

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



Sixth Sunday of Easter – May 17, 2020

Introduction & Welcome

Welcome to Mary Magdalene the Apostle Catholic Community in San Diego, California, gathered from locations all around the region and the world during this time. 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. 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.

Opening Song – *Shout to Our God*

Zschech

Creator, O Spirit, God, we are one in You.
All of our days, we want to praise the wonders of your holy love.
Our comfort, Our shelter, Refuge of safety and strength.
Let every breath, all that we are, never cease to share your love.

Shout to our God, all the earth let us sing.
Stars, planets, living things, praises we bring.
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar at the sound of Your name.
We sing for joy at the work of your hands.
Forever in Your Love, a world without end.
Nothing compares to the hope that we have in You.

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 peace of the Holy Spirit be with you.
And also with you.

Knowing God's Loving Kindness

God, who leads us through life, we pause for a moment to remember the times this past week when our lives have not been centered on you:

Living God, we often forget Your Presence among us.

Help us to experience Your Presence.

Risen Christ, we often close our minds and hearts to Your living Word.

Help us to receive Your Word.

Blazing Spirit, we often forget to be Your presence to others.

Help us to live Your Gospel.

May Jesus the Risen Christ, renew us to live in the freedom of God so that we live our lives with trust, joy, and compassion, shared with all we meet. ***Amen.***

Gloria

Haas

Glory to God in the highest, Sing glory to God!

Glory to God in the highest,

and peace to God's people on earth.

O God, heavenly God, Divine One, and Creator.

We worship You, we give You thanks.

We praise You for Your glory. ***R***

O Jesus Christ, you are Child of our God, Holy One, the Messiah.

You lift us to the fullness of life. You make us one body.

You are bread for the world, you are bread for the world. ***R***

For you alone are the Holy One,

you alone are Messiah, the Chosen, Jesus Christ,

with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God Creator. ***R***

Opening Prayer

Let us pray:

Holy Wisdom, You are lavished on every living thing. Help us to hear Your prophetic voice speaking through diverse voices. Ever-Present One, Scripture witnesses that You are revealed most where suffering is. Grant us courage to engage suffering, and so find You. Loving God, may we hear Your Word of comfort in our times of want. In the name of Jesus, Your Suffering Servant, we pray... ***Amen.***

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles:

Paul and others among us were staying with Lydia. One day, when we were going to the place of prayer, we were met by a female servant, a seer, who had a spirit by which she predicted the future. She earned a great deal of money for her owners by foretelling the future. She followed Paul and the rest of us, shouting, "These people are servants of the Most High God, who are telling you the way to be made whole." She kept this up for many days. Finally, Paul became so annoyed that he turned around and said to the spirit, "In the name of Jesus Christ, I command you to come out of her!" At that moment, the spirit left her.

When her owners realized that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace to face the authorities. They were severely flogged and thrown into prison.

...After Paul and Silas came out of prison, they went to Lydia's house, where they met with the sisters and brothers and encouraged them. Then they left.

...We continued our voyage from Tyre and landed at Ptolemais, where we greeted the brothers and sisters and stayed with them for a day. Leaving the next day, we reached Caesarea. There, we stayed at the house of Philip the evangelist, one of the seven original deacons. He had four unmarried daughters who prophesied.

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

Thanks be to God.

PSALM Wisdom of Sirach 1:1-10

Our Psalm Response is:

Sophia, you know us. Sophia, see through us. Sophia, dance with us.

Help us make it through the night.

All Wisdom is from God.

She dwells with God forever.

The sand of the sea, the drops of rain, the days of eternity,

- who can count them?

The reaches of the Cosmos, the mysteries of Earth,

the depths of life beyond the grave,

who can know them completely?

Only Wisdom. ***Refrain.***

Wisdom existed before all other things,
judicious understanding from eternity.

The root of Wisdom, to whom has it been revealed?

Her subtleties and resilience, who knows them?

There is but One who is wise, and truly awesome,

the Judge of All, revealed in all Creation. ***Refrain.***

Wisdom is of God, and is God's word.
God saw Her and realized Her consequence.
God poured Her out upon all God's holy works,
upon every living thing, as a gift.
God lavished Her upon those who love. **Refrain.**

Second Reading

1 Peter 3:13-18

A Reading from the First Letter attributed to Peter:

Who is going to harm you if your goal is to do good? But even if you should suffer for what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what others fear. Do not be afraid. In your hearts revere Jesus as holy. Make the Christ your center. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to explain the hope that you have; but, do this with gentleness and respect, keeping a clear conscience, so that the very words of those who speak maliciously against you, will be their shame. If suffering must be, it is better to suffer for doing good than for doing evil. For Jesus the Messiah, the Christ, who was a righteous person, also suffered because of injustice. He did this to show you the way to God. Jesus was put to death in the body, but brought to life in the Spirit.

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Gospel Acclamation - Alleluia! Love is Alive!

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Alleluia! Love is Alive! Conquered the grave and defeated the night!
Alleluia! Love is Alive! Christ has arisen for all!
The people sing alleluia!

Gospel

John 14:18-21

Our God is with you. **And also with you.**
A reading from the Gospel attributed to John. **Glory to You, O God.**

"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. On that day, you will know that I am in our Loving God. And You are in me, and I am in you. Whoever has my commandments and observes them loves me; and those who love me will be loved by our Loving God. I will love them and reveal myself to them."

The Gospel of God.
Praise to you, Jesus the Christ.

Homily

Rev. Nancy Corran, RCWP

Prayers of the Faithful

“Do not fear what others fear. Do not be afraid. Even if you should suffer for what is right, you are blessed.” With confidence in the Spirit who confirms us in our calling to prophecy and to persecution, let us ask for all that we and all creation need.

Our response: ***Alleluia, Spirit of new life and hope!***

That as we remember the astounding evolution from Saul to Paul, we may likewise be transformed as our lives are turned upside down ... we pray ... ***(Response)***

In thanksgiving that, “Because I live, you also will live” ... we pray ... ***(Response)***

That we all continue to hunger and thirst for justice, and so find ourselves as midwives at the birth of a new society, arising in hope from the wreckage around us ... we pray ... ***(Response)***

The heavens are telling the glory of God, and all Creation is shouting out praise. May we, the eyes and ears of God’s cosmos, join their Alleluia symphony ... we pray ... ***(Response)***

For all those who ignore us or who have spoken against us ... we pray as Jesus said we should ... ***(Response)***

Now it is time to bring to God the personal prayers and intentions of our Paschal 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 prayer intentions written in our community prayer book . . . we pray ... ***(Response)***

Closing Prayer of the Faithful:

God with-us till the End of Ages, You rejoice when we rejoice. You cry when we cry. You hear our prayer. Grant us Wisdom for the facing of these days. May our words bring Holy Comfort to those who need to hear them. As we learn to be present to one another in new ways, may we also know Your presence in new ways. In the name of Jesus, Wisdom Incarnate, We pray.. ***Amen.***

Offertory Song – Oceans

Houston

You call us out upon the waters
the great unknown where feet may fail,
and there we find You in the mystery
in oceans deep
our faith will stand.

And we will call upon Your name,
and keep our eyes above the waves
When oceans rise our souls will rest in Your embrace.
For we are Yours and You are love.

Your grace abounds in deepest waters,
your sov'reign hand
will be our guide.
Where feet may fail and fear surrounds us,
You've never failed and You won't start now. **R**

Spirit lead us where our trust is without borders,
let us walk upon the waters,
wherever You would call us.
Take us deeper than our feet could ever wander
and our faith will be made stronger
In the presence of our healer.

We will call upon Your name,
Keep our eyes above the waves.
Our souls will rest in Your embrace,
we am Yours and You are love.

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.

Friends, pray that sharing this bread and wine will deepen our commitment to live the Gospel.

With the Risen Christ we commit ourselves to live the Gospel.

Prayer with our Gifts

Holy One-ness, With different experiences, needs, and voices, we know kin-dom living is not always easy, but it is Your call and Your way. It leads us around this Your table, where gifts of all are welcome, and where You gift all. At this table, we remember those who suffer, and those who are persecuted. At this table, we remember all who have gone before us, our cloud of witnesses, ever present. At this table, bring us to life, again and again, in the Spirit. In the name of Jesus, the Resurrected Christ, we pray... **Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayerⁱ

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.***

God of all Creation, with your breath, all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses and this fragile earth, our island home. You are unceasingly at work, bringing order from chaos and filling emptiness with life. Your love restores our broken world. Your Chosen One, Jesus the Christ, raised from the dead, proclaims the dawn of new life. And so we join with all of creation, on earth and throughout the cosmos, singing our unending song of praise:

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.

In the first light of Easter, glory broke from the tomb and changed Mary Magdalene's sorrow into joy. From the Garden the mystery shone clear that life in You transcends death. May we follow Jesus' example and love our neighbors and our enemies as ourselves and give Your Spirit freedom to act in us to transform ourselves and our world.

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

Making himself known in the breaking of the bread, Jesus renewed the promise of his presence. On the night before he died, he gathered with his friends to share a final meal. We open ourselves to Your Spirit who sanctifies and transforms these gifts to become You in us, the body and blood of Christ. We remember that...

All: ...on the night before Jesus died, while at supper with his friends, he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread and gave it to them saying: "Take this, all of you and eat. This is my body. Do this in memory of me."

[Pause]

In the same way, Jesus took the cup filled with wine. He said the blessing, gave the cup to his friends, and said, "Take this all of you and drink. This is my life-blood, the covenant of new and everlasting life. Do this in memory of me."

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.***

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 are caregivers, nurses, doctors, and technicians. Be with all those who are essential workers – in stores, in government, delivery drivers and all those to risk their health for our sake. Be with those who are at risk from this virus and who do not have the means to protect themselves. 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. With the help of Jesus, strengthen us to live lives that bring You honor and glory:

***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 Jesusⁱⁱ

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, 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.***

This is the Bread of the Resurrection, the Wine of New Life.
We are blessed to share in the Mystery of Life.

When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we are raised up into new life.

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: *Supper of Our God*

Laurence Rosania

***As we gather, all are one, here in bread and wine;
Here our God prepares the feast divine.
Bread of love is broken now, cup of life is poured:
Come, share the supper of our God.***

This is the bread of God feeding hungry hearts,
Giving life to us, to all the world. (R)

"I am the living spring of eternal life;
You that drink from me shall not thirst again". (R)

"I am the bread of life, giving life to you;
You that eat this bread shall never die." (R)

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 Blessingⁱⁱⁱ

As we depart from one another:
Let us remember the promise Jesus makes:
“I will never abandon you as orphans—I will come to you.
I will never vanish from your sight.
And since I live, you will also live.”
Let us search for the God who is not far from each one of us.

And may God greet our prayers with constant love;
may Christ Jesus give us life through his own life;
and may the Spirit of truth abide with us and within us, always.
Amen.

Sending Forth

Let us go forth in peace and love, Alleluia. Alleluia!
Thanks be to God, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Closing Song: Alleluia No. 1

Fisher

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen One.
Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to God's name.

Spread the good news o'er all the earth;
Jesus has died and risen. R

We have been crucified with Christ;
Now we shall live for ever. R

come let us praise the living God;
Joyfully sing of new creation.

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 Our Eucharistic Prayer draws inspiration from many sources, including: The Episcopal Church's 1979 *Book of Common Prayer* (Eucharistic Prayer C), past MMACC liturgies (written by Nancy Corran, Kori Pacyniak, Joe Stewart, Jane Via & MMACC's liturgy committee), and other sources.

ⁱⁱ 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/>

ⁱⁱⁱ Adapted from "Easter 6: Commission & Benediction" by Nathan Nettleton, *Laughing Bird Resources* and "Easter 6: Benediction (based on John 14)" by Christine Longhurst, on <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/>.