

Mary Magdalene Apostle Catholic Community



"A new way to be Roman Catholic"



"Celebration" by John August Swanson, serigraph*

"Everyone, everyone, everyone!"

~ Pope Francis

**18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 3, 2025**

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. Jane Via is our homilist and online presider. Suzie Knapp is our in-person presider. Nancy Corran is on vacation out of the country. Today we gather in person and online. 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 of you joining us online, you can find the worship aid at mmacc.org. 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

- San Diego schools start classes Aug 12! Today is our last day to collect school supplies for students from kindergarten to high school. The items will be distributed by Western Services to low-income families in San Diego. We will bless these school supplies today. Thank you, as ever, for your thoughtful generosity.
- The NAACP San Diego Branch is hosting an Interfaith Prayer Vigil on Friday August 15 from 7:00 - 8:30 pm at Greater Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church. Suzie has been selected as one of the prayer leaders from the clergy. Please consider attending this service, representing MMACC. See the bulletin for further details.
- We will welcome Bodhicari Jeffrey Zlotnik, as our guest homilist for next week. Jeff is co-founder and CEO of the Dharma Bum Temple. Some of us participate in Temple volunteer activities and meditation opportunities. With a B.A. in Psychology, Jeffrey built a successful eight-year consulting career. Reared in a Jewish home, he began attending a Buddhist Temple in 2003. In 2005, he left his career and moved to a Buddhist Monastery in Taiwan where he lived with monks in the Buddhist College for one year. At the end of 2006, he helped open the Dharma Bum Temple in downtown San Diego before relocating to its current location in University Heights in April of 2017. Jeff will include a meditation as part of his homily.
- Invite Suzie forward to announce Sally as our new Tech and Cantor, and Lupita as back-up.
- Please see our bulletin for other community news and events.
- Donations to MMACC may be placed in the basket outside the chapel doors. Online donations may be made through our website under the "donate" tab.

GONG

[moment of silence]
INTRODUCTORY RITES

Opening Song - "This is the Day"

Garrett

This is the day, this is the day,
That our God has made, that our God has made.
Let us rejoice, let us rejoice
And be glad in it, and be glad in it.
This is the day that our God has made.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the day, this is the day
That our God has made.

Repeat

Opening Rite - Sign of the Cross & Greeting

We begin our liturgy with the sign of our faith:

+ In the name of God who shares divinity with us, Jesus who shares humanity with us, and the Holy Spirit who unsettles and inspires us... we pray, ***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.

Kyrie - Knowing God's "Hesed" (Loving-Kindness)

Jesus, Gift of God's Justice, when we fail to share our resources with those in need.

[R] *God, forgive us. Empower us to live the Gospel.*

Jesus, Gift of God's Compassion, when we allow discrimination against others and when we benefit from it.

[R] *God, forgive us. Empower us to live the Gospel.*

Jesus, Gift of God's Peace, when we accept divisiveness instead of building bridges.

[R] *God, forgive us. Empower us to live the Gospel.*

ALL: May God, who is Love, forgive our indifference to the Gospel and strengthen us to live with more generosity, compassion, and peace. Amen.

Opening Prayer

Presider: *Holy Mystery, This evening we learn that the experience of meaninglessness is not new to our times, nor the theology of the Cosmic Christ, nor need to learn to pray. May this insight into our faith history strengthen our confidence in our experience, even as we link our experience to that of our ancestors in faith. We pray... Amen*

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Eccl 1:2, 2:21-23

A Reading from the Book of Ecclesiastes

“Meaningless! Meaningless!” says the Teacher. “Utterly meaningless! Everything is meaningless.”

Here is one who has labored with wisdom and knowledge and skill, and their legacy must be left to another to enjoy, someone who has not toiled for it! This is meaningless and a great misfortune! What do humans profit from all the toil and anxious striving with which they labor under the sun? Each day sorrow and grief are their occupation. Even at night their minds do not rest. This is meaningless.

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

Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Ps 138:1-8, Merrill, rendered in 1st person plural

The Psalm response is:

Teach us to sip contentedly of the fragrant wine of our lives.

R: Teach us to sip contentedly of the fragrant wine of our lives.

You turn us back to cosmic dust with mere words:

“Return, O human one.”

For a thousand years are to You

like a yesterday when it is past

or like a watch in the night.

R: Teach us to sip contentedly of the fragrant wine of our lives.

Like a dream, we are swept away.

Like grass, we flourish in the morning and are renewed,

yet fade and wither when evening comes.

R: Teach us to sip contentedly of the fragrant wine of our lives.

Teach us to count our days, that we may have a wise heart.

Turn to us, O God, that we may know You.

Have compassion on Your servants.

R: Teach us to sip contentedly of the fragrant wine of our lives.

Surprise us with Love at daybreak,

so that we'll sing and dance with joy the day long.

May the blessing of God be upon us all,

and prosper the work of our hands!

R: Teach us to sip contentedly of the fragrant wine of our lives.

A Reading from the Letter to the Colossians:

Since you have been raised with Christ, set your minds on cosmic things, for the Christ now permeates the cosmos. Set your hearts on things that matter, things that endure. For with Christ, you also have died, and your life is now everlasting. The glory of the Christ appears again in and through you, even now.

Put to death, therefore, whatever kills the Spirit: evil, greed, selfishness, idolatry. Rid yourselves of things like anger, rage, malice, gossip, and ugly language. Do not lie to each other. Strip yourselves of bad habits. Clothe yourselves with a new self which is always being renewed in the image of its Creator. In that renewal, there is no Gentile or Judean, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free. Christ is all and in all.

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Gospel Acclamation [Sung]*Tompkins*

Alleluia, alleluia! We listen to the word of God.

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

Gospel*Luke 11:1-10,13*

God is with you. **[R] *And also with you.***

A reading from the Gospel attributed to Luke. **[R] *Glory to You, O God.***

Jesus was praying in a certain place. After he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Teacher, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." Jesus responded, "When you pray, say:

'Loving Creator [Greek: "Pater"/Father]

Your name be honored.

Your reign come.

Give us each day our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.

And do not bring us into a time of trial.' "

Jesus continued, "Suppose one of you has a friend, whom you visit at midnight and say, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread. A friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set on the table.' Your friend answers from within, 'Don't bother me. The door has already been locked. I, and my children, are in bed. I can't get up and give you anything.' I tell you, even though your friend will not get up and give you anything you want just because you are friends, if you are persistent, your friend will get up and give you whatever you need.

"So, I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you. Seek, and you will find. Knock, and the door will be opened for you. Everyone who asks, receives. Everyone who seeks, finds. For everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. If you, who are lacking and limited, know how to provide to others what is needed, how much more will the God of All give the Holy Spirit to those who ask!"

The Gospel of God.

Praise to You, Jesus the Christ

Homily

Jane Via

[Moment of Silence]

Prayers of the Faithful 07-27-25

17th Sunday in the Orderly Course of Time

"... you have been raised with Christ ... your life is now everlasting." To the Holy One, who gives us life and bread and all that we need, let us pray!

Our response: Ask, and it will be given to you. ***All: Ask, and it will be given to you.***

Knowing that you are with us and in us even when everything seems meaningless... we pray ...
All: Ask, and it will be given to you.

That we persevere in asking, seeking, and knocking, until we find, we receive, we see the door opened ... we pray ...***All: Ask, and it will be given to you.***

That as we mark the 80th anniversary of the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, we resolve to raise our prophetic voices to demand the elimination of weapons of mass destruction by all nations ... we pray ...***All: Ask, and it will be given to you.***

Scripture commands us to treat foreigners the same as citizens, and to love them equally, remembering that we, too, were once foreigners. Let us work to make our country welcoming to migrants, immigrants, asylum seekers, and refugees. we pray ... ***All: Ask, and it will be given to you.***

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: Ask, and it will be given to you.***

For those who have failed to help us in our time of need, and for the times we also have failed to connect in loving service with our fellow human beings ... we pray as Jesus said we should ...
All: Ask, and it will be given to you.

Now it is time to bring to God the personal prayers and intentions of our hearts, as the Spirit prompts us. 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, remember the universal needs of all people.

[After each petition:]

All: Ask, and it will be given to you.

[After all petitions have been spoken:]

We lift up all those living with illness, injury, loss, and suffering, those who have gone home in Holy Mystery, 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: Ask, and it will be given to you.

Presider: *Holy One, we reach into the depths of ourselves to find You dwelling with us. Sharing the desires of our hearts for the world with each other, in Your presence, strengthens us for the challenges of our time. May our prayers be with You, held in Your holy heart, received by You, and simultaneously uplift one another. In Jesus' name, we pray... Amen.*

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Song - "All That We Have"

Ault

***All that we have, and all that we offer, Comes from our hearts both frightened and free.
Take what we bring now and give what we need, All done in Your Name.***

Some people live to gain power, others seek power in gold.

Some rely on the Holy, Whose faithfulness never grows old. **R**

Sometimes the road may be lonely, often we may lose our way.

Take courage and always remember, Love isn't just for a day. **R**

Sometimes when troubles are many, life can seem meaningless, too. But living, loving and serving, lend meaning to all we go through. **R**

Our Eucharist

Presentation & Preparation of 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, friends, that sharing this bread and wine will enlarge our hearts, our souls and our very selves to welcome God more fully.

[R] *In us and among us, You are with us.*

Prayer with Our Gifts

Presider: *Holy Love, this night we offer our prayers as bread, our longing for You as the wine. Teach us to be filled by the bread that is You. Teach us to sip contentedly of the fragrant wine of our lives...we pray...Amen.*

Eucharistic Prayer

God dwells in you. **[R]** *And also in you.*

Lift up your hearts.

[R] *We lift up our hearts to God and to one another.*

Presider

God of Wonder, the cosmos proclaims Your glory; the heavens your handwork! Trees of the forest sing for joy and stones cry out. Together, we give You thanks for Your goodness.

Voice 1 (online)

Creating God, in creation we are coming to know ourselves and You. The universe is coming to know itself in us. You are our unity. You are our diversity. Together, we co-create.

Voice 2 (online)

Gracious and tender-loving God, in the midst of conflict and division, You turn our minds to thoughts of peace. When Your Spirit fills our hearts, enemies begin to listen and speak to one another, hands are extended in friendship across divisions, nations seek the way of justice and peace.

Voice 3: Your Spirit is at work when hatred is quenched by compassion and vengeance gives way to forgiveness. For this, we never cease to praise You, as we join countless angels and every creature of the cosmos in song:

Sanctus *[Sung]*

Tompkins

Wholly, wholly, holy God. God of wonder, God of peace.

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!

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

Presider

And so, God Who is Love, we praise You through Jesus - the Word that brings healing and wholeness - the hand You stretch out to us in our weakness - the way that leads to Your peace. We recognize Your Spirit alive and at work in this bread and wine, and in us. We open ourselves to Your Spirit who transforms these gifts to become in us the body and blood of Christ, as we now fulfill your command of love. We remember that...

All: *...on the night before he died, Jesus took bread and gave You thanks and praise. He broke the bread and gave it to those at table, saying, "Take this, all of you and eat. This is my body. Do this in memory of me."*

[Pause]

At the end of the meal, he lifted the cup and praised You for Your goodness, saying, "Take this, all of you, and drink. This is the cup of my life-blood, the cup of Love. Do this in memory of me."

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

***We remember you, we remember you.
Jesus who lives, loves, and dies, rising in our hearts.***

Voice 4: Deepen our capacity to love one another. Strengthen us to overcome all that separates us. Awaken us to our communion with You in all creation. May we build Your church throughout the world as a sign of unity and an instrument of Your peace.

Voice 5: We gather with You around this table, in friendship with Mary Magdalene, the Apostle, and all the prophets and saints, living and dead. Here, may we know strength. Here, may all who suffer know consolation. Here, may all who have gone before us be remembered and blessed. Embrace them in joy. May they, and we, come to know the fullness of Your splendor.

Presider: When suffering passes and death transforms into Cosmic Love, when the fullness of Your peace is revealed, we shall give You glory with Jesus, the Cosmic Christ, through whom Your goodness flows.

Doxology & Great Amen

Tompkins

[Recited]

***Through Christ, with Christ, In Christ
in the unity of Sophia Spirit,
all glory and honor is Yours!***

[Sung] ***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!***

The Prayer of Jesus *[Sung]*

Kosits

The prayer often called the "Our Father" has been translated and rendered in many ways over the last 2,000 years. Please pray using the words and language most comfortable to you. MMACC offers 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.
And keep us from all anxiety and fear.
For You reign in the pow'r of love, which is Your glory forever and ever. Amen.***

The Sign of Peace

May you always know the peace of God within you. **[R]** *And also within you.*
Let us offer each other a sign of peace.

Lamb of God *[Sung]*

Tompkins

Lamb of God, you call us to live in expectant hope.
Lamb of God, you call us to witness to your love.
Lamb of God, you call us to work;
For peace and justice in our world. Grant us peace. Grant us peace. Grant us peace.

Presider

This is holy bread and wine for God's holy people.
[R] *We become one as we share this meal.*

This is the table of Jesus. He made no restrictions. Neither do we. All are truly welcome to receive the gluten-free Eucharistic bread and the consecrated red wine or white grape juice. May *all* who share in this communion be united in the Body of Christ that knows no bounds. Come! God's table is ready!

Communion Song - "There is a Longing in our Hearts"

Quigley

There is a longing in our hearts, O God, for you to reveal Yourself to us.
There is a longing in our hearts for Love we only find in you, O God.

For justice, for freedom, for mercy, hear our prayer.
In sorrow, in grief, be near, hear our prayer, O God. **R**

For wisdom, for courage, for comfort, hear our prayer.
In weakness, in fear, be near, hear our prayer, O God. **R**

For healing, for wholeness, for new life, hear our prayer.
In sickness, in death, be near, hear our prayer, O God. **R**

God know us, God show us, surround us in healing love.
We call you, we wait; be near, hear our prayer, O God. **R**

[Moment of Silence]

Prayer after Communion

Presider: *Holy Mystery, As we accept the responsibility of co-creating, may our prayesr for our planet help shape its future. And as we seek You, may we find You. May You find us awake, open, listening, and receptive. We pray... Amen.*

CLOSING RITES

Closing Blessing

Presider: *Holy One, You who are Holy Wisdom,
May our feelings of meaninglessness be a bond of hope with our ancestors in faith
even as we learn to sip contentedly of the fragrant wine of our lives.
May our awareness of the Cosmic Christ open for us new forms of prayer.
And may the prayer that Jesus taught us, inform and refresh our understanding of You.
...Let the church say...
Amen.*

Sending Forth

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

Closing Song - "The [Love] Joy of our God"

Paris

The love of our God will be our strength; We will not falter, we will not faint.
God is our Shepherd; we are not afraid; the love of our God is our strength.
The love of our God; the love of our God; the love of our God is our strength.

The love of our God will be our strength; God's love will hold us all of our days.
We are surrounded by kindness and grace; the love of our God is our strength.
The love of our God; the love of our God; the love of our God is our strength.
The love of our God; the love of our God; the love of our God is our strength.

The love of our God will be our strength; We will not waver, walking by faith.
God will be with us to liberate us. The love of our God is our strength.
The love of our God; the love of our God; the love of our God is our strength.
The love of our God; the love of our God; the love of our God is our strength.

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

At Mary Magdalene Apostle Catholic Community, we have embraced the dream of a transformed Roman Catholic Church. We seek to support a full-time paid womanpriest or equivalent and a variety of social justice activities, giving a percentage of our Sunday offering back to the community. To support our community, please visit <http://www.mmacc.org/donate>.

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**Artwork on front cover: "All my life I have loved gatherings of people where the spirit of celebration and dancing thrives. When I was young, I went to dance troupe performances when they came to Los Angeles. The music and movements, the colors and costumes, drew me in. In time, I began to make sketches of what I saw...every dance that has given me joy. I took in dances from the Middle East, Russia, Mexico, Sweden, Africa, East Asia, India, and the sacred dances of the Native Americans... I tried to learn everything I could about them. I love the whole array of dance..."*