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Joshua Tree in Autumn, photo by Julianna Barnaby

"...I make a way in the desert..." Is. 43:19

Ordinary Time II - Fall October 12, 2025

#### **Welcome and Announcements**

#### **GONG**

Good Evening. Welcome to Mary Magdalene Apostle Catholic Community based in San Diego, California, on the unceded territory of the Kumeyaay people, with whom we now are neighbors. The CLC is looking into ways we can be better neighbors to the indigenous populations not only in word but also in deed.

My name is..., one of your lectors this evening. Nancy is our online homilist and presider. Jane Via is our in-person presider. We also welcome our online participants. We will not have an on-line presider this evening because of the technical limitations of holding Mass outside.

Today 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 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**

- Directly after liturgy today, we will anoint and bless Suzie as she prepares for knee surgery tomorrow. You may stay and gather round for this brief ritual. Please feel free to leave if you need to.
- Elections for the Community Leadership Council (CLC) are coming up in November. The CLC serves as the Board of MMACC. Please consider whom you might nominate, including yourself.
- 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**

#### INTRODUCTORY RITES

# Opening Song - "You are Holy, You are Whole"

Per Harling

You are holy, you are whole; You are always ever more than we ever understand; You are always at hand.

Blessed are you coming near; blessed are you coming here to your church in wine and bread; raised from soil, raised from dead.

You are holy, you are wholeness, you are present, let the cosmos praise you God! Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah.

## **Opening Rite**

We gather and we begin...

+ In the name of Holy Mystery, Jesus, God-with-Us, and Sophia Spirit, 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** ~ "Call to Consciousness"

**Presider:** For those times we failed to see holiness in the margins; times we did not believe leadership can and must come from the margins....

Holy Mystery, we fail You when we cling to past concepts of You and are afraid to enlarge our consciousness.

ALL: Holy Mystery, Stretch our minds.

Jesus the Christ, we fail to follow you when we do not care for and respect creation.

ALL: Jesus the Christ, Help us stretch out our hands.

Sacred Spirit, we shut You out when we resist change and fail to respond to the needs of our time.

ALL: Sacred Spirit, stretch our hearts to the dimensions of God.

ALL: Help us find You within, follow Jesus, and embrace Holy Wisdom, Amen.

## **Opening Prayer**

**Presider:** Cosmic Presence, Mystery manifest in the flesh, Guiding Spirit, We come here seeking Wisdom in divided and uncertain times. We witness in Scripture and through time, the everchanging landscape of power and politics, alliances and oppositions, war and peace. And yet, also in Scripture, it is always from the margins that we hear the voice of God. Teach us to listen for You and to You, we pray... **Amen.** 

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

## **First Reading**

2Kings 5:1-19 abbrev

## A Reading from Second Kings

Naaman, army commander of the ruler of Aram, was a great leader and in high favor with the ruler. Through Naaman, God had given over victory to Aram. Naaman was a mighty warrior, and he was a leper.

Now, the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. She said to her mistress, "If only your husband went to see the prophet who is in Samaria! That prophet would cure him of his leprosy." So Naaman told the ruler just as the girl from Israel had said. And the ruler of Aram said, "Go then, and I will send along a letter to the ruler of Israel."

When Elisha, a prophet after God's heart, heard that the ruler of Israel was indignant and angry at the letter with its demands for a cure, he sent a message to the ruler saying: "Let Naaman come to me, so that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel." So Namaan came with his horses and chariots and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh will be restored and you will be clean." But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out himself, and stand and call on the name of his God, and would wave his hand over the spot and cure the leprosy. Are not the waters of my land better than the waters of this land?" And he went away in a rage.

But Naaman's entourage approached him and said, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more should you do it when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean'?" So, Naaman went down to the water and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the prophet, and he was cured of leprosy.

Then he returned to the prophet of God and said, "Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel, please accept a gift from your servant." But Elisha said, as God lives, whom I serve, I will accept nothing! Naaman urged him to accept, but Elisha refused. Naaman said he would honor Elisha's God, but then requested pardon on one account, saying, "When my ruler, while having to lean upon my arm, goes to worship at the house of Rimmon, our god, please pardon me when I bow down in solidarity." Elisha said to him, "Go in peace."

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

Our Psalm Response is sung:

R: And the angels cry, Holy. All creation cries, Holy. You will always be holy, holy forever.

Sing a new song to God, to the God who made this world of wonders! God's outstretched arms and holy hands liberate us! *R* 

Above all, God endures!

God has revealed the Divine Presence to all the nations.

God has revealed unfailing love and faithfulness to all.

All the ends of the earth have seen the triumph of God's grace. **R** 

Shout with joy, all the earth, break forth into joyous song! Make music with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody! With trumpets and the echoing horn, make a joyful noise to our God! *R* 

Let the sea roar, and all that fills it, the world and those who live in it.

Let the rivers clap their hands, let the hills sing together in joy.

They rejoice in the presence of God on Earth.

God will judge the world with healing justice and judge its peoples with truth and grace. **R** 

Second Reading 1 Tim 3:16

#### A Reading from the First Letter to Timothy 3:16

Undeniably great is the Mystery, which is the source of our piety and praxis; our devotion and our deeds.

This Mystery was made manifest in the flesh, vindicated in the spirit, seen by angels, proclaimed to the Gentiles, believed in throughout the world, taken into heavenly, cosmic glory.

Undeniably great is this universal Mystery, this Divine Presence revealed on Earth, guiding our ways in holiness and wholeness, even as it fills the whole, holy cosmos.

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

Thanks be to God.

## **Gospel Acclamation**

## "Halle, Halle" John L. Bell



**Gospel** *Lk* 17:11-19

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

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

On the way to Jerusalem, Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten adults with leprosy came toward him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, "Jesus, you command all things: Have compassion on us!" When Jesus saw them, he said, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." As they went, they were made clean.

Then one of them, realizing the leprosy had been cured, turned back, praising God with shouts of joy. The one who came back laid down at Jesus' feet and thanked him. It was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" Then Jesus said to the one who returned and gave thanks, "Rise up! Go on your way. Your faith has made you well."

The Gospel of God.

Praise to you, Jesus the Christ.

**Homily** Nancy Corran

#### Prayers of the Faithful

#### 28th Sunday in the Orderly Course of Time

"Were not ten made clean? ... Rise up! Go on your way. Your faith has made you well." Jesus crossed over boundaries and taboos to offer hope and healing. As we gather for our common thanks – giving, let us pray for a similar fearlessness of spirit.

Our response: Rise up! Your faith has made you well.

# All: Rise up! Your faith has made you well.

That in solidarity with Jesus we also reach across borders and boundaries to bring healing justice and welcome to everyone in the human family ... we pray ...

All: Rise up! Your faith has made you well.

In recognition of yesterday's observance of National Coming Out Day, that all who have had the experience of coming out, or who are struggling with that challenge, may find courage, joy, and strength of voice ... we pray ...

All: Rise up! Your faith has made you well.

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: Rise up! Your faith has made you well.

That facing the immensity of the dark and fiery cosmos, we hear God's song of life, extravagant diversity, and inclusiveness, and open ourselves to the Presence ... we pray ... *All: Rise up! Your faith has made you well.* 

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: Rise up! Your faith has made you well.

For those who do not appreciate our stance of welcoming to all, and for the times we have been ungrateful for love shown to us ... we pray as Jesus said we should ...

All: Rise up! Your faith has made you well.

Now it is time to bring to God the personal prayers and intentions of our hearts.

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: Rise up! Your faith has made you well.

## [After all petitions have been spoken:]

We lift up <u>all</u> 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: Rise up! Your faith has made you well.

#### **Prayer concluding POF:**

Holy One, In our joy and in our sorrows, in our hope and in our despair, never cease to be our all in all. Heal us that we may turn back to thank and praise You, we pray...**Amen.** 

### LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

# Offertory Song - "You are My All in All"

Jernigan

O, Loving God, Holy is Your name.

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You are our strength when we are weak, You are the treasure that we seek, You are our all in all. In every soul we seek Your face, always relying on Your grace, You are our all in all. **(R)** 

Bearing a cross and human pain, we share your cup and rise again, You are my all in all. When we fall down still you are there, present in joy and in despair, You are our all in all. (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.** 

Beloved, may these gifts embolden us to receive You more fully.

The gifts are ready. All are welcome at this table.

# Prayer with our Gifts

**Presider:** May this meal impart to us the equanimity of the unnamed hostage slave-girl, whose words and deeds, like Christ's, were rooted not in fear or vengeance or pain, but in You, O Holy Mystery, O Holy Peace. May this meal transform us to be like the Samaritan leper, remembering always to give our thanks and praise, we pray...**Amen.** 

## **Eucharistic Prayer**

God dwells in you. And also in you.

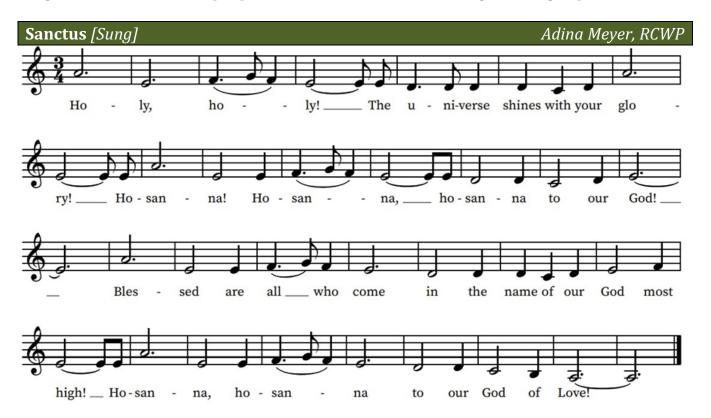
Lift up your hearts. We lift them up to God.

Come to the table and give thanks. We give God thanks and praise.

**Presider:** Cosmic Creator, You choreograph the spinning stars, the orbits of planets, the wildly flung asteroids. You paint with colors yet unseen. You open our ears to the music of the spheres, our minds to the science of mystery and the mystery of science. Your holy writ is everywhere. You are unceasingly at work, bringing order from chaos, filling emptiness with life.

**Voice 1 (online):** You made Yourself known in Your servant, Jesus. Through healing and teaching, he modeled love in a ministry of prophetic compassion. He calls us to live and love on the margins, to align ourselves with those who are oppressed, outcast, and isolated.

**Voice 2 (online):** Empowered by Your Spirit, we too can create new possibilities of healing, connection, and freedom. We are grateful for Your assurance of love in the face of hate, justice in the face of injustice. With trust and thanksgiving, we join with the angels and saints, and all peoples around the world, as we sing our song of praise:



**Voice 3:** God calls us as we are, from wherever we are, to feast on the dreams of God, to be in solidarity with the Christ, to turn from the lure of money, power, greed, and control. God calls us to love unceasingly.

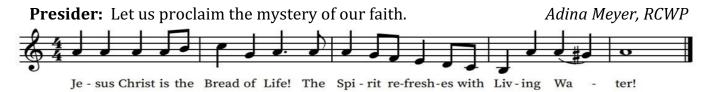
(Please extend your hand, palm up, toward the bread and wine.)

**Presider:** We recognize Your Spirit manifest in these gifts, O God. May this bread and wine become in us the body and blood of Jesus, inspiring us anew to pursue a just world in which everyone can flourish. We remember that...

On the night before Jesus died, he took bread and gave thanks to God. He broke the bread and shared it with his disciples saying, "Take and eat; this is my body. Do this in memory of me."

## (Pause)

After the meal, Jesus took the cup, gave You thanks, and shared it with his disciples, saying, "Take and drink. This is the cup of my life-blood, the cup of love. Do this in memory of me."



**Voice 4:** For the good of our shared lives and all that is yet to come, transform us that we might protect our planet Earth and dedicate ourselves to its rejuvenation.

**Voice 5:** We remember all who have died and gone before us into the fullness of cosmic life with You. Sustain us in the power of sacred memory. Comfort all who suffer. Help all peoples to establish peace in every land.

**Presider:** We trust in the vision of Your one unending banquet, when people of all ways of life, of all time, gather to share in Your Feast of Love. Then, in the grandeur of the Cosmos, we will give you glory with Jesus, through whom your goodness flows. For it is...

## [Recited]

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of Sophia Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, now and always.

**The Great Amen**Adina Meyer, RCWP

Amen, Amen, Amen; Amen, Amen, Amen.

## The Prayer of Jesus [Sung]

Wilhelmy

The prayer often called the "Our Father" has been translated and rendered in many ways over the last 2,000 years. Please feel free to pray using the words and language most comfortable to you. We offer this contemporary sung version.

Loving God, in whom is heaven;
May your name be honored everywhere.
May your kin-dom come,
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 pow'r that comes from love, which is your glory,
Forever and ever, Amen.

## Sign of Peace

May you always know the peace of God within you.

[R] And within you.

Let us offer one another - and the whole world - a sign of peace.

# **Lamb of God** [Sung]

Holy Cross Mass

Jesus Christ, You call us to the Gospel of peace, O Jesus the Christ. Bread of Life, You call us to the Gospel of love, O Bread of Life. Emmanuel, You call us to the Gospel of hope, grant us peace.

This is the Bread of Resurrection, the Wine of New Life. *Blessed are we to share in the Mystery of Life.* 

This is the table of Jesus, who 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 Songs**

"Here is Bread"

Kendrick

Here is bread, here is wine; Christ is in us, Christ is in us. Break the bread, taste the wine; Christ is in us here.

## In this bread there is healing, in this cup is life forever. In this moment, by the Spirit, Christ is in us here.

Here is grace, here is peace; Christ is in us, Christ is in us. Know the grace, find the peace; feast on Jesus here. **(R)** 

Here we are, joined in one; Christ is in us, Christ is in us. We'll proclaim ev'rywhere; Christ is risen now. *(R)* 

#### "Give Thanks"

H. Smith, lyrics adapted

Give thanks with a grateful heart, Give thanks to the Holy One Give thanks because God's given holy bread and wine. **X2** 

And now, let it be that all are blessed let us all bless whom we meet because of Love that dwells within our hearts.

## **Prayer After Communion**

**Presider:** God of all, God our all in all, help us to hear the stories of the slave girls and Samaritan lepers of our time. In the tumult, help us not to shut down, but to listen even more attentively for Your voice. Do not close our eyes to the despair that dwells in the margins, among oppressed place and people, but awaken us to the wisdom that dwells there, wisdom that could change the course of history, moving us closer to Your kin-dom, we pray...**Amen.** 

# **Closing Blessing**

#### Presider:

And now let it be that all know their blessedness; let us all bless whom we meet because of the Love, Peace, and Grace that dwell within our hearts, Let the church say... **Amen!** 

# **Sending Forth**

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

# Closing Song - "All You Works of God"

Haugen

All you works of God, ev'ry mountain, star and tree, bless the One who shapes your beauty, who has caused you all to be one great song of love and grace, ever ancient, ever new. Raise your voices, all you works of God!

Sun and moon: Bless your Maker! Stars of heaven: Chant your praise!

Showers and dew: Raise up your joyful song. R

Night and day: Bless your Maker! Light and darkness: Chant your praise!

Lightnings and clouds: Raise up your joyful song. R

All who live: Bless your Maker! All God's creatures: Chant your praise!

Servants of God: Raise up your joyful song. **R** 

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We are grateful to have shared in worship together today.

At Mary Magdalene Apostle Catholic Community, we have embraced the dream of a transformed Roman Catholic Church. Our three part-time women priests, together, receive the equivalent salary of one full-time pastor. We support 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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