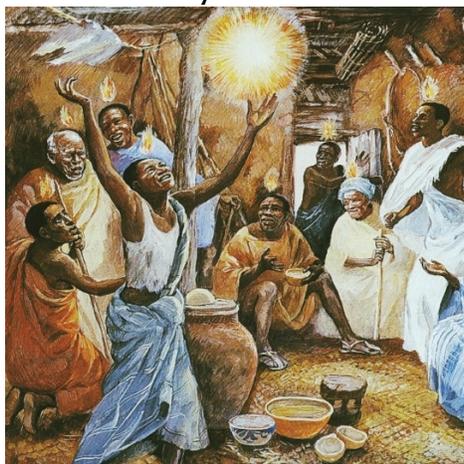


Mary Magdalene the Apostle Catholic Community 15th Anniversary Year - 2005-2020



Feast of Pentecost – May 31, 2020

Introduction & Welcome

Welcome to Mary Magdalene the Apostle Catholic Community based in San Diego, California, gathered today from all over. Know that wherever you are and whoever you are, you are welcome here, just as you are. We are glad you are joining us.

For the best worship experience for all, we ask that those of you joining us remain muted unless you are offering a prayer intention. At that time, you may either unmute yourself and speak your prayer intention aloud or type your prayer intention in the chat. We encourage you to sing along at home. You may wish to have bread and wine (or something similar) with you to share in our spiritual communion. After our liturgy concludes, we will have a brief break before gathering for some social time. All are welcome to join us for that time.

Today we celebrate the Feast of Pentecost, a celebration of the Breath of God and the Holy Spirit descending on the disciples. We remember especially today those who have lost their breath to the corona virus and our siblings of color, particularly black men, whose anguished cries of “I can’t breathe” have too often fallen on deaf ears as they were killed by those who should have protected them. We acknowledge our complicity in the systemic white supremacy and racism that pervades our country.

I invite you now to take a breath, a precious breath, before we begin our opening song.

Opening Song – *Send us Your Spirit*

David Haas

Refrain: *Come O Jesus. Send us your Spirit. Renew the face of the earth.
Come O Jesus. Send us your Spirit. Renew the face of the earth.*

Come to us, Spirit of God. Breathe in us now. We sing together.
Spirit of hope and of light, fill our lives.
Come to us, Spirit of God. **Refrain.**

Fill us with the fire of love. Burn in us now. Bring us together.
Come to us; dwell in us. Change our lives, o God.
Come to us, Spirit of God. **Refrain.**

Send us the wings of new birth.
Fill all the earth with the love you have taught us.
Let all creation now be shaken with love. Come to us, Spirit of God. **Refrain.**

Opening Rite

We begin our liturgy by blessing the name of our God with the sign of our faith:
+ In the name of God, who is Speaker, Word, & Breath. **Amen.**

May the grace of Jesus the Christ, the love of God, and the fire of the Holy Spirit be with you.
And also with you.

Knowing God's Loving Kindness

*Spirit! Power and Passion of our being...
press upon our hearts Your profound love.
Move through the fragments of our days;
enable us to sense Your fiery Presence
consecrating our most insignificant moments.*

*Spirit! Source of Vision, Perceptive Guide...
permeate the moments of our choices
when falsehood and truth both call to us.
Turn us toward the way of goodness,
so that we will always lean toward Your love.*

Opening Prayerⁱ

God of all power and love,
we give thanks for your unfailing presence
and the hope you provide in times of uncertainty and loss.
Send your Holy Spirit to enkindle in us your holy fire.
Revive us to live as Christ's body in the world:
a people who pray, worship, learn,
break bread, share life, heal neighbors,
bear good news, seek justice, rest and grow in the Spirit.
Wherever and however we gather,
unite us in common prayer and send us in common mission,
that we and the whole creation might be restored and renewed,
through Jesus the Christ, we pray... **Amen.**

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles:

When the day of Pentecost had come, the disciples were all together in one place. Suddenly, there came from the sky a sound like the rush of a strong, driving wind, and it filled the entire house where the disciples were staying. And then, what seemed to be tongues of fire appeared to them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit enabled them.

Now there were devout Judeans from every nation staying in Jerusalem. At this sound, a crowd gathered, and they were bewildered for each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking to us Galileans? Then how does each of us hear them in our own native language? Residents from all known regions, near and far, both Judeans and converts to Judaism, in our own languages we hear them speaking about the marvels of God."

All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" Some, however, sneered and said, "They have had too much new wine." Then Peter stood up, raised his voice and proclaimed, "These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It is only 9 in the morning! No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

*It will come to pass in the last days,' says God,
'that I will pour out a portion of my spirit upon all people.*

Your children of all genders shall prophesy.

Your youth shall see visions;

your elders shall dream dreams.

Indeed, upon My servants and My handmaids

*I will pour out a portion of my spirit in those days,
and they shall prophesy.*

*I will work wonders in the heavens above
and signs on the earth below:*

blood, fire, and a cloud of smoke.

*The sun shall be turned to darkness, and the moon to blood,
before the coming of the great and splendid day of God.*

*Everyone shall be made whole
who calls on the Holy Name."*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM Psalm 104:1-2+4, 24+29-30, 31+33-34

Resp. Kari Jobe, Cody Carnes

Our sung response is:

***Let the Spirit rise up, let it break through the walls
And beat down the doors, and crash through the windows
And cover the earth, the earth, the earth, the earth
Let the Spirit rise up, let it break through the walls
And beat down the doors, and crash through the windows
And cover the earth, the earth, the earth, the earth
The earth, the earth, the earth***

Bless God, O my soul!
My God, You are great indeed!
Robed in majesty and splendor,
 dressed in sunlight, dappled in moonlight.
You spread out the heavens, all of space, like a tent,
 Your chambers
The winds are Your messengers,
 fire and flame Your ambassadors. **R.**

How varied are Your works, O God.!
In wisdom, You made them all.
Your Creatures fill the earth.
When You hide Your face, all creatures are lost.
When You take away our breath, we perish and return to stardust.
Send out Your Spirit, O God, and life springs forth.
You renew the face of Earth. **R.**

May Your glory endure forever!
May You take delight in all You create!
We will sing to You all life-long!
We will sing praises while we live!
May our song be pleasing to You, O God.
In You, our hearts rejoice. **R.**

Second Reading	1 Corinthians 12: 4-13
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A Reading from Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians:

Different spiritual gifts abound; but they are given by same Spirit. There are many ways to serve; but we have the same Servant-Leader, Jesus the Christ. There are many works to be done. In all of them, and in everyone, the same God is active.

Each of us is given gifts of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given, through Spirit, wisdom to impart. Another, through the same Spirit, is given knowledge to impart. Another is granted faith; another, gifts of healing. To another is given power to work miracles, to another prophetic voice, to another discernment, to another various languages, to another the interpretation of those languages. All these gifts are activated by one and the same Spirit. And the Spirit, as She moves, distributes these gifts to each one individually

The human body is a unity, though it has many members. And all the members of the body, though many and varied, make up one single body. So it is in the Christ. In one Spirit, we were all baptized into one body - Judean or Gentile, slave or free. And we are all given to drink of the one Spirit.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Thanks be to God.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alle-lu-ia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alle-lu-ia!

Gospel

John 20: 19-22

Our God is with you. ***And also with you.***

A reading from the Gospel attributed to John. ***Glory to You, O God.***

When it was evening, on the day Jesus was raised from the dead, the first day of the week, the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the religious authorities. Jesus came and stood among the disciples and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, Jesus showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Christ.

Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As our loving God has sent me, so I send you." After saying this, he breathed on them, and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit."

The Gospel of God.

Praise to you, Jesus the Christ.

Homily

Kori Pacyniak, Pastor

Litany: A Prayer for a Violent Nationⁱⁱ

***O God,
Mystery,
Creator,
First Breath—***

We are so troubled.
We are the ones in denial of our violence
and we are the ones who are crying out for justice.
Can you feel us shaking?

***O God,
Mystery,
Creator,
First Breath—***

We are spiraling in despair.
We are looking to the ancestors
who teach us how to pray
and we are calling out the ancestors
who handed down their violence to us.
Can we be different?

**O God,
Mystery,
Creator,
First Breath—**

We cannot fathom wholeness
because, maybe, we don't really want it.
Teach us to want it.
Can we want it?

**O God,
Mystery,
Creator,
First Breath—**

We cannot go on this way,
with broken bones and unhealed wounds
and people screaming in the streets
for air.

**O God,
Mystery,
Creator,
First Breath—**

We are trying not to give up on each other.
We need to remember our way home.
We need to learn to believe in Us.
Can we believe in Us?

***Help us remember what it means.
Help us name and honor those who are killed in our streets.
Help us name our white supremacy.
Help us hold one another in Real Love.
Help us deny systems of whiteness.
Help us de-center hate.
Help us find the wounds.
Help us heal the wounds.
Help us.
Help.***

Prayers of the Faithful

A strong, driving wind . . . Amazed and astonished . . . They have had too much new wine . . . We, too, will soon share our own new wine, drinking deeply of the Spirit who has filled it -- and us -- with divinity. Let us now call on that same Spirit, asking for all that we and the world need.

Our response: *Breath-Spirit, living fire, your kin-dom come!*

That we who are young will prophesy and see visions, and we who are older will dream God-Spirit dreams, knowing that the entire cosmos is filled with your divine presence ... we pray ... **(Response)**

That, inebriated with the Spirit, we all acknowledge our unique gifts and use them for the common good ... we pray... **(Response)**

That we recognize the Spirit who is within us, and within all those we meet, especially in those who are poorest in body, in mind, in spirit ... we pray ... **(Response)**

In thanksgiving for the Breath of God, in the gentle spring breezes of Earth, and in the rushing torrents of cosmic wind and fire throughout the billions of galaxies beyond numbering... we pray ... **(Response)**

For all those who make it hardest for us to see the Spirit within them ... we pray as Jesus said we should ... **(Response)**

Now it is time to bring to God the personal prayers and intentions of our Spirit-filled community of Alleluia and sorrow, remembering as well the universal needs of all people, especially those who have been touched by the pandemic.

All those who wish to share a prayer, please unmute your microphone and speak your prayer briefly and clearly.

Let us now take a moment to remember all the prayers and intentions here today that have remained unspoken, deep in the silence of our hearts . . .

For these intentions and for all the prayers written in our community prayer book . . . we pray ... **(Response)**

Closing Prayer of the Faithful:ⁱⁱⁱ

Hear, O Church, the wail of Black mothers. Hear, O Nation, the sobs of Black fathers. Hear, O People, in every tongue and language, the desire for life and breath. Hear, O America, the cries of 400 years asking, "How Long?" Hear, the gasp and the cries and weep.

Oh God, guide our steps. Transform our hands, our hearts, our tongues in the ways of justice and peace. Let not a word slip from our lips that would denigrate any of your beloved children.

Kindle in us anger at structures and systems that hold your people down. Make us bold to commit our whole lives to the liberation and healing of all. Reconcile us to one another, and to You.

Heal us, O Great Physician, from the racism of our systems and structures. Banish the viruses that seek to destroy. Equip us for the work that must be done. Strengthen us for the days ahead. Jesus, guard and guide us. Do not let us go until we are done. Come, Holy Spirit, Come. We pray... **Amen.**

In the house that Love is building,
There is room enough for all,
Endless welcome in her rafters,
Mercy singing through her walls.
Here is refuge for all people
From every tribe and tongue.
In the house that love is building
There is room for everyone.

In the garden Love is tending
There's a great and boundless feast,
Where the seeds of hope are planted,
And the yield is heaven's peace.
As the field becomes a harvest
For the many hungry ones,
In the garden Love is tending
There's enough for everyone.

Oh, the song that Love is raising
Is of pure, unending light
In the voices of her people,
rising to eternal skies.
Now the shadow shall be swallowed
By the Living Word of God.
Oh, the song that Love is raising
Is a song for everyone.

In the house that Love is building
There is room for everyone.

Our Eucharist

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.

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 we become one in the Spirit of God.

Gathered as community, empower us by Your Spirit.

Prayer with our Gifts

God of wind, word, and fire, we bless Your name this day for lighting the fires of Your love within us. We give You thanks for all the gifts, great and small, which have been poured out upon us. Accept us with our gifts of bread and wine to be living praise and witness to Your love throughout the earth and inspire us with your Holy Word that we might have the courage to speak truth to power. We pray in Jesus' name... **Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayer^{iv}

God dwells in you.

And also in you.

Let us give thanks to the life-giving Spirit of God.

With hearts burning with love, we give God thanks and praise.

Eternal Wisdom, we praise You and give You thanks, for as You revealed Yourself in fire and storm, in the seer's sermon and the psalmist's psalm, so You did not leave Your followers comfortless, but came upon them on this day in thunder, wind, and flame, filling them with clarity and strength, and making them drunk with longing to proclaim Your uncontainable word.

Therefore, with Elizabeth who prophesied Your birth, Martha who confessed you as the Christ, Mary who proclaimed Your resurrection, with Joan of Arc, Malcolm, and Martin, and all your saints who protest tyranny, racism, and white supremacy and with all the nameless and unremembered prophets who heard Your call, we praise You, singing...

Sanctus

Booth

Holy, Holy, Holy, O God, our God, Spirit and Life

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.

Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed are all who come in the name of our God.

Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.

Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.

On this day of Pentecost, we recall Your outpouring of life through the Holy Spirit, burning as lively fire. Pour out this Spirit upon us: fill us with the Spirit's power, comfort us with the Spirit's embrace, heal us with the Spirit's touch, and inspire us with the Spirit's wisdom.

[Please extend your hand, palm up, toward the bread and wine.]

We invoke Your life-giving Spirit upon all who are gathered in solidarity. Let Your Spirit come upon these gifts of bread and wine, transforming them with the nourishing power of holy wisdom, that they and we may become the Body and Blood of Jesus the Christ, taken, blessed, broken, and given so that *all* might have life. We remember that...

All: ... gathering the beloved community around the table of nourishing hope, Jesus took the bread, and in grateful remembrance offered the bread to each and to all, saying:

This is my body which will be given up for you.

[Pause]

After the meal, Jesus took the cup, gave thanks and shared the cup with his friends, saying: Take this, all of you and drink from it. This is the cup of my life-blood, the life of the new and everlasting covenant. It is poured out for you and for all. Sustain one another in the power of sacred memory.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

[spoken]

When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim your death, O Jesus, until you come again.

We gather as a people devoted to creating a world that reflects Your diversity, love and justice. Ignite in us a burning passion for justice for all. We remember those who have suffered from white supremacy, and those who have worked to dismantle it. We remember your prophets Malcolm and Martin and all those who have dared to speak Truth to power. We remember those who have been murdered in our streets, and those who have taken to the street to affirm our belief that black bodies are holy, and that black lives matter.

Let Your Spirit also come upon all leaders, secular and religious. Catch all of them by surprise. Fill their hearts with a longing for equality and justice. Imbue them with the joy of divine diversity. Bestow on them the wealth of humble service to others. Make them faithful servants of the body of Christ.

Be with those who are sick and those who suffer, especially in this time of pandemic. Be with all who have died and gone before us into the fullness of union with You. Be with us in our struggling attempts live out your example of love. Come now, Spirit of justice and prophecy, of tenderness, judgment, and dance; touch our speechlessness, kindle our longing, reach into our silence, and fire our words with your truth; that each of us may hear in our own language the amazing works of God:

**In the name of God, Source of Life,
In the name of Jesus, Source of Transformation,
In the name of the Spirit, Source of Freedom,
We offer our prayer of praise, this day and forever.**

[sung]

Amen, amen, amen. Amen, amen, amen.

Prayer of Jesus^v

Throughout the centuries, the prayer of Jesus, often known as the "Our Father," has been translated and rendered in many different ways. At this time, we invite you to join us in praying in the language and words most comfortable to you. We offer this contemporary version:

**Loving God, Source of our being,
All Creation sings of you, "Holy!"
May your vision for collective flourishing
come to fruition among us.
May this world blossom out of your delight.
Provide us today with what we need
to be nourished in body, soul, and heart.
Give us the breath of life, one breath at a time.
Forgive us for the harm we cause**

*as we seek to forgive those who have harmed us.
Lead us away from everything that destroys
and liberate us from the hands of evil.
For the world is within you;
All power is from you,
And all glory is about you, our comfort and strength.
Now and forever. Amen.*

Sign of Peace

May the peace of the Risen Christ be with you. **And also with you.**
Let us offer one another – and the whole world – God’s peace.

Lamb of God

Booth

*Lamb of God, you call us to the gospel of Hope. O Lamb of God.
Lamb of God, you call us to the gospel of Love. O Lamb of God.
Lamb of God, you call us to the gospel of Peace. O Lamb of God. Grant us peace.*

We are God’s body, made one in the Spirit.
We are blessed to share in this communion.

We believe that Christ is present with us whenever and wherever we are. So, the table you are using right now is no longer your table alone. It is part of Christ’s table, and you are part of Christ’s church. May all who share with us in this spiritual communion be united with us in the Body of Christ that knows no bounds. **Amen.**

Communion Song: Send us Your Spirit
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Schutte

Send us your Spirit, O God
Sorrow has spoken and broken our hearts
Hold us in Your care; be the life we bear
Feed us and fill us, O God

Teach us your wisdom, O God
Shadows have clouded, have crowded our sight
Give us hearts that see. Set our loving free
Hear us and help us, O God

Send us good summer, O God
Winters have chilled us, have stilled us too long
Give us love’s own fire. Be our true desire
Send us your Spirit, O God

Claire Hitchins is a musician activist who has worked with Call to Action and other Catholic movements. She writes: "My teacher Rev. Rhetta Morgan says "revolution is a vibration. and the vibration of revolution is in song." Minneapolis is thrumming with that ancient song and it's echoing through all our cities. I'm lifting this prayer in case it moves you to sing along as you march, rally, donate to black-led efforts on the ground, call those in power, or take other actions for justice." You can find her music on clairehitchins.com

May our anger burn a holy fire
Light a hope that rises with the smoke
Call on God's justice
To come and walk with us
Lead us in the freedom way
Breathing healing as we pray

Prayer After Communion

written by the Rt. Rev. Richard Bott, United Church of Canada

In this time of COVID-19, we pray:
When we aren't sure, God, help us be calm;
when information comes from all sides, correct and not, help us to discern;
when fear makes it hard to breathe, and anxiety seems to be the order of the day, slow us down, God;
help us to reach out with our hearts, when we can't touch with our hands;
help us to be socially connected, when we have to be socially distant;
help us to love as perfectly as we can knowing that "perfect love casts out all fear."
For the doctors, we pray, for the nurses, we pray,
for the technicians and the janitors and the aides and the caregivers, we pray,
for the researchers and theorists, the epidemiologists and investigators,
for those who are sick, and those who are grieving, we pray,
for all who are affected, all around the world...
we pray for safety, for health, for wholeness.
May we feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty,
clothe the naked and house those without homes;
may we walk with those who feel they are alone,
and may we do all that we can to heal the sick—
in spite of the epidemic, in spite of the fear.
Help us, O God, that we might help each other.
In the love of the Creator,
in the name of the Healer,
in the life of the Holy Spirit that is in all and with all, we pray. **Amen.**

Closing Prayer & Blessing^{vi}

Come, Spirit, come.
The Spirit who moves like “a rush of violent wind...”
Who appears like fire...
Who is the breath of God...
She comes to us unconcerned with order,
wild with freedom,
turning over anything and everything that stands in Her way.
Let Her come and fill our mouths with words we didn't know we could speak.
Let Her come and help us hear in languages we once could not understand.
She is being poured out.
The people will prophesy.
The heavens will draw near.
The chorus of voices-past will join in
and proclaim the truth of God.
Justice will come.
Do not be like the ones who sneer and ask, “are they drunk?”
Do not be surprised by what's happening as if
the scriptures and history and the prophets have not foretold...
You've heard it said -
The sun will burn out and the moon turn to blood
before the day of Justice arrives.
Instead, open your hearts
and pray that God's grace
may carry us into the Kin-dom.
Let courage rise up.
Let passion enflame.
Let love transform.
Let weeping fill the land.
There will be no peace until there is justice.
No healing until wrongs are made right.
Come, Spirit, Come.
And turn the world of evil upside-down. Let the church say...
Amen.

Sending Forth

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit!
Thanks be to God.



1. My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the God of my heart is great,
 2. Though I am small, my God, my all, you work great things in me,
 3. From the halls of power to the for-tress tower, not a stone will be left on stone.
 4. Though the na-tions rage from age to age, we re-mem-ber who holds us fast:



and my spi-rit sings of the won-drous things that you bring to the ones who wait.
 and your mer-cy will last from the depths of the past to the end of the age to be.
 Let the king be - ware for your jus - tice tears ev - ery ty - rant from his throne.
 God's mer-cy must de - liv - er us from the con-quer-or's crush-ing grasp.



You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight and my weak-ness you did not spurn,
 Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to those who would for you yearn,
 The hun - gry poor shall weep no more, for the food they can nev - er earn;
 This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the pro - mise which holds us bound,



so from east to west shall my name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?
 you will show your might, put the strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.
 there are ta - bles spread; ev - ery mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.
 till the spear and rod can be crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.



My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your jus-tice burn.



Wipe a - way all tears, for the dawn draws near and the world is a-bout to turn.

We are grateful that you have joined us for worship tonight.

At Mary Magdalene Apostle Catholic Community, we have embraced the dream of a transformed Roman Catholic Church. Financial support is essential to breathe life into this dream and to keep it alive for future generations. To underscore our commitment, we support a full-time paid priest (ordained by the Roman Catholic WomanPriest movement) and a variety of social justice activities, giving a percentage of our Sunday offering back into the community. To support our community, please visit <http://www.mmacc.org/donate>.

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ⁱ “A Prayer for the Power of the Spirit among the People of God,” Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) and The Episcopal Church (TEC), <https://blogs.elca.org/eirr/ecumenical-call-to-common-prayer/>

ⁱⁱ “A Prayer for a Violent Nation” by Kaitlin Curtice, *Sojourners*, <https://sojo.net/articles/prayer-violent-nation>, May 27, 2020.

ⁱⁱⁱ “Our Siblings’ Blood is Crying Out:” A Call to Listen & Action, Friday May 29, 2020, Statement from the Massachusetts Council of Churches Executive Director Rev. Laura Everett & President Rev. Jennie Barrett Siegel, <https://www.masscouncilofchurches.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/2020.05.29-MCC-statement-22Our-Siblings-Blood22.pdf>

^{iv} Our Eucharistic Prayer draws inspiration from many sources, including past MMACC liturgies (written by Nancy Corran, Kori Pacyniak, Joe Stewart, Jane Via & MMACC’s liturgy committee), and other sources.

^v The “Prayer of Jesus” or “Lord’s Prayer” has been translated and rendered in many ways throughout the centuries. This version is an adaption by Kori Pacyniak of versions by <http://enfleshed.com> and Steve Garnaas-Holmes on <https://www.unfoldinglight.net/>

^{vi} From enfleshed.com