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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 19, 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 Robin, one of your lectors this evening. Jane Via is our in-person homilist and presider. Nancy Corran is our online presider. Today we gather in person and online as we journey through fall. 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

- The Celebration of Life for A. J. Kopkowski will be held on Thursday, October 30th at 10:00am at GLC. An afternoon reception will be held at Pacific Beach and La Jolla Chapel from 3-6pm. If you plan to attend either event, RSVP by email to Margo Durand, one of A.J.'s daughters, at margohauberdurand@gmail.com. Her email information is in the bulletin and will be sent by email. For both events, seating is not unlimited, so please do RSVP.
- Training for Tech Volunteers in the event we need substitutes will be held next Sunday, October 25. Please arrive at the church at 4pm. During the liturgy, you can "shadow" Sally and Lupita. At the end of liturgy, they will stay for 30 minutes to answer any questions.
- Starting November 2nd (2 weeks from today!), daylight saving time ends, and our liturgies will begin at 4pm. We will continue to have a start time of 4pm until Daylight Saving Time returns in March.
- Nominations are now being accepted for the Community Leadership Council (CLC). The CLC is the Board of MMACC. The election will be in November. You should have received the nomination forms via email this past week, but they will also be sent out again this week. Please consider whom you might nominate, including yourself.
- MMACC's 20th Anniversary Celebration will take place on Sunday, November 30. Mass at 1pm followed by a reception. You should have received an invitation via email this past week. Feel free to share the invitation with anyone you know who might appreciate this celebration. Please contact Nancy with any questions.

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 – “Blessed Be Your Name”

Redman

Blessed be Your name in the land that is plentiful,
Where Your streams of abundance flow; blessed be Your name.
Blessed be Your name when we're found in the desert place,
When we walk through the wilderness; blessed by Your name.

***Every blessing You pour out we'll turn back to praise.
When the darkness closes in, God, still we will say:
Blessed be the name of our God. Blessed be Your name.
Blessed be the name of our God. Blessed be Your holy name.***

Blessed be Your name when the sun's shining down on me,
When the world's all as it should be; blessed be Your name.
Blessed be Your name on the road marked with suffering;
Though there's pain in the offering, blessed be Your name. **(R)**

You give and take away. You give and take away.
My heart will choose to say, “God, blessed be Your name.”

***Blessed be the name of our God. Blessed be Your name.
Blessed be the name of our God. Blessed be Your holy name. (Repeat)***

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: *We pause to consider those times this past week when, exhausted, we lost faith in the power of small, individual actions to change the trajectory of history....*

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: *Holy Mystery, You weave threads of responsibility for justice to the outsider, the oppressed and the needy into our lives and hearts. May we never forget this dimension of who You are and whom You call us to be. we pray... Amen.*

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Gen 38:6-27 (with abbrev. + concl.)

A Reading from the Book of Genesis

Judah had three sons. Tamar was married to the eldest, Er, who was wicked. God took Er's life, leaving Tamar a young widow. Judah arranged for his second son, Onan, to be her husband and raise up a child for his deceased brother, to continue his line. Onan refused Tamar a child. So, God took Onan's life. Judah then said to his daughter-in-law, Tamar, "Remain a widow in your father's house until my third son, Shelah, grows up." For Judah thought, "*I am afraid that he too may die like his brothers.*" Tamar went and lived in her father's house. Time passed. Tamar saw that Shelah had grown up but that she was not given to him in marriage.

With no prospect of husband or child, Tamar veiled herself in disguise. She sat at the gateway to the road that Judah was to travel on his way to shear his sheep. Judah, seeing her, mistook her for a prostitute because she had her face covered. Not realizing it was his daughter-in-law, he said, "Come now, let me sleep with you."

"And what will you give me to sleep with you?" she asked.

"I'll send you a young goat from my flock," he offered.

"Will you give me something as a pledge until you send it?" she asked. He said, "What pledge should I give you?"

"Your seal and its cord, and the staff in your hand," she answered. So, he gave them to her and slept with her, and she became pregnant by him. After they departed from one another, she took off her veil and put on her widow's clothes again.

Judah sent her the young goat by a friend of his, who was also to recover the pledge from the woman. Judah's friend inquired of the townspeople, "Where is the temple-prostitute who was by the roadside?" They responded, "No prostitute has been here." Returning, Judah's friend reported, "I did not find her. What's more, the townspeople told me there had been no prostitute there."

"Let her keep the things," Judah replied, "or we shall be made a laughing-stock. After all, I came good on my promise by sending this kid, even though you could not find her."

About three months later, Judah was told, "Your daughter-in-law, Tamar, has played the harlot, and is pregnant."

"Bring her out," ordered Judah, "let her be burned." As she was being brought out, she sent word to her father-in-law, "It is the man to whom these things belong that made me pregnant. To whom do this seal and this cord and this staff belong?" Judah recognized them and said, "She is more in the right that I am, since I did not give her to my son, Shelah." He had no further sexual relations with her.

Tamar gave birth to twins, Perez and Zerah. Through Perez, David, the ruler, was born of Tamar's line.

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

Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Ps 121:1-8

Our Psalm Response is: ***God keeps us.***

R: God keeps us.

I lift up my eyes to the hills—
from where will my help come?
My help comes from the Holy One,
who creates the cosmos, who created this Earth.

R: God keeps us.

God will not let your foot slip.
The One who keeps you will not slumber.
The One who keeps you
will neither slumber nor sleep.

R: God keeps us.

God is your keeper,
your shade at noon, your strength.
The sun will not harm you by day,
nor the moon by night. ***R: God keeps us.***

God will keep you from all evil.

God will keep your life.

God will keep your going out and your coming in
from this time on and always.

R: God keeps us.

Second Reading

2 Tim 3:14-4:2

A Reading from the Second Letter to Timothy

As for you, Timothy, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it. From infancy, you have known the sacred scriptures, which are able to make you wise through faith in Christ Jesus. The holy scriptures are inspired by God and useful for teaching, giving counsel, reconciling and training in justice, so that the servant of God may be competent, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

In the presence of God and of Jesus the Christ, who will judge the living and the dead, and in view of Christ's coming and the kin-dom, I give you this charge: preach the word. Be persistent whether it is convenient or inconvenient. Convince, counsel, reconcile, and encourage people as you teach with the utmost patience.

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

"Halle, Halle" John L. Bell

***Halle, halle, halle - lujah! Halle, halle, halle - lujah!
Halle, halle, halle - lujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!***

Gospel

Lk 18:1-8

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

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

Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not lose heart.

He said: "In a certain city, there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. And there was a widow in that town who kept coming to the judge with the plea, 'Grant me justice against my adversary.'

"For some time, she was refused by the judge. But, finally, the judge thought, 'Even though I don't fear God or respect people, because this widow keeps bothering me, I will see that she gets justice, so that she won't eventually come and attack me!'"

Jesus said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. Will not, then, God bring about justice for God's chosen ones, who cry out in prayer day and night? Will God keep putting them off? I tell you,

they will get justice, and quickly. However, when the Chosen One comes, will anyone with faith be found on Earth?"

The Gospel of God.

Praise to You, Jesus the Christ.

Homily

Jane Via

Prayers of the Faithful 10-19-2025

29th Sunday in the Orderly Course of Time

"... always pray and [do] not lose heart." "Be persistent, whether it is convenient or inconvenient." Mindful of this message, let us ask for all that we need so that our lives shine with patient reconciliation and encouragement.

Our response: Let us pray without ceasing.

All: Let us pray without ceasing.

That we persist in our ministries of prayer and service, even and especially when it seems futile and ineffective ... we pray ...

All: Let us pray without ceasing.

In solidarity with those who follow the Hindu way, who are now celebrating Diwali, that together we treasure the light, and so come ever closer to God whom we find in both light and darkness ... we pray ...

All: Let us pray without ceasing.

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: Let us pray without ceasing.

That as the days grow shorter and evenings come sooner, we look to the fertile darkness for the signs of the quiet work God is doing among us, and open ourselves to the Presence ... we pray ...

All: Let us pray without ceasing.

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: Let us pray without ceasing.

For those who demand justice for all people from our public officials ... we pray as Jesus said we should ... ***All: Let us pray without ceasing.***

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: Let us pray without ceasing.

[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: Let us pray without ceasing.

Prayer concluding POF: Cosmic Wellspring, dwelling in all that is, with these prayers we recognize our longings and hopes for ourselves, our world and the universe. Respond deep within us and lift up our hearts, we pray...Amen.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Song – “For Everyone Born”

Murray/Mann

For everyone born, a place at the table, for everyone born, clean water and bread,
a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing, for everyone born, a star overhead,

***And God will delight when we are creators of justice and joy, compassion and peace:
yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice, justice and joy!***

For young and for old, a place at the table, a voice to be heard, a part in the song,
the hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled, for young and for old, the right to belong, **R**

For everyone born, a place at the table, to live without fear, and simply to be, to work,
to speak out, to witness and worship, for everyone born, the right to be free, **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: *Incomprehensible Holy Mystery, we bring these gifts as symbols of the vast array of gifts we experience through creation and in our individual and collective evolution. Feed our efforts, however small, to seek justice and expand our consciousness. Let us not lose heart. 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:

Sanctus [Sung]

Adina Meyer, RCWP

Holy, ho-ly! The universe shines with your glory!

Hosanna, hosa-anna to our God!

Blessed are all who come in the Name of our God most high!

Hosanna, hosa-anna, to our God of Love!

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."

Presider: Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith.

Adina Meyer, RCWP



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 Song – "People of Peace"

Landry

***To be people of faith in times of doubt; to be people of hope in times of despair;
to be people of peace, people of peace, O God, your instrument of peace.***

Where we encounter hatred, let us bring your love,
where hurt has been oppressive, your healing care;
wherever there are people who are needing to be free;
make your church an instrument of peace. **R**

To heal the broken hearted, to comfort those who mourn;
to go to those imprisoned bring freedom to the bound;
to be a light for all who struggle to be free:
make your church an instrument of peace. **R**

In giving to the hungry, in satisfying thirst,
in welcoming the stranger, in comforting the ill;
in being those who hunger for justice and for truth;
make us all your instruments of peace. **R**

Prayer After Communion

Presider: *Holy Mystery, when powerful insiders, authorities, deceive the people they should serve, give us the courage of Tamar to expose and resist their deception, hypocrisy, and refusal to do their duty, As the evangelist teaches us in the parable of the widow and the judge, may we always act in the context of persistent prayer. As Christians, give us the courage to put Jesus' values over material wealth even as we pursue equitable access of all to basic human resources and services. Let us never assume women will act for the benefit of all but let us never underestimate the power of the powerless, especially women, to accomplish this responsibility. Move us to light our candles and light up our world. we pray...Amen.*

Closing Blessing

Presider:

*May we share in the blessing of Tamar for boldness, innovation and justice.
Let the church say... Amen!*

*May our persistence in prayer equal the widow's persistence and may we never lose heart.
Let the church say... Amen!*

*May we not forget to ask the questions regarding right action and moral living posed in Biblical narratives. Let the church say... **Amen!***

*May each of us light our unique candles and go forth to light our world.
Let the church say... **Amen!***

Sending Forth

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

Closing Song – “Go Light Your World”

Haugen

There is a candle in every soul, some brightly burning, some dark and cold.
There is a Spirit who brings a fire ignites a candle and makes a home.

***So Carry your candle, run to the darkness, seek out the hopeless, confused and torn.
Hold out your candle for all to see it, take your candle, and go light our world,
take your candle, and go light our world.***

All those frustrated, see how they've tried to light their own candle some other way.
See the betrayed ones, the robbed and lied to, still hold their candle without a flame. **R**

We are a family whose hearts are blazing, so let's raise our candles and light up the sky.
Praying to the Holy, in the name of Jesus. Make us a beacon in darkest times. **R**

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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