

Mary Magdalene Apostle Catholic Community



"A new way to be Roman Catholic"



"Celebration" by John August Swanson, serigraph*

"Everyone, everyone, everyone!"

~ Pope Francis

**20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 17, 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 Olivia Dorman, one of your lectors this evening. Nancy Corran is our online homilist and presider. Jane Via is our in-person presider. 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 stay online 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

Save the Date! MMACC's 20th Anniversary Celebration will take place on Sunday, November 30. Mass will be at 1pm, followed by a reception.

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 - "Come Now is the Time to Worship"

Doerksen

Come, now is the time to worship;
Come, now is the time to share your heart.
Come, just as you are to serve love;
Come, just as you are to serve our God. Come.

One day peace will come is our prayer and our hope;
One day may Your kin-dom come..
One day may the love of the Christ prevail;
One day the world be one. (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)

Presider: *As we begin, we call to mind times we could not discern peace from complacency.*

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: *God of Justice, God of Peace, You call us to challenge the status quo **and** to build bridges. You call us to accountability **and** to reconciliation. You call us to tear down systems of oppressions and walls of indifference, even as You call us to build up the kin-dom of God. In our hearing of Your message to us today, help us embrace the complexity of human and cosmic community, we pray...
Amen*

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Jer 38:1-10

A Reading from the Prophet Jeremiah

The ancient city of Jerusalem was under siege from the Babylonian Empire. The city was surrounded. The King himself took position at the city's gate, the front lines.

Jeremiah, the prophet, spoke to the people of Jerusalem saying: "This is what Your God says:

‘Whoever stays in this city will die by sword, famine, or plague; but whoever goes over to the Babylonians will live. Their lives shall be spared them. They will be spoils of war, but they will live. For this city will be given into the hands of the army of the ruler of Babylon. The city will be captured and ravaged.’”

Four officials heard this statement. These officials said to the ruler, “This so-called prophet ought to be put to death! By speaking such words, he is weakening the resolve of the soldiers who are left in this city! And he is weakening the resolve of all the people! He’s not seeking the good of our city, but our ruin.”

Zedekiah, the King of Judah, said, “This prophet, Jeremiah, is in your hands; for I am in no position to do anything to oppose you.”

So, they took Jeremiah and threw him into a cistern in the courtyard of the guard, letting Jeremiah down by ropes. There was no water in the cistern, only mud; and Jeremiah sank in the mud.

But Ebed-Melek, Ethiopian court official in the royal palace, heard that they had put the prophet Jeremiah in the cistern while the king sat powerless in the Benjamin Gate.

Ebed-Melek went up to the king and said, “I am your servant; you are still my ruler. These officials have done evil to Jeremiah, the prophet. They have thrown him into a cistern where he will starve to death. There is no longer any bread in the city.”

The ruler then commanded Ebed-Melek, the Ethiopian, “Take three of my servants with you and lift Jeremiah, the prophet, out of the cistern before he dies.”

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

Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Ps 40:2-3; 4; 18

Our Psalm Response is: ***Do not delay.***

R: Do not delay.

We wait patiently on You, O God!

You hear our cries.

Draw us out of the pit of tumult, out of the muddy clay.

Give us even ground, a place where we can stand secure.

Steady our steps.

R: Do not delay.

Put a new song on our lips, a hymn to God!

Then, many will see and know You.

Many will put their trust in You.

R: Do not delay.

Show Yourself to all who are poor and in need among us.

Show Yourself to Your people.

You are our help and our deliverer.
Do not delay, O God!
May we not delay for You!
R: Do not delay.

Second Reading

Heb 12:1-3

A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews

Since we are surrounded by so a great a cloud of witnesses, let us cast aside everything that hinders us, all that so easily entangles us! Let us persevere in running the race that lies before us, fixing our eyes on Jesus the Christ, the Leader and Fulfillment of our faith!

In anticipation of the joy that awaited, Jesus endured the cross, scorning its shame. As the Christ, Jesus now lives, glorified, with God. Consider the extreme opposition Jesus endured, that you also may not grow weary and lose heart.

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

Gospel Acclamation *[Sung]*

Tompkins

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

Gospel

Luke 12:49-53

God is with you. **[R] *And also with you.***
A Reading from the Gospel attributed to Luke. **[R] *Glory to You, O God.***

A Reading from the Gospel attributed to Luke

While speaking many things to the disciples and the crowds, Jesus said:

“I have come to bring fire on the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! But I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what constraint I am under until it is completed!

Do you think I came to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but division!

From now on there will be five in one family divided against each other, three against two and two against three. They will be divided father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.”

The Gospel of God.
Praise to You, Jesus the Christ

*[Moment of Silence]***Prayers of the Faithful 08-17-25***20th Sunday in the Orderly Course of Time*

"... we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses ... [let us] not grow weary and lose heart." To the Holy One, who gives us a place where we can stand secure, let us pray!

Our response: You are our help and our deliverer.

All: You are our help and our deliverer.

Knowing that speaking truth to those around us is not always welcomed... we pray ...

All: You are our help and our deliverer.

That with the great cloud of witnesses we support and celebrate all the ministries of women in the church, from Mary Magdalene right up to the present moment ... we pray ...

All: You are our help and our deliverer.

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: You are our help and our deliverer.

In thanksgiving for the warmth of summer, and for the enormity and diversity of the cosmos, God's original and continuing self-revelation ... we pray ...

All: You are our help and our deliverer.

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: You are our help and our deliverer.

For those who have worked to divide us – two against three, parents against children, friends against each other – and for the times we have faltered in our work of building bridges across those divides ... we pray as Jesus said we should ...

All: You are our help and our deliverer.

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: You are our help and our deliverer.

[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: You are our help and our deliverer.

Presider: *Our Help and Deliverer, we thank you for all who have gone before us, who cheer us onward as we navigate difficulties in our world and in our lives, - our helpers as we run our race. Teach us to be helpers and deliverers, too, we pray... Amen.*

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Song - "Shelter Me O God"

Hurd

***Shelter me, O God; hide me in the shadow of your wings.
You alone are my hope.***

When my foes surround me, set me high above their reach.
Hear me when I call your name. **(R)**

As a mother gathers her young beneath her care, gather me into your arms. **(R)**

Though I walk in darkness, through the needle's eye of death,
you will never leave my side. **(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 One, At this meal we divide the bread. We pour out the wine. In this breaking and shedding, may we know our covenant with you, with others, with all creation; may we know in our bodies that we are one, 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 - "Here is Love"

Lyrics: Rees; Tune: Lowry

Here is love vast as the ocean, loving kindness as a flood
Jesus walked and served among us gave his life: breath, body, blood.
Who this love will not remember, who can cease to sing your praise?
You can never be forgotten, throughout heavn's eternal days.

From the tomb came resurrection, fountains opened deep and wide.
Through the floodgates of compassion flows a vast and gracious tide.
Grace and love like mighty rivers, flow incessant from above
Heaven's peace and healing justice, kiss a guilty world with love

Let me all your love accepting, Love you, ever all my days;
Let me seek your kin-dom always And my life be to your praise;
You alone will be my glory, No despairing word to fear;
You have called and will e'er guide me, You have loved and set me free.

In your truth you will direct me By your Spirit, thru' your Word;
And your grace my need is meeting, As I trust in you, my God.
All your fullness you are pouring, From your endless wells above,
Without measure, full and boundless, As I yield myself in love.

[Moment of Silence]

Prayer after Communion

Presider: *Holy Love,*

*Here is love vast as the ocean, here is loving kindness as a flood.
Jesus walked and served among us; gave his life: breath, body, blood.
Who this love will not remember, who can cease to sing your praise?
You will never be forgotten, throughout all our days...*

*May we live the love we have received, sharing our breath, our bodies, and our blood for the life of the world; we pray... **Amen.***

CLOSING RITES

Closing Blessing

Presider:

May God always bless us and keep us.
May God's face always shine upon us.
May God look upon us with kindness,
And fill our hearts with peace, deep peace.

...Let the church say...

Amen.

Sending Forth

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

Closing Song - "Canticle of the Turning "

Cooney

My soul cries out with a joyful shout that the God of my heart is great.
And my spirit sings of the wondrous things that you bring to the ones who wait.
You fixed your sight on your servant's plight, and my weakness you did not spurn,
So from east to west shall my name be blest. Could the world be about to turn?

***My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your justice burn.
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is about to turn!***

From the halls of power to the fortress tower, not a stone will be left on stone.
Let the world beware for your justice tears ev'ry tyrant from the throne;
The hungry poor shall be weak no more, for the food they can never earn;
There are tables spread, ev'ry mouth be fed, for the world is about to turn. **(R)**

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..."*