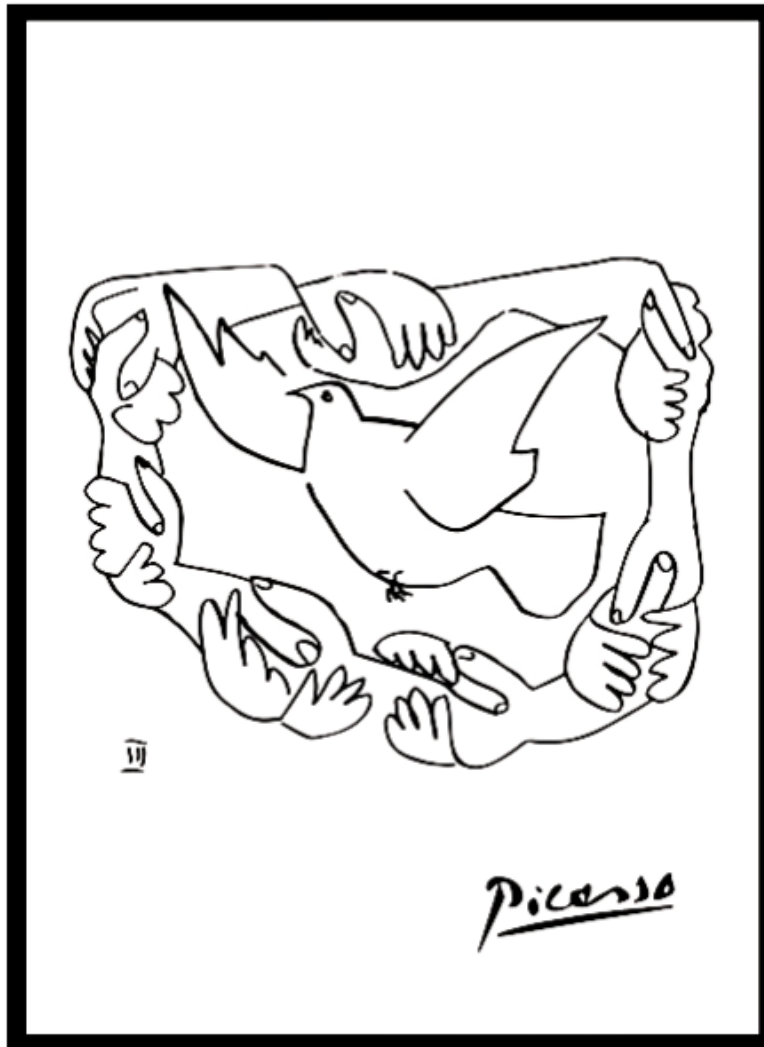




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**Ordinary Time I ~ January 28, 2024**  
**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time &**  
**Liturgy celebrating the Restoration of Women's Ordination**

*By this everyone will know that you are my disciples,  
if you love one another. John 13:35*

## Welcome & Announcements

### **GONG**

Good evening. Welcome to Mary Magdalene the Apostle Catholic Community based in San Diego, California, on the land that the Kumeyaay people have tended for generations. Our in-person presider and homilist is our newly ordained Suzie Knapp! Our online presider is Nancy Corran. Today we gather in person and online as we celebrate, in Ordinary Time, the restoration of Women's Ordination. 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'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, please stand and introduce yourselves and tell us where you are from.

*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**

- *This evening, we invite you to a reception with light refreshment to celebrate Suzie's ordination and first Liturgy as priest. Come and celebrate in gratitude and joy this wonderful event restoring women's ordination.*
- *Please see our bulletin for other community news and events.*
- *Donations to MMACC are appreciated. In-person donations can be placed in the basket on the welcome table.*

Let us pause for a moment of prayerful silence before we begin our Liturgy.

### **GONG**

## ~ OPENING RITES ~

<b>Opening Song – “All Are Welcome”</b>
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<i>Marty Haugen</i>
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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 cross shall stand as witness and as symbol of God’s grace  
Here, as one, we claim the faith of Jesus: **(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)**

<b>Opening Rite</b>
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*We begin our liturgy with the sign of our faith:*  
+ In the name of God...  
**. 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.***

<b>Kyrie - Knowing God’s Loving Kindness</b>
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Loving God, when we fail to recognize injustice in our daily lives,  
***Attune our vision to see as You see.***

Jesus the Christ, when we tolerate injustice and the absence of wisdom,  
***Unsettle us. Give us the courage to do what is just, good, and right.***

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

*Loving God, we gather in all our diversity as one people. Enable us to continue our call to welcome all, love all, and fully include all in the many dimensions of our lives. Guide our steps as we journey toward and alongside you, giving us courage when we falter or turn away. Allow us to see in each person your glory and your image, so that we can encourage one another in all that lies ahead, offering friendship and hope. We ask this in Jesus' name. **Amen***

## **~ LITURGY OF THE WORD ~**

### **A Reading from the Book of Deuteronomy**

Moses said to the people, "The Holy One, your God, will raise up for you a prophet like me from among the people, one to whom you will listen.

"This is what you requested of the Holy One, your God, at Horeb. On the day of the Assembly you said, 'If we hear the voice of the Holy One, our God, anymore, or ever again see this great fire, we will die.' Then God said to me, 'What they have said is well said. And so, I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people. I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who will tell them everything my heart desires. Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet speaks in my Name, I myself will hold accountable. But the prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or presumes to speak in my Name a word that I have not spoken - that prophet will perish.'

"You may say to yourself, 'How can we know if it is a word that God has not spoken?' If a prophet speaks in the Name of God, but the thing does not take place or prove true, it is a word that God has not spoken. The prophet has spoken it presumptuously. It will not come to pass."

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

***Thanks be to God.***

*Our Psalm response is: Listen with Your heart to the voice of God*

***R: Listen with Your heart to the voice of God.***

Come, let us sing joyfully to God, Creator of the Cosmos!  
Let us make a joyful song to the Beloved!  
The depths of the earth belong to Love,  
the height of the mountains as well,  
the sea and all that is in it.

The dry land and air above were created by Love.

***R: Listen with Your heart to the voice of God.***

Come! Let us bow down and give thanks!  
Let us be humble before the Blessed One.  
For the Beloved is the original and ultimate  
Life of the cosmos.

We are blessed to be invited to friendship with the Beloved,  
companions on the cosmic journey.

***R: Listen with Your heart to the voice of God.***

O, that today we would listen to the Beloved's voice!  
Harden not your hearts,  
that you may not be separated from Love.  
Be not like those who hear the Spirit's Voice and do not heed it.  
For human life is a breath in the breath of the Cosmic Dance,  
a gift to be revered with trust.

***R: Listen with Your heart to the voice of God.***

<b>Second Reading</b>	<i>1Cor 9:16-18, 2Cor 4:5, 7-12</i>
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### **A Reading from Paul's Letters to the Corinthians**

When I proclaim the gospel, I cannot boast, since I am compelled to do it. Woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! If I preach voluntarily, I have a reward; if not voluntarily, I am simply discharging the trust committed to me. What then is my reward? Just this: that in preaching the gospel I may offer it free of charge, and so not make full use of my rights as a proclaimer of the gospel. We do not proclaim ourselves. We proclaim Jesus as the Christ and ourselves as servants for Jesus' sake.

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We have this treasure in earthen vessels, so it is clear that the extraordinary power that fills us is from God. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck

down, but not destroyed. We always carry in our bodies the death of Jesus, so that life may also be revealed in our bodies. We know that the One who raised Jesus the Christ will raise us also and will bring us all into the presence of God.

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

***Thanks be to God.***

<b>Gospel Acclamation</b>
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***Alleluia, alleluia! We listen to the word of God.***

***Alleluia, alleluia! We proclaim the gospel of our God!***

<b>Gospel</b>
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<i>Mark 1:21-28</i>
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Our God is with you.

***And also with you.***

A Reading from the Gospel attributed to Mark

***Glory to you, O God.***

Jesus and four disciples - Simon-Peter, Andrew, James, and John - came to Capernaum. On the Sabbath, Jesus entered the synagogue and taught. The people were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes.

Just then, in their synagogue, was a person with an unclean spirit. The spirit cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are. You are, the Holy One of God!" But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit: "Be silent! Come out!" The unclean spirit convulsed and, with a loud cry, came out of the person. All were amazed and asked one another, "What is this? A new teaching - and with authority! For he speaks to the unclean spirits, and even they heed him."

At once, Jesus' fame spread everywhere, throughout the whole region of Galilee.

The Gospel of God.

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

**Prayers of the Faithful 01-28-2024****4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in the Orderly Course of Time and Suzie's Liturgy as Presider**

"When I proclaim the gospel, I cannot boast, since I am compelled to do it. ... We have this treasure in earthen vessels, so it is clear that the extraordinary power that fills us is from God." Let us pray for all who minister to God's people, and for everything else that we and all creation need.

Our response: Holy One, hear the prayers of our hearts.

***All: Holy One, hear the prayers of our hearts.***

That we might, through our sharing of this Table of Welcome, make Jesus's fame spread everywhere, throughout the whole region of San Diego ... we pray ...

***All: Holy One, hear the prayers of our hearts.***

For our dear sister Suzie, at this inauguration of her priestly ministry, that she might faithfully lead and serve God's people for the rest of her days, and that the Holy One and this community always be with her as her support and her inspiration ... we pray ...

***All: Holy One, hear the prayers of our hearts.***

That, with Paul, even when we are perplexed we will not be driven to despair, and when we are afflicted we will not be crushed ... we pray ...

***All: Holy One, hear the prayers of our hearts.***

That as the Body of Christ we order the unclean spirits of racism and violence to depart from our own lives and the lives of all those we encounter ... we pray ...

***All: Holy One, hear the prayers of our hearts.***

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: Holy One, hear the prayers of our hearts.***

In thanksgiving for God's self-revelation as the Life-Breath at the heart of the unfathomable diversity and immensity of the Cosmos ... we pray as Jesus said we should ...

***All: Holy One, hear the prayers of our hearts.***

*[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-strengthened ministering community of Alleluia and sorrow. We remember the universal needs of all living beings, surrounded by war, injustice, and violence, as well as by all-embracing 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.

We ask that your prayers be brief petitions, and in consideration of our diversity of perspectives, remembering the universal needs of all people.

*[After each petition:]*

***All: Holy One, hear the prayers of our hearts.***

*[After all petitions have been spoken:]*

We also lift up ***all*** those living with illness, injury, loss, and suffering, those who have gone home to the Holy 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: Holy One, hear the prayers of our hearts.***

**Concluding Prayer:** [Presider]

*Tender and compassionate God, whose strength is made perfect in our weakness, help us to believe that you receive us as we are. More than that, help us to be carriers of the message of your love, like earthen vessels that carry treasures. Receive our prayers brought to you in hope, trust, and vulnerability today, we pray... Amen.*

## **~ LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST ~**



***We hold a treasure, not made of gold.  
In earthen vessels, wealth untold.  
One treasure only, Messiah, Christ.  
In earthen vessels.***

Light has shone in the cosmos; God has shone in our hearts.  
With the rad’ance of glory of Jesus the Christ. **R**

God has chosen the lowly who are small in this world.  
In this wisdom is glory in Jesus, the Christ. **R**

### **Preparation of the Gifts**

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.

**[R] *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.

**[R] *Blessed be God forever.***

Pray that our offering helps us to welcome God and share with others more fully.

**[R] *We celebrate Your Presence in and among us.***

### **Prayer with our Gift**

*Everlasting God, your love is revealed to us in so many ways. Your care holds us close; your protection keeps us safe; your generosity teaches us to share with all humankind. As we break this bread and share this wine, we give thanks that your loving kindness is revealed in Jesus our brother, who reached out with compassion and taught with authority. May we find our nourishment in you, as we share these simple gifts with one another. We pray in Jesus’ name.... Amen.*

### **Eucharistic Prayer**

God dwells in you.

**[R] *And also in You.***

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

**[R] *We give God thanks and praise!***

## **Presider**

Holy One, You call us into a vision of a Beloved Community, centered on the belief that racism, sexism, misogyny, bigotry, patriarchy, white privilege, Christian nationalism, and all prejudice will be replaced by an all-inclusive spirit of kinship. You call us to work for justice, to be mindful of all creation, to feed those who hunger at our door, to see no one left in need. We join with the angels and the saints from all peoples around the world to sing our song of praise:

<b>Sanctus</b> <i>[Sung]</i>
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***Wholly, wholly, holy God. God of wonder God of awe.***

***Heaven and earth are full of your glory!***

***Hosanna in the highest.***

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

***Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest!***

***Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest!***

## **Voice 1**

God-in-all, how wonderful is your holy presence! We thank you for all throughout history who have affirmed Your loving presence and challenged Your people to give witness. Empower *us* to be in solidarity with those who live and love on the margins.

## **Voice 2**

In your love for us, you took on flesh in Jesus. Believing it could transform the world, Jesus gave up his divine privilege, and chose a life of service and love. These acts define his greatness and our discipleship. Help us transform our privilege into lives of service and love.

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

## **Presider**

Pour out your Spirit on these gifts, O God. May this bread and wine become for us the body and blood of Jesus, enlivening us anew in our pursuit of a world where everyone can flourish and lead lives full of justice, love, and truth. 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 gave You thanks, and gave the cup to his friends, saying: "Take this all of you and drink. This is my life-blood, the Cup of Love. Do this in memory of me."***

## **Presider**

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith: *(Recited)*

***Christ was birthed among us.***

***Christ was killed among us.***

***Christ rises again among us.***

**Voice 3**

Giver of Sacred Worth, may the gift of our lives become, for others, Your church; the living presence of Christ. Change us, that others might have hope. Change us, that others might be valued. Change us, so that no one will have to stand before their oppressors alone.

**Voice 4**

Send Your Spirit sweeping through all human institutions. Transform our structures and traditions to create a world more responsive to Your vision of justice for all. Inspire religious and political leaders everywhere to embrace the challenges of these times, and to provide moral leadership where it is lacking.

**Voice 5**

You gather us around this table with Mary Magdalene, Jesus, and all the saints. Strengthen and comfort those treated with disrespect, who fear their lives will be discounted and discarded. Strengthen and comfort all who suffer.

**Presider**

Bless those who have gone before us into cosmic splendor. Bless us with wisdom, courage, and resolve as we re-commit ourselves to Your reign of justice, love, peace, and freedom. In Your presence, 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, One God of all that is,***

***May glory and honor be yours.***

<b>Great Amen [Sung]</b>	<i>Tompkins</i>
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***We eat this bread; we drink this cup.***

***We share as one body of Christ.***

***We give our thanks; we give our thanks.***

***Amen, amen, amen!***

**~ COMMUNION RITE ~**

## Prayer of Jesus

*Lyrics Unknown/Music Kosits*

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 sung contemporary version:

***Loving God, in whom is heaven,  
may Your name be honored everywhere.  
May Your kin-dom come.  
May Your heart's desire, 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 of love,  
which is Your glory, forever and ever. Amen.***

## Sign of Peace

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

## Lamb of God\*

*Tompkins*

*\*The in-person assembly will be singing "Jesus Christ" in place of the words "Lamb of God".*

Lamb of God, you call us to live in ex-pect-ant hope.

Lamb of God, you call us to wit-ness to your love.

Lamb of God, you call us to work  
for peace and jus-tice in our world.

Grant us peace. Grant us  
peace. Grant us peace.

Gifts of love for God's beloved.

***We are called to become the Beloved Community.***

This is God's table, not ours. All are truly welcome to receive the gluten free eucharistic

bread and the consecrated red wine or white grape juice. Christ is present with us whenever and wherever we are. May all who share this communion be united in the Body of Christ that knows no bounds. Come, God's table is ready! **Amen.**

<b>Communion Song – “Ancient Words”</b>
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<i>Lynn Deshazo</i>
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Holy words, long preserved, for our walk in this world,  
they resound with God's own heart. O, let the ancient words impart.  
Words of life, words of hope, give us strength, help us cope.  
In this world wher-e'er we roam, ancient words will guide us home.

***Ancient words, ev-er new, changing me and changing you;  
We have come with open hearts, O, let the ancient words impart.***

Holy words, of our faith, handed down, to this age,  
came to us through sacrifice. O, heed the faithful words of Christ.  
Holy words, long preserved, for our walk in this world,  
they resound with God's own heart. O, let the ancient words impart.

***Ancient words, ev-er new, changing me and changing you;  
We have come with open hearts, O, let the ancient words impart. X2***

<b>Prayer After Communion</b>
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<i>adapted from Ruth Duck</i>
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*God of abundant love, having shared in your sacred meal, let us also share in your sacred work on earth. As we have received sustenance for our bodies, minds, and spirits, may we share ourselves with others in our local and global communities. Through this meal, may we be energized to bring your message of liberation to all those we meet. We offer our lives to your service, through the One who came to model a life of service, we pray... **Amen.***

## **~ CONCLUDING RITES ~**

<b>Closing Blessing</b>
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*Let us go out with hearts and hands and minds renewed...  
Let the church say... **Amen!***

*Let us go out to bring God's gentle touch to those in pain...  
Let the church say... **Amen!***

*Let us go out to speak truth to those with power...  
Let the church say... **Amen!***

*And now, with compassion and faith, let us go out to change the world...  
Let the church say... **Amen!***

<b>Sending Forth</b>
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This Mass has ended. Let our service continue.  
***Thanks be to God.***

<b>Closing Song – “One Spirit, One Church”</b>
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*Keil*

***We are a pilgrim people, we are the Church of God.  
A fam'ly of believers, disciples of our God.  
United in one spirit, ignited by the fire;  
Still burning through the ages, still present in our lives.***

Come, Holy Ghost, Creator blest,  
And in our hearts take up thy rest; come with thy grace  
And heav'nly aid to fill the hearts which thou hast made. **(R)**

O Comforter, to thee we cry,  
Thou gift of God sent from on high.  
Thou font of life and fire of love,  
The soul's anointing from above. **(R)**

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

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