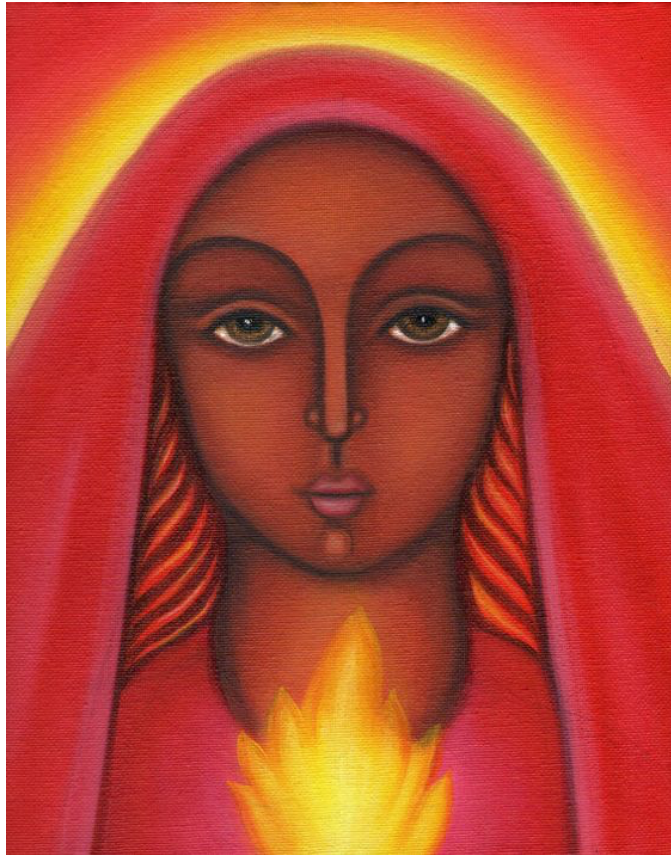


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“Mary Magdalene, Our Lady of Fire” by Tanya Torres, oil on canvas

*“This contemporary icon of Mary Magdalene is how I imagine the fire of passion burns in the saint's heart,
and in our own spiritual hearts.”*

Worship Aid
Feast Day of Mary Magdalene

July 23, 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. We gather on this Feast Day of our Patron Saint, Mary Magdalene. This evening, Jane Via is our in-person presider and Nancy Corran is our online presider. Know that wherever you are and whoever you are, you are welcome here, just as you are.

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 welcome our guest speaker, Jo Hart, who will share her reflections on Mary Magdalene with us this evening.

Invite Jane forward to Introduce Jo Hart...

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]

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Roger and Mary Hassett are “hybrid members”, attending in-person when they are in town, and Zoom participants when at home in the Bay Area. Roger is on the CLC and Pastoral Discernment Team. They have been in-person for several weeks and today we say “see you on screen” until you return in-person again in November.
- Please see our bulletin for community news and announcements
- Donations to MMACC are appreciated. In-person donations can be placed in the basket on the welcome table.

GONG

[moment of silence]

Legend of the Egg

THE LEGEND OF THE EGG:

Mary Magdalene's travels took her to Rome, where she was able to obtain an audience with the Roman Emperor, Tiberius Caesar.

According to the tradition, everyone visiting the Emperor was supposed to bring him a gift, according to their means. Mary Magdalene took an egg. An egg was recognized across the Roman world as a symbol of rebirth and life emerging from a closed chamber. For those who followed Christ, it also became symbolic of both the sealed tomb and the stone which had been rolled away. Mary presented it to Tiberius Caesar with the greeting: "Christ is risen!"

Tiberius Caesar, naturally, could not believe what he heard and responded to her: "How could anyone ever rise from the dead? It is as impossible as that white egg turning red." While Tiberius was speaking these words, the egg in the hand of Mary Magdalene began changing color until it became blood red.

Mary Magdalene went on to explain to Tiberius Caesar that the now-red egg symbolized Jesus' rising from the tomb: From Jesus' life, suffering, and death, new life was born.

Please stand as able as we sing our opening song.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Opening Song – "All are Welcome"

Haugen

Let us build a house where all can dwell and all can safely live,
A place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace;
Here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where prophets speak and words are strong and true,
Where all God's children dare to seek to dream God's reign anew.
Here the love of God, through Jesus, is revealed in time and space;
As we share in Christ the feast that frees us: **(R)**

Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone;
To heal and strengthen, serve and teach and live the Word they've known;
Here the outcast and the stranger bear the image of God's grace.
Let us bring an end to fear and danger: **(R)**

Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard,
And loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word!
Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace,
Let this house proclaim from floor to rafter: **(R)**

Opening Rite

We begin our liturgy with the sign of our faith:

+In the name of God who is Love, Jesus who lived love, and the Holy Spirit who breathes love into human hearts.

. **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, Source of our divinity and our humanity, we acknowledge our human struggles...

We struggle to include those we would more easily exclude.

Teach us to love as You love.

We struggle to love our enemies, as you taught us.

Teach us to love as You love.

We struggle to love ourselves as we struggle to love one another.

Teach us to love as You love.

May we realize, O God, that we are made of Your goodness. May Your goodness be revealed through us, as it is through Mary of Magdala. **Amen.**

Opening Prayer

Presider: ... *Amen.*

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Judith 8:2-17

Reading from the Book of Judith

Judith's husband died when she was still young. She maintained her bereavement for three years and four months. She built a small tent on the roof of her house and lived there, wearing sackcloth.

Judith was very beautiful and wealthy. She ran her entire estate. No one ever spoke a harsh word about her because she was devout.

Judith heard the cries of the people of the land. They were weak for lack of water and could no longer defend their village against attackers. She heard what their leader, Uzziah, had said to them, how he promised them under oath to surrender the town to the attackers after five days if God did not deliver them. She invited the village leaders to her home.

She said to them, "Listen to me. You are supposed to be the leaders of the people here; but what you said to the people today was wrong. You should never have sworn before God that you would surrender the village to our enemies if God did not come to our aid in five days. What gives you the right to put God to the test? You can never fathom the depths of the human heart or know what anyone is thinking. Yet you dare to read God's mind and interpret divine matters?! God cannot be threatened like a human being or won over by pleading like a mere mortal. So, while we wait for deliverance, we must continue to call upon God to help us. Whatever happens, our voices are heard, and we are in God's hands."

Uzziah then spoke, "This is not the first time you have shown your wisdom. Ever since you were born, people have recognized that you possess keen understanding and integrity. But the people are so thirsty. Pray for us that God will send rain to fill our wells. Then we will no longer be weak from thirst."

Judith replied: "What I will do tonight will be told for generations to come. God will deliver Israel through me."

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

Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Proverbs 1:20-23, 33

Our Psalm Response is: *We are called to become fully human.*

R: We are called to become fully human.

Woman Wisdom calls aloud in the street, out in the open.

In public squares, she raises her voice.

At the busiest corners and on top of the wall,
she takes her stand.

At the city gate, she speaks out.

R: We are called to become fully human.

"How long, O Ignorant ones,

will you love your ignorant ways?

How long, will mockers delight in mockery,
and the arrogant in arrogance?

How long will fools hate knowledge?

R: We are called to become fully human.

Turn to Woman Wisdom! Heed My reproof!

Look! I will pour out My spirit upon you.

I will acquaint you with My words.

But those who hear Me and heed My words,

will dwell in trust, and be at ease, without fear of evil."

R: We are called to become fully human.

Second Reading

Gospel of Mary Magdalene, from p.7:1-20, p. 8:1-22¹

A Reading from the Gospel attributed to Mary Magdalene

¹ Mattison, Mark. The Gospel of Mary: A Fresh Translation and Holistic Approach, Mattison: 2023, pp. 20-21, (unformatted version of text pages 7-8).

The disciples asked the Risen One, "Will matter be destroyed, or not?"

The Blessed One replied: "All natures, all forms, all living beings are interdependent, but they will all dissolve again into their original state, because the nature of matter dissolves into the original state of its nature. Anyone who has ears to hear, should hear....

"(B)e content at heart. If you are discontent, find contentment in the presence of the various images of nature. Anyone who has ears to hear should hear."

After the Blessed One said these things, he greeted them all and said, "Peace be with you! Acquire my peace. Be careful not to let anyone mislead you by saying, 'Look over here!' or 'Look over there' because the Authentic Person exists within you. Follow that person. Those who seek will find. So go, and preach the gospel of the kin-dom..."

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

Gospel Acclamation

Mass of Glory, Candeo/Hurd Stephan

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Give the glory and the honor to our God!
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Gospel

John 20:1, 11-18

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

Early in the morning on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary of Magdala went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been rolled away from the entrance. Mary stood crying outside the tomb.

She was still weeping when she stooped down and saw two angels inside. They were dressed in white and were sitting, one at the head and one at the feet where Jesus' body had lain. The angels asked Mary, "Why are you weeping?" She answered, "They have taken away my Teacher, and I don't know where they have put him."

As soon as Mary said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there. But she didn't know who he was. Jesus asked her, "Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?" Thinking he was the gardener, she said, "Sir, if you have taken his body away,

please tell me, so I can go and get him.” Then Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabbouni” -- which means “Teacher.” Jesus then told her, “You can't hold on to me! I have not yet gone to God. Go to my sisters and brothers and tell them that I am going to my loving God and your loving God.”

Mary Magdalene then went and told the disciples, “I have seen the Teacher!” And she told them the things that he had said to her.

The Gospel of God.

Praise to you Jesus the Christ.

MM Feast Day Reflection – Jo Hart

Litany of Saints

Celebrating the Feast Day of Mary Magdalene, July 23, 2023

Cantor:

*Angels and archangels,
Abraham and Sarah,
Isaac and Rebecca,
Jacob, Leah and Rachel,
Moses and Miriam,
Deborah, Judith and Samuel,
Ruth, David and Solomon,
Isaiah, Jeremiah, Esther,*

ALL: All you holy people pray for us.

All: Pray for us.

*Elizabeth, Zechariah,
Mary and Joseph,
Simeon, Anna, Temple prophets,
Peter, Andrew, James, and John
Martha, Mary, and Lazarus,
Susanna and Joanna,
Paul, Barnabas, Veronica,
Stephen, Lydia, and Philip,*

All: Pray for us.

ALL: All you holy people pray for us.

*Therese of Lisieux,
John XXIII and Bernadette,
Dorothy Stang, Oscar Romero,
Ita, Maura, Dorothy, Jean,
Rosa Parks and Dorothy Day,*

ALL: Pray for us.

*Martin and Correta,
Richard G. Hunthausen,
Rosemary Radford Ruether*

ALL: All you holy people pray for us.

*Saint Mary Magdalene,
Apostle to the Apostles...
Supporter of Jesus...
Healed by the Anointed One....
Loyal at the Cross...
First witness of the Resurrection...
Patron of our community...
Lover of all God's people...*

ALL: Pray for us.

ALL: Mary Magdalene Apostle, pray for us.

*God, give new life,
Show forth your Spirit
In its fullness
In all your people...
Guide us in your peace,
Lead us in justice,
Sustain us in your presence,
As you remain with us always...*

ALL: Hear our Prayer

ALL: Christ, hear us. Christ Jesus, hear our prayer

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

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 these gifts will deepen our commitment to proclaim the resurrection, as did Mary Magdalene.

Strengthen us, O God, to witness Your love.

Prayer with our Gifts

Presider: ...*Amen.*

Eucharistic Prayer

God dwells in you. *And also in you.*

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

Hearts burning with love, we give God thanks and praise.

Presider

From the beginning of all things, You create wonder, beauty, and unending life. Glorious are You, O God, who creates splendor from chaos, beauty amid suffering, life from death.

In the garden the risen Jesus appeared to Mary Magdalene, who traveled with him, supported him out of her own resources, witnessed his death on the cross, and went to the tomb to anoint him. Mary Magdalene was the first to witness the resurrection. She was sent to preach the Good News to Jesus' other disciples, becoming the Apostle to the Apostles. And so, we join with Mary Magdalene and all the angels and saints, in their everlasting song of praise:

Sanctus [Sung]

Mass of Glory, Canedo/Hurd

Holy, Holy, Holy, O God of hosts.

Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed are all who come in the Na-me of our God.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Voice 1

We give thanks for Your presence in this holy place, in each of us, in this community, and in all Your creation! Fill us with awe, wonder, and holy longing.

Voice 2

Through countless generations Your people honored You: Abraham and Sarah and Hagar, Isaac and Rebekah, Jacob, Leah and Rachel, Mary of Nazareth and Joseph, and Mary Magdalene. These generations, and Jesus, still call us to You. In the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, You revealed Yourself.

[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, the cup of new and everlasting life. Do this in memory of me."

Presider:

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith: *[Sung]*

Mass of Glory

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

Voice 3

We celebrate the memory of Jesus' death and resurrection. We embrace the possibility of reconciliation, justice, and peace. Take away all that divides us. Through Your Spirit make us a sign of unity, a model of equality and instruments of Your peace.

Voice 4

We pray for our religious leaders, that they speak authentically in Your name. We pray for our country and its leaders, that they abandon political rhetoric and work for the common good. Root them in humble service. Awaken in them the joy of divine diversity.

Presider

Be with those who are sick and those who suffer. Be with all who have died and gone before us into the fullness of union with You. Gather people of every gender, sexuality, race, language, religion, and way of life to share in Your everlasting banquet. In Your presence, we give You glory with all creation, with Mary Magdalene, and with Jesus through whom Your goodness flows.

*Through God, Fount of Love,
With Jesus, Fount of Service,
In the Spirit, Fount of Wisdom,
We offer our prayer of praise, this day and forever.*

The Great Amen

Mass of Glory, Canedo/Hurd

A-a-men. A-a-men. Al-le-lu-ia. A-a-men.

The Prayer of Jesus

Unknown

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.

*Loving God in Whom is heaven
May Your Name be honored everywhere
May Your kin-dom come
May the desire of your heart for the world be done
In us, by us, and through us.
Give us the bread we need for each day.
Forgive us. Enable us to forgive others.
Keep us from all anxiety and fear.
For You reign in the power that comes from love,
which is your glory, forever and ever.*

Sign of Peace

May the peace of the Risen Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Let us offer each other a sign of peace.

Lamb of God

Mass of Glory, Canedo/Hurd

*Servant of God, you call us to the Gospel of Love,
O Jesus the Christ, O Jesus the Christ.
Prophet of God, you call us to the Gospel of Hope,
O Jesus the Christ, O Jesus the Christ.
Messiah of God, you call us to the Gospel of Peace,*

Grant us peace, Grant us peace.

Presider

We are the body of Christ, called to be God's love in the world.

We are blessed to share this sacred meal.

All are welcome at God's table. Whoever you are and wherever you are on your journey of faith, know that you are invited to partake of the gluten-free Eucharistic bread, and the consecrated red wine or white grape juice. Let us come, for God's table is ready. ***Amen.***

Communion Song – "From the Many, Make us One"

Alonso

Cantor: Love the world so loved by God,

All: To this table now we come

Cantor: Scattered, tattered, worn, and trod

All: From the many, make us one.

Cantor: Come to welcome table here!

All: To this table now we come

Cantor: Doors wide open, nothing fear.

All: From the many, make us one

Refrain: When we sing, and when we cry, as we live and as we die: To this table now we come. From the many, make us one.

Cantor: This our great procession line,

All: To this table now we come

Cantor: Join to walk through earth and time.

All: From the many make us one

Cantor: Share and share alike this food,

All: To this table now we come **Cantor:**

Gift of thirsty, hungry God.

All: From the many, make us one.

Refrain:

Cantor: Let our bold procession grow

All: To this table now we come

Cantor: Circling Earth while ages flow

All: From the many, make us one.

Cantor: Running, creeping, leaping high.

All: To this table now we come

Cantor: Dancing, stumbling, striding by,

All: From the many, make us one
Refrain:

Communion Meditation: Mary Don't You Weep

Aretha Franklin

(Oh, oh Mary...)
Mary.
(Oh, oh Mary...)
(Oh, oh, Mary, don't you weep.)
Don't moan.
(...don't you moan.)
Listen Mary (Oh, Mary, don't you weep)
tell your sister, don't moan...
(...don't you moan)

Pharoah's army (Pharoah's army)
All of their men got drowned in the sea one day (drown in the red sea)
Yes, they did.
Mary (Oh, Mary, don't you weep)
Mary don't weep (don't weep)
Tell Martha not to moan (...not to moan)
Don't moan, don't moan.

If I could (If I could)
If I could I surely would (surely would)
I'd stand right up on the rock (stand on the rock)
Yes I would
I'd stand right where Moses stood (Moses stood)
Yes I would

Pharaoh's army (Pharaoh's army)
I know you know that story of how they got drowned in the sea one day
(Drowned in the Red Sea)
Oh yeah.
Jesus said, "Mary" (Oh, Mary, don't you weep)
"Mary, don't weep" (Don't weep)...

Prayer After Communion

Presider: ... **Amen.**

Closing Blessing

Presider:

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

Sending Forth

This mass is ended. We carry on the work of the Apostle to the Apostles.
Thanks be to God!

Closing Song – “Roll Away the Stone”

Conryn

Roll away the stone, see the glory of God. Roll away the stone. (2x)

They have been saying all our plans are empty.
They have been saying “Where is their God now?” **R**

They have been saying no one will remember.
They have been saying power rules the world. **R**

They have been saying no one hears the singing.
They have been saying all our strength is gone. **R**

They have been saying “All of us are dying.”
They have been saying “All of us are dead.” **R**

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

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