

# Mary Magdalene the Apostle Catholic Community 15<sup>th</sup> 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. Despite being muted, 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 Trinity, a celebration of the oneness of God and the goodness of God's creation. We remember especially today those who have lost their breath to the corona virus and our siblings of color, particularly our Black siblings, 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.*

Refrain: Sing a new song unto our God;  
Let our song be sung from mountains high.  
Sing a new song unto our God,  
Singing alleluia.

Shout with gladness! Dance for joy!  
O come before our God.  
And play with joy on glad tambourines,  
And let your trumpet sound. **R.**

Rise, O children, from your sleep;  
the hoped for One has come.  
God has turned your sorrow to joy,  
And filled your soul with song. **R.**

Glad my soul for I have seen  
The glory of our God.  
The trumpet sounds; the dead shall be raised,  
I know that Christ now lives. **R.**

**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**

As we begin our liturgy, we pause to remember those times during this past week that the gospel demands eluded us in our relationships with one another and with the world:

Loving God, when we fail to recognize injustice in our daily lives,  
**Help us to open our hearts to Your love.**

Jesus the Christ, when we tolerate injustice and the absence of wisdom,  
**Help us to speak out for what is right and just.**

Spirit of Life, when we forget that true Wisdom always leads to justice,  
**Help us to seek Your Wisdom.**

May the God of Wisdom and Justice have compassion on us, forgive us our failings, and transform us to be prophets of truth and workers for justice in this world.

## Opening Prayer

Triune God, injustice abounds around us and our ability to act seems constrained and limited. Let us not be overwhelmed by our limitations, but uplifted and inspired by what we can do – individually and together – to stand against the evils of white supremacy and racism and make a difference in our world. Startle us with the grace, love and communion of your unity in diversity, that we may live out your goodness, love, and justice. In your name, we pray... **Amen.**

## First Reading

Exodus 34:4b-6, 8-9

A Reading from the Book of Exodus:

Carrying two chiseled stone tablets in his hands, Moses went up Mount Sinai early in the morning as God had commanded. The Holy One came down in the cloud and stood there with Moses, speaking the divine Name: I will be Who I will be. As God passed in front of Moses, The Holy One proclaimed, "I am, I am, I am the God of compassion and grace, slow to anger, great in faithfulness and unwavering in love."

Immediately Moses knelt and bowed down. Moses said to The Holy One, "If I have found Your favor, then come and travel with us. Although we are a stubborn people, forgive us our wickedness and evil. Claim us as Your own."

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***

In the beginning, God created the heavens and Earth.

Earth was windswept and void,  
and darkness was upon the face of the deep.

The Spirit of God was moving over the surface of the waters. **R.**

God spoke:

"Let us make humankind in our image, in our likeness."

So God created human beings in God's own image.

In the image of God were they created.

Of all genders, including male and female, God created them. **R.**

God blessed them, saying:  
"Be fruitful, and prosper.  
Replenish the earth.  
You are responsible for it." **R.**

**Second Reading**

2 Corinthians 13:11-13

A Reading from Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians:

Finally, dear ones, rejoice and be well. Strive for full restoration. Encourage one another. Be agreeable. Live in harmony, live in peace. And the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the holy ones send their greetings. The grace of Jesus the Christ, the love of God, and the companionship of the Holy Spirit be with all of you!

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**Gospel Acclamation**

Booth

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

**Gospel**

John 3: 16-17

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

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

God loved the world, the kosmos. To reveal this love, God gave us Jesus, who was of God, God's own. Whoever trusts in God's own will not die, but have life without end. For God did not send Jesus into the world to condemn the world, but through him, to heal the world, to make the kosmos whole.

The Gospel of God.

**Praise to you, Jesus the Christ.**

**Homily**

Kori Pacyniak, Pastor

**Profession of Faith: Litany for Racial Justice (based on Micah 6:8)<sup>i</sup>**

Katya Ouchakof

**God has told you what is good.**  
**What does God require of the faithful?**  
**The prophet says, "Do Justice."**  
**The crowds shout, "No Justice, No Peace!"**  
**The prophet says, "Love Kindness."**  
**The people cry, "Hands up, don't shoot!"**  
**The people lament, "I can't breathe!"**

*The prophet says, "Walk humbly with your God."  
The faithful have no choice. They walk. And they pray.  
And they stand between the innocent and the would-be perpetrators.  
God has told you that justice is good.  
God has told you that kindness is good.  
God has asked you to walk humbly.  
And so.  
We must walk.*

## Prayers of the Faithful

God is Creator from before all time. God is God-with-us, Emmanuel. God is the Breath of Life, more intimate to us than the oxygen that permeates every cell of our being. To God, who is all and in all, let us pray!

***Our response: You are Creator, God with us, Breath of Life!***

We have seen all creation ablaze with Divinity; we have seen the face of the Risen and Living One; we have seen the tongues of Fire ... and we pray ... ***(Response)***

That we may encourage one another, and make it possible to live in harmony and peace beyond the lines of race and every kind of human diversity, so that the God of love and peace will be with us ... we pray ... ***(Response)***

That in the breaking of the bread, humanly made from God's creation, blessed in the name of Jesus, sanctified by the Spirit, we come to know the oneness of all ... we pray ... ***(Response)***

In thanksgiving for the celestial spheres, the sun and the moon, the galaxies and stars beyond counting, and this precious blue and green planet ... we pray ... ***(Response)***

For those who have harmed us or failed to protect us, and for the times we have caused harm or failed others by our silence ... 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:<sup>ii</sup>**

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.**

<b>Offertory Song – O Triune God</b>	Ken Canedo
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### ***Refrain: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia***

O triune Creator, earth, sea and sky  
People and angels awestruck, cry.  
And Earth sings back in glad reply  
Alleluia **R.**

O triune Fount of living light  
Your glory revealed heaven's sight  
To fill our spirits with delight  
Alleluia **R.**

O triune Cloud of burning fire  
in flame our hearts with your desire  
No greater joy could love require  
Alleluia **R.**

To you, Most Holy Trinity  
In godhead in persons three  
Glory and praise forever be  
Alleluia **R.**

<b>Our Eucharist</b>
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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, friends that our work, our play, our worship, and our lives be acceptable to our God who is Life, Love, Healing, and Justice.

***Gathered as community, empower us by Your Spirit.***

### **Prayer with our Gifts**

God of wind, word, and fire, we offer these gifts of bread and wine in gratitude and hope. May this celebration strengthen us to work for justice, even when justice for others requires that we change our lifestyles. Inspire us with your Holy Word that we might have the courage to speak truth to power and be Your Witnesses throughout the world. We pray in Jesus' name... ***Amen.***

### **Eucharistic Prayer<sup>iii</sup>**

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.***

In the blessed abundance of creation, we gather to celebrate our Triune God. We gather in the wonder of our Creator, Source of Life, Source of all Being. We gather in the name of Jesus the Christ, our Guide and Companion on the Way of Life. We gather in the embrace of the Spirit of Wisdom and Truth, who sustains and animates our every endeavor. With gratitude and joy we embrace our calling and we lift our voices to sing our 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.***

We gather as a people living in a creation infused with divine energy from the dawn of time. We look forward in hope as the creative Spirit – amid the chaos and confusion of life – continues to liberate fresh possibility and enduring hope.

*[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 all your prophets and saints 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 streets 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<sup>iv</sup>**

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:

***Eternal Spirit,  
Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,  
Source of all that is and that shall be,  
Father, Mother, Creator of us all,  
Loving God in whom is heaven:  
The hallowing of your name echoes throughout the cosmos!  
May the way of Your justice inspire all peoples***

*And may your kin-dom of peace and freedom flourish on earth  
Until all of humanity heeds Your call to justice and compassion.  
With the bread we need for today, feed us  
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.  
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.  
From trial too great to endure, spare us.  
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.  
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and forever.  
Amen.*

<b>Sign of Peace</b>
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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.

<b>Lamb of God</b>
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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.***

<b>Communion Song: <i>Here is Bread</i></b>
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Kendrick

Here is Bread, here is wine  
Christ is in us, Christ is in us,  
Break the bread, taste the wine  
Christ is in us here

***Refrain:***      ***In this bread there is healing  
In this cup there's life for ever  
In this moment, by the Spirit  
Christ is in us here***

Here is grace, here is peace  
Christ is in us, Christ is in us,  
Know God’s grace, find God’s peace  
Feast on Jesus here. ***R.***

Here we are, joined as One  
Christ is in us, Christ is in us,  
We'll proclaim everywhere  
Jesus crucified. **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 Blessing<sup>v</sup>**

May God bless us with a *restless discomfort* at easy answers, half-truths, and superficial relationships,  
so that we may live deep within our hearts.

May God bless us with holy anger at injustice, oppression, and exploitation of people,  
so that we may work for justice, freedom, and peace.

May God bless us with the gift of tears to shed for those who suffer from pain, rejection, hunger,  
and war, so that we may reach out our hands to comfort them and turn their pain into joy.

And may God bless us with enough foolishness to believe that we can make a difference in this world,  
so that we can do what others claim cannot be done, to bring justice and kindness to all our children  
and the poor.

Let the Church say... **Amen.**

## Sending Forth

Our mass has ended, our service continues.

***Thanks be to God.***

## Closing Song: God of Wonders

*Hindalong & Byrd*

God of all creation, of water, earth, and sky;  
The heavens are Your tabernacle, glory to our God on high.

***God of wonders, beyond our galaxy, You are holy, holy.  
The universe declares Your majesty; You are holy, holy.  
God of heaven and earth. God of heaven and earth.***

Early in the morning, we will celebrate the light;  
When we stumble in the darkness,  
we will call Your name by night. **R**

Holy, holy, holy! Our God Almighty!  
Early in the morning, our song shall rise to Thee.  
Holy, holy, holy! Infinite Compassion.  
God still revealing, beyond a Trinity! **R**

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

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<sup>i</sup> Litany for Racial Justice based on Micah 6:8 by Katya Ouchakof via RevGal Blog Pals, [https://revgalblogpals.org/2020/06/02/worship-words-for-trinity-sunday-7-june-2020/?fbclid=IwAR3oZZkOrk-tDLH\\_edF7IYJhXo8rPLr3fdWljchORbj4YeiHLdxMfWLD\\_4I](https://revgalblogpals.org/2020/06/02/worship-words-for-trinity-sunday-7-june-2020/?fbclid=IwAR3oZZkOrk-tDLH_edF7IYJhXo8rPLr3fdWljchORbj4YeiHLdxMfWLD_4I)

<sup>ii</sup> "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>

<sup>iii</sup> 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.

<sup>iv</sup> 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 John Maynard and *A New Zealand Prayer Book* (Harper Collins, 1997) taken from <http://pilgrimwr.unitingchurch.org.au/?p=360>

<sup>v</sup> Adapted from "Franciscan Blessing" <https://aheartforjustice.com/2010/10/07/a-franciscan-blessing-may-god-bless-you-with-discomfort-anger-tears-and-foolishness/>