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Worship Aid
Ordinary Time – Summer

July 2, 2023

Welcome and Announcements

GONG

Good evening. Welcome to Mary Magdalene Apostle Catholic Community based in San Diego, California, on the land that the Kumeyaay people have tended for generations. My name is..., one of your lectors this evening. Suzie Knapp is our homilist and in-person deacon, Jane Via is our in-person presider and Nancy Corran is our online presider. We gather in-person and online as we journey through Ordinary 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 those online, you can find the worship aid at mmacc.org. You may wish to have some wine and bread nearby, or something similar, for communion. After our liturgy concludes, we invite you to join in breakout rooms for some social time.

We'd also like to welcome any visitors with us today. For those on Zoom, please feel free to introduce yourselves on chat. For those visitors in person, if you feel comfortable, we invite you to stand and introduce yourselves and tell us where you are from.

[Pause for introductions]

If in-person visitors are present, please read the following paragraph:

Our communal spoken responses are in the Assembly Worship Aid. The songs are on the white song sheet inserted in the Worship Aid.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Should you feel the call to become a lector, contact Esther LaPorta to explore further. If you are a member of the MMACC community who lives at a distance or participates primarily online for Sunday Liturgy, we are extending this invitation to you also for more active participation, if interested.
- MMACC has brought back **"Guess Who's Coming to Dinner"** under the new name: **"Mystery Meetings and Meals"**. The host decides what the entrée will be for Brunch, Lunch, or Dinner and asks the guests to bring additional food or drink to round out the meal. We already are filling up the first couple of dates! Sign up to be a guest or host at the welcome table or see Carol Spong.
- Please see our bulletin for other community news and announcements
- Donations to MMACC are appreciated. In-person donations can be placed in the basket on the welcome table.

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[moment of silence]

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Opening Song – “Sing A New Song”

Schutte

*Sing a new song unto our God; let your song be sung from mountains high.
Sing a new song unto our God, singing alleluia.*

All God's people dance for joy, O come before our God.
And play with joy on glad tambourines and let your trumpet sound. **(R)**

Glad my soul for I have seen the glory of our God.
The trumpet sounds' the dead shall be raised. I know that Jesus lives. **(R)**

Opening Rite

We begin our liturgy with the sign of our faith:
+ In the name of...
. 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

Loving God, when we do not recognize Your freedom in the midst of our busyness....
Help us to be mindful of Your Presence.

Liberating One, when we do not see the countless ways we are constrained and
controlled by the status quo, by the marketplace, and by addiction...
Heal us to live in the freedom of Your Spirit.

Spirit of God, when we do not live the freedom of the Gospel, when we do not welcome all
without judgment or bias...
Transform us to be Your liberating presence for others.

Loving God, You set us free. Empower us to live responsibly. Give us Wisdom to work
toward Your vision of a world where all can freely live. **Amen.**

Opening Prayer

Presider: ... *Amen*.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

2 Kings 4:8-37a

A Reading from the Book of the Second Book of Kings

One day Elisha passed through Shunem. A leading woman of the town, a woman of influence, pressed him to dine with her. Soon, it became his custom: Whenever he passed through, he stopped by for a meal.

"I'm certain," said the woman to her husband, "that this man who stops by is a holy man of God. Since he visits us often, let us arrange a little room on the roof and furnish it for him with a bed, table, chair, and lamp, so that when he comes to us he can stay there?" And so it happened that the next time Elisha came by for a meal, he also went to the room and laid down there to rest.

Then Elisha instructed Gehazi to ask the Shunammite woman, "You have troubled yourself greatly for us; what can we do for you? Can we say a good word for you to the ruler or to the commander of the army?"

She replied, "Nothing. I'm secure and satisfied in my family and my own people."

Elisha conferred with his companion, Gehazi: "There's got to be something I can do for her. But what?" Gehazi said, "Well, she has no children, and her husband is getting on in years."

Elisha called to the Shunammite woman again with the promise: "This time next year you're going to be nursing an infant." "O Holy Man," she said, "don't tease me with such fantasies!" Yet the woman conceived, and by the same time the following year she had given birth, as Elisha had promised; and the boy grew up healthy.

One day, the child went to his father, who was working with the harvest hands, complaining, "My head, my head!" His father ordered a fellow-worker, "Carry him to his mother." The child lay on his mother's lap until noon and died. She took him up and laid him on the bed of the man of God, then closed the door.

She called her husband, “Get me a donkey and a servant, so I can go to the Holy Man. I’ll be right back.” Perplexed, her husband asked, “But why today? ...She simply said, “It is all right.”

They travelled quickly, without stopping. Spotting her while she was still a long way off, Elisha said to Gehazi, “Look! It’s the Shunammite woman! Go quickly! Ask her, ‘Is something wrong? Are you all right? Your husband? Your child?’” ... She told Gehazi, “Everything’s fine.”

But when she reached the Holy Prophet at the mountain, she threw herself at his feet and held tightly to him. Gehazi came up to pull her away, but the Elisha said, “Leave her alone! She’s in bitter anguish. God hid it from me and did not let me know.”

Then she spoke up: “Did I ask for a child? Did I not tell you, ‘Don’t mislead me with false hopes?’” Elisha gave his staff to Gehazi, telling him to go lay it on the child. But the child’s mother cried out, “On my life, I will not release you!” So, Elisha went back to the woman’s home with her. He entered the house and found the youth stretched out on the bed, dead. He went into the room and prayed to God. Then, he covered the body with his own body, his mouth to the boy’s mouth, his eyes to the boy’s eyes, his hands to the boy’s hands. As he stretched himself over the child, the child’s body became warm.

Elisha arose, paced up and down the room, and then once more stretched himself over the child again. Then, the boy started sneezing—seven times he sneezed!—and opened his eyes.

Elisha cried out to Gehazi: “Bring the Shunammite woman in!” When she came into the room, Elisha said to her, “Embrace your son!” After falling to the floor in relief, joy, and homage, she took up her child in her arms, and left.

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

Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Ps 50:1-2, 9-15, 23a

The Psalm Response is: *May thanks and praise be our gift.*

R: May thanks and praise be our gift.

The Holy One, through the power of Love,
brought forth the world.

Like the sun, ever rising, ever setting,

over the nations of the earth,
 ever radiating in cosmic beauty,
 God shines forth.

R: May thanks and praise be our gift.

Why should I want your sacrifices of bulls
 or so many goats from your herds?
 Every creature in the forest is an expression of Me,
 the wild animals on all the mountains.
 I know every mountain bird by name;
 the scampering field mice are My friends.
 If I were hungry, I would not tell you,
 for all creation and its bounty are Mine.
 Do I eat the flesh of bulls
 or drink the blood of he-goats?

R: May thanks and praise be our gift.

Spread for Me, instead, a banquet of praise.
 Serve Your God a feast of promises kept.
 Then call on Me for help when you're in trouble.
 I'll help you, and you'll honor Me.
 Those who offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving,
 a life of praise, honor Me.

R: May thanks and praise be our gift.

Second Reading

Romans 8:35-39

A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans

Who will separate us from the love of the Christ? Will hardship, or distress, persecution or famine, nakedness, peril or violence? As it is written:

*"For your sake, we are being put to death all day long,
 We have been treated like sheep for slaughter."*

In all these sufferings, we are more than conquerors through the One who loved us. I am convinced that neither death nor life, angels nor rulers, things present nor things to come, powers nor height, nor depth nor anything else in all creation, will separate us from the love of God known to us in Jesus, the Christ.

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Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation*Mass of Renewal, C. Stephan*

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Gospel*Matthew 9:18-26*

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

A Reading from the Gospel attributed to Matthew. ***Glory to you, O God.***

While Jesus was teaching, an official came in and knelt before him, saying, "My daughter has just died; but come, lay your hand on her, and she will live." Jesus got up and followed, along with his disciples.

Then, suddenly, a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years, came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, saying to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well." Jesus turned. Seeing her, he said, "Take heart, daughter. Your faith has made you well." That very moment, the woman was made well.

When Jesus arrived at the official's house and saw the flute players and the crowd in mourning wailing, he said, "Leave. The girl is not dead but sleeping." But, they ridiculed him.

After the crowd inside the house was brought outside, Jesus entered. He took the official's daughter by the hand and raised her up.

Quickly, the news of this spread throughout the countryside.

The Gospel of God.

Praise to You, Jesus the Christ.

Homily – Suzie

Profession of Faith, adapted from Sr Joan Chittister, OSB

*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 chaos, gives sight 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 all people 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.*

Prayers of the People 07-02-2023

13th Sunday in the Orderly Course of Time

"Spread for me a banquet of praise. Serve your God a feast of promises kept." God's love and compassion for us is not undone by death. Trusting in Holy Mystery, let us ask for everything that we and all creation need.

Our response: If I only touch his cloak ...

All: If I only touch his cloak ...

That with the Shunnamite woman we trust in the promise even in the face of enormous loss ... we pray ...

All: If I only touch his cloak ...

That, like Paul, we remain convinced that neither rulers nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor anything else in all creation will separate us from the love of God ... we pray ...

All: *If I only touch his cloak ...*

That following the example of Jesus, we might take each other by the hand and raise each other up to new life ... we pray ...

All: *If I only touch his cloak ...*

The Earth contains the dust of countless generations of our ancestors, as well as the blood of Jesus and of our contemporaries killed in war. May this God-beloved Earth become for them and for us the garden of resurrection and new life ... we pray ...

All: *If I only touch his cloak ...*

For those who share their bread and their homes with us, and for the times we have failed to do the same ... we pray as Jesus said we should ...

All: *If I only touch his cloak ...*

[Invite the in-person community to sit, if they are standing.]

Now it is time to bring to God the personal prayers and intentions of our Spirit-enlivened community of Alleluia and sorrow. We remember the universal needs of all living beings, surrounded by war, injustice, and violence, as well as by astounding beauty and Love.

All who wish to share a prayer here in person, please come forward to the microphone. All who wish to share a prayer online, please raise your physical or digital hand and you will be called on in turn, or type your prayer in the chat and these will be read aloud.

[After each petition:]

All: *If I only touch his cloak ...*

[After all petitions have been spoken:]

We also lift up **all** those living with illness, injury, loss, and suffering, those who have gone home in the company of the Risen One, and all the prayers here today that have remained unspoken, deep in the silence of our hearts...

(Short pause)

For these intentions and for all the prayers remaining in the chat and in our community prayer book ... we pray ...

All: *If I only touch his cloak ...*

Closing Prayer:

Presider: ... **Amen**

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Song – “I Have Loved You”

Joncas

*I have loved you with an everlasting love,
I have called you and you are mine;
I have loved you with an everlasting love,
I have called you and you are mine.*

Seek the face of our God and long for life
God will bring you such light and such peace. **(R)**

Seek the face of our God and long for life
God will bring you such joy and such hope. **(R)**

Seek the face of our God and long for life
God will bring you such care and such love. **(R)**

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 awaken our hearts to God's presence in all creation.

Transform us to be Your loving presence in creation.

Prayer with our Gifts

Presider: ...***Amen.***

Eucharistic Prayer

God dwells in you. ***And also in you.***
 Come to the table with thankful hearts!
We open our hearts to God and one another.

Presider

From the beginning, O God, You created us in Your image, an expression of what is holy. Each of us, in our own way, is a glimpse of You. In the blessed abundance of creation, we celebrate the gifts of life and freedom. In gratitude and joy, we join with all creation in praise:

Sanctus [Sung]

Mass of Renewal, C. Stephan

***Holy, holy, holy, O God of hosts,
 Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
 Hosanna in the highest.
 Blessed are all who come in Your Name, Holy God.
 Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.
 Hosanna, hosanna in the highest.***

Voice 1

Source of all being, you call us to be ourselves. You call us to live in love, seeking Your justice for all those who are marginalized.

Voice 2

We give thanks for those throughout history who have affirmed Your loving presence and challenged Your people to give witness. We give thanks for those who continue to witness to Your presence in lives characterized by compassion, generosity, forgiveness, and love.

Voice 3

We trust in Your love permeating the universe as it unfolds. We honor the interdependence of all creation in the web of life. Enliven us with the fullness of Your being. Free us to live in harmony with Your vision of creation. Release us from all that hinders our universal communion with others, and with You.

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

Presider

And so, Steadfast One, we recognize Your Spirit alive and at work in this bread and wine, and in us. We open ourselves to Your Spirit who sanctifies and transforms these gifts to become You in us, the body and blood of Christ, as we now fulfill your command of love.

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 blood, the cup of love. Do this in memory of me."

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith *[sung]*

Mass of Renewal, C. Stephan

We proclaim your death, O Christ, and profess your resurrection until you come again.

Voice 4

We celebrate the memory of Jesus' life, death and resurrection in this meal. Fill us with the Spirit of Jesus. Unite us with all who share in holy longing. Surround us with the communion of saints, living and dead. Sustain us in the cosmic communion of life.

Voice 5

Take away all that divides us. Through Your Spirit, make us the body of Christ, a sign of unity and a model of equality and justice. Make us instruments of Your peace.

Presider

We re-commit ourselves to Your reign of justice, love, peace, and freedom. Bless us with wisdom, courage, and resolve. Gather people of every gender, race, language, religion and way of life to live Your persistent hope and inclusive love. Awaiting the completion of Your cosmic vision, we give you glory with all creation and with Jesus through whom Your goodness flows.

***Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of Sophia Spirit
We offer our prayer of praise to You, O God, now and forever.***

The Great Amen*Mass of Renewal, C. Stephan*

A-men, a-men, a-men. A-men, a-men, a-men.

The Prayer of Jesus*John Philip Newell*

The prayer often called the "Our Father" has been translated and rendered in many ways over the last 2,000 years. We invite you join us in this contemporary recited version.

*Ground of all being,
Mother of life, Father of the universe,
Your name is sacred, beyond speaking.*

*May we know your presence,
may your longings be our longings in heart and in action.
May there be food for the human family today
and for the whole earth community.*

*Forgive us the falseness of what we have done
as we forgive those who are untrue to us.*

*Do not forsake us in our time of conflict
but lead us into new beginnings.*

*For the fire of life, the vitality of life,
and the glory of life are yours now and forever. Amen.*

Sign of Peace

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Let us offer one another, and the whole world, God's peace.

Lamb of God*Mass of Renewal, C. Stephan*

*Jesus Christ, you call us to the gospel of hope, O Jesus, O Jesus, the Christ.
Jesus Christ, you call us to the gospel of love, O Jesus, O Jesus, the Christ.
Jesus Christ, you call us to the gospel of peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.*

Presider:

In and through the Spirit, we are God's hands and heart in the world.

We are happy and blessed to share this sacred work.

These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

At Mary Magdalene, we believe that this is God's table, not ours; all are truly welcome and invited to receive the gluten free eucharistic bread, and consecrated red wine or white grape juice. Whether you are with us in person or online, we are gathered around Christ's table. May all who share this communion be united in the Body of Christ that knows no bounds. ***Amen!***

Communion Song – “We Remember”

Haugen

***We remember how you loved us to your death,
And still we celebrate, for you are with us here;
And we believe that we will see you
When you come – in your glory –
We remember, we celebrate, we believe.***

Here a million wounded souls are yearning just to touch you and be healed.
Gather all your people, and hold them to your heart. ®

Now we re-create your love, we bring the bread and wine to share a meal.
Sign of grace and mercy, the presence of our God. **(R)**

See the face of Christ revealed in every person standing by your side,
gift to one another, and temples of your love. **(R)**

Prayer After Communion

Presider: ... ***Amen.***

Closing Blessing

Presider:

Let the church say.... ***Amen.***

Sending Forth

This mass is ended. Our service continues.
Thanks be to God!

Closing Song – Finlandia*composer: J. Sibelius, librettist: V.A. Koskennieme*

This is my song, O God of all the nations,
 a song of peace for lands afar and mine;
 this is my home, the country where my heart is;
 there are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine:
 but other hearts in other lands are beating
 with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.

My country's skies are bluer than the ocean,
 and sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine;
 but other lands have sunlight too, and clover,
 and skies are everywhere as blue as mine:
 O hear my song, thou God of all the nations,
 a song of peace for their land and for mine.

May truth and freedom come to every nation;
 may peace abound where strife has raged so long;
 that each may seek to love and build together,
 a world united, righting every wrong;
 a world united in its love for freedom,
 proclaiming peace together in one song.

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

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