

• Gathering Rite •

Song: Ten Thousand Reasons

Call to Centering: Every woman images the Divine. All are saints.

**We are images of Wisdom Sophia.
We are saints.**

During this season we remember the communion of saints, the ongoing relationship between the living, and the dead. The communion of saints binds us to the community of women, children, and men of the past, present, and future. The worlds of the living and the dead are very close, at this time of year.

Saints image God as we image God.
Look around you. Truly look.

Notice one another's faces. I invite you to turn to those around you, greet them with their name, call them saint and remind them that they are made in the image of God. Remind them that they are an image of Wisdom Sophia.
{pause for exchange}

Invocation: Divine Imagination, Thoughtful God, Wisdom Sophia- you bring us together to celebrate that each of us is a gift of your sacred creativity. We ask that you join us in the work of noticing the sacredness in the faces to our left, and to our right, in the eyes of those who are very much like us— and the eyes of those who are very different from us.

Join us in the joy of discovery in this holy moment as we celebrate your spirit in each of us. **Amen.**

Song: Beautiful Things

The grace of Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you. **And also with you.**

Reflection: We women must follow our call from God, even if it means going up against the ingrained cultural mores and images of what woman is. Like the many Marys of scripture, women are not defined by their biology and reproductive capabilities, but by the call to discipleship and relationship with the triune God. Let us embrace this wisdom as we listen.

• Liturgy of the Word •

Reading 1: Isaiah 55:1-9

Song: Roots in the Earth

*Reading 2: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31
-or- Luke 1:39-55*

Sermon

Song: Song of Miriam

Let's profess our faith, using the Women's Creed:

I believe in God who created woman and man in God's own image, who created the world and gave all the responsibility of care of the earth.

I believe in Jesus, child of God, chosen of God, born of the woman Mary, who listened to women and liked them, who stayed in their homes, who discussed the Kingdom with them, who was followed and financed by women disciples.

I believe in Jesus, who discussed theology with a woman at a well and

first confided in her his messiahship, who motivated her to go and tell her great news to the city.

I believe in Jesus who received anointing from a woman at Simon's house, who rebuked the male guests who scorned her.

I believe in Jesus who said this woman will be remembered for what she did – ministering for and with Jesus.

I believe in Jesus who healed a woman on the sabbath because she was a human being.

I believe in Jesus who spoke of God as a woman seeking the lost coin.

I believe in Jesus who thought of pregnancy and birth with reverence, not as punishment – but as wrenching event, a metaphor for transformation, anguish-into-joy.

I believe in Jesus who spoke of himself as a mother hen who would gather her chicks under her wing.

**I believe in Jesus who appeared first to Mary Magdalene, who sent her with the bursting message:
GO AND TELL.**

I believe in the Mary who did go and tell. Who was beside Jesus, a confidant and fellow teacher, who continued on teaching and healing in the wake of Jesus' resurrection.

I believe in the wholeness of the triune God, in whom there is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for we are all one in salvation.

I believe in the Holy Spirit as she moves over the waters of creation and over the earth.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the women spirit of God, who like a hen, created us and gave us birth and covers us with her wings.

(adapted from Rachel Wahlberg, 2019)

Prayers of the Faithful: For what, and who do we pray, today?

Prayers sung response:

We fall, in love. We wait, in love.
God here with us in everything,
everything, everything.

• Liturgy of the Eucharist •

The peace of the one who frees us be with you, always.

And also with you.

Let's offer one another a sign of peace, and care.

Dialogue:

The Lord be with you

and also with you

Lift up your hearts

We lift them up to the Lord

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God
It is right to give our thanks and praise

It is not only right, but truly necessary for us to thank you, God. The universe overflows with your goodness.

You open your hand to satisfy the needs of every part of your creation, and your creation, out of gratitude and joy, joins in an echoing song of praise:

Song: *You Are Holy (3x)*

Words of Institution

Invitation to Table

Communion Song: *Emmaus*

Look into the face of the person next to you and see a saint, see the image of God, Wisdom Sophia. You are images of the Divine Imagination.

Divine Creator, Wisdom Sophia, we come from your sacred womb, your own image, born in love and supported by your very body the earth. We ask that you bless us yet again and continue to surprise us with the sacred in our own lives and in the lives of our siblings. May we bless others as we struggle, and laugh, and dance, and stumble toward new creation. **Amen.**

Song: *How Can I Keep From Singing?*

Dismissal: Let us go forth with courage **for we are the image of God.**

Let us go for in beauty **for we are the image of God.**

Let us go forth to recognize the sacred in all of creation, **for we are part of the living God.**