

# Christ the Servant Liturgy

Liturgy of Mary Magdalene Apostle Catholic Community

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## Opening Song

### Kyrie

Source of Life, we often close our minds to Your words of life. [R] *Life-giving God, open our minds to hear Your voice more clearly.*

Wellspring of Life, we often close our hearts to Your words that challenge us. [R] *Living God, open our hearts to live the Gospel wholeheartedly.*

Fountain of Life, we often fail to reach out to others in their need. [R] *God of Life, help us to respond to Your call to serve more generously.*

God who is Life, forgive our failure to live the Gospel. Strengthen and empower us to live our lives in service of Your vision of justice for all. *Amen.*

## Opening Prayer

### First Reading

The Word of our God. [R] *Thanks be to God.*

### Psalm

### Second Reading

The Word of our God. [R] *Thanks be to God.*

## Gospel Acclamation

### Gospel

God is with you. [R] *And also with you.*  
A reading from the Gospel according to .....  
[R] *Glory to You, O God.*

The Gospel of our God.

[R] *Praise to you, Jesus the Christ.*

## Homily

## Profession of Faith

(by Sister Joan Chittister, OSB; edited version)

*We believe in God who made us all, and whose divinity infuses life with the sacred. We believe in the multiple revelations of God, alive in every human heart, expressed in every culture, found in all the wisdoms of the world.*

*We believe in Jesus, the Christ, who leads us to the fullness of humanity, to what we are meant to become. Through Christ, we become new people, called beyond the consequences of our brokenness, lifted to the fullness of life.*

*We believe in the Holy Spirit, the breath of God on earth, who keeps the Christ vision present to souls yet in darkness, gives light to hearts now blind, infuses energy into spirits yet weary, isolated, searching and confused. We believe in God who is life.*

*Amen to courage, to hope, to spirit of truth, to nature, to happiness, to wholeness, to the partnership of women and men in God's plan, to the Christ who calls us beyond the boundaries of ourselves, to forgiveness, and to everything that stretches our hearts to the dimensions of God. In all of this, we can surely believe, as God does.*

## Prayer of the Faithful

### Offertory Song

### Preparation of the Bread and Wine

Blessed are you, O 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 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. *Blessed be God forever.*

Pray that our lives and our service be acceptable to God, our Source of Life. *Accept our gifts for the good of all.*

## Prayer with our Gifts

### Eucharistic Prayer

God dwells in you. *And also in you.*

Come to the table with thankful hearts.

*We open our hearts to God and to one another.*

**Presider** God of all Life, we thank You for Your servant Jesus, who shows us the way to live our lives in service of Your kin-dom and Your vision for justice on earth. In unity with all who yearn for the desire of Your heart to be done on earth, we praise Your name:

## **Sanctus**

*Holy, Holy, Holy God, God of Service and Life. Heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed are all who come in your name. Hosanna in the highest.*

**Voice 1** Human like us, Jesus allowed Your creative Spirit to move in his life: in his youth and young adulthood; in his searching and questioning; in his hopes and dreams; and in his understanding of where the sacred was to be found.

**Voice 2** Human like us, Jesus allowed Your transforming Spirit to inspire him: to find ways to free people from religious images and ideas that kept them captive, dependent, and fearful of You; to move away from religious institutionalism; to disregard social and religious barriers; and to challenge religious leaders to move beyond legalism.

**Voice 3** Human like us, Jesus lived and died for what he believed: that love is stronger than fear and death; that You are present even in darkness and chaos; that You can be trusted absolutely; that living in love and service is living in You; that dying in love is dying into You; and that resurrection and new life always follow death.

**All:** *We give You thanks, O God, for the life and knowledge which You revealed to us through Your servant Jesus. In the earth was the seed, in the seed was the shoot, in the shoot was the stalk, in the stalk was the grain, in the grain was the bread, and life was in the bread; and the bread is the Body of Christ.*

*[Pause]*

*We give You thanks, O God, for the holy seed of Your servant David, which came to fruition in Your servant Jesus. In the earth was the seed, in the seed was the vine, in the vine was the grape, in the grape was the wine, and life was in the wine; and the wine is the Blood of Christ.*

**Presider** This bread, from seeds once scattered over the hillside by the sower, and gathered by the harvester, has become one loaf. This wine, once the grapes of a vine, pressed and fermented, is poured in this one cup. In like manner, may we be gathered together as one people in Your kin-dom of justice and peace. Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith:

*When we eat this bread, and drink this cup, we proclaim the coming of Your kin-dom.*

**Voice 4** Human like us, Jesus reveals to us our true identity: that we are earthen vessels holding a treasure; that we are temples of Your Spirit; that we are members of his body to continue his service to all humanity; that You are present and active throughout history; and that You are always with us in our living compassion and loving service to others.

**Voice 5** Human like us, Jesus challenges us to let his story be our story. We share the convictions of Jesus and rejoice to be his followers, the Church, a people set free and dedicated to service. In our freedom, we are called to share this Good News with all people who seek connection between their human experience and You, Source of Life and Sustainer of our being.

## **Great Amen**

*Through Christ the Servant, may all creation be renewed. Through Christ the Servant, may our service to others bring healing. Through Christ the Servant, may Your vision of peace and justice advance and flourish. In Your Spirit may all glory and honor be Yours, forever and ever.*

*[See the song sheet if the “Amen” is sung] Amen.*

## **The Prayer of Jesus**

*Loving God, in whom is heaven, may Your name be honored everywhere. May Your kin-dom come, May the desire of Your heart for the world be done in us, by us and through us. Give us the bread we need for each day. Forgive us. Enable us to forgive others. Keep us from all anxiety and fear. For You reign in the power that comes from love which is Your glory forever and ever. Amen.*

## **The Sign of Peace**

May the peace of God be with you always. *And also with you.* Let us offer each other a sign of peace.

*[See the song sheet if the “Lamb of God” is sung]*

*Lamb of God, you call us to live in expectant hope. Lamb of God, you call us to witness to Your love. Lamb of God, you call us to serve others. Grant us peace.*

**Presider** We are the body and blood of Christ. We are his hands to serve the world. *We are truly blessed to share in this service and ministry.*

## **Communion Song**

## **Prayer after Communion and Closing Blessing**

## **Closing Song**