, and fills us with a sense of oneness with God and with each other in community.

On the night He was betrayed, while at supper with His friends, Jesus took bread, gave thanks, and broke it saying:

(Please extend your hands and say these words together)

Take this, all of you, and eat it. This is my body, which will be given up for you.

After supper, He took the cup, blessed it and said:

(Please extend your hands and say these words together)

Take this all of you and drink from it; this is the cup of my blood, the life of the new and everlasting covenant. Do this in memory of me.

Holy God, we now offer You these gifts, longing for the bread of justice and the wine of the kin-dom to come. Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

All: ***Christ has died;
Christ is risen;
Christ will come again.***

Pour out Your Spirit on these gifts that through them we may be vehicles of justice and compassion and may reconcile ourselves and each other and the world through Your unconditional love and abundant grace. Sanctified by the power of Your Spirit, may we be better able to proclaim Your message, look beyond the obstacles in our path and see new visions, dream new dreams and become Your Beloved Community in the Name of Jesus.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory be given to You, Source of all life, now and forever. ALL: Amen.

Kiss of Peace

The peace of Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

Let us offer each other a sign of Christ's peace.

The Lord's Prayer

Now let us join together in saying the prayer Jesus taught us to pray:

Our Father, Our Mother, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy Kin-dom come, thy 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. For the Kin-dom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. AMEN.

Communion: This is Jesus, the Bread of Life and the Wine of Salvation. How blessed are we who are called to this table.

All: God, by your invitation, we delight in our worthiness to receive you. (The Body and Blood of Christ. AMEN.)

Communion Meditation: We gather in solidarity with women and men throughout the world, whose demands for justice and inclusion call us to conversion. We gather in hope for our church that - with our help - might become a place of radical inclusion and justice, and equality without qualification.

Announcements: July 26 is a maybe for Grammy Kay

Closing Prayer: Let us pray,

God of Wisdom, You breathe into our hearts in every moment, whispering the sacred power of the feminine. Open our spirits to receive your grace in all the ways You invite women and men to be Your holy messengers and ministers. God of Creativity, You show us who You are in our mothers, today

in Mary Magdalene and so many other women. Open our eyes to see You in everyone, each of whom You created in Your exquisite image. God of Infinite Love, You bless us with the gift of diversity, showing Your face to us in every act of love and compassion. Open our hearts to receive the wounded and the wounders, committing to love all as You have taught us to love. **AMEN**

Sending Forth: May our loving God bless you, in the name of the Creator, the Word and Holy Wisdom + Our mass has ended but our service has just begun. Go in the peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God.