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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
November 16, 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.

My name is..., one of your lectors this evening. Jane Via is our in-person presider. Nancy Corran is our online homilist and 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

- [Western Service Workers Association](#) is holding a Thanksgiving food donation event on Tuesday, November 25th. They are looking for volunteers to pack and/or deliver the food. Packing food is from 9:00 am - 12:00 noon and delivery drivers are needed from 12:00 noon - 4:00 pm. There will be young folks to lift and carry food. The packing location is at [2995 Commercial Ave.](#) at 30th Street. Contact Mary Kay for more information.
- We will hold an intimate Thanksgiving Liturgy on Thanksgiving Day, November 27 here at GLC, at 10am.
- **Invite Carol Kramer forward to announce our Christmas project.**
*MMACC will be doing a Christmas gift project for the Casa Hogar Uriel orphanage in Tijuana Mexico sponsored by [Corazon de Vida](#). v **All gifts need to be to George by Dec 15th.** For names or questions see Carol Kramer.*
- We will "Celebrate MMACC's First 20 Years" on Sunday, November 30. Mass will be held at 1pm followed by a reception. Please contact Nancy with any questions.
- In the month of November, which is Indigenous Heritage Month, we encourage the members of our community to expand our knowledge of the Kumeyaay Nation, including its many bands and tribes. Each week this month, we are suggesting actions we can take to educate ourselves and be better neighbors to the indigenous populations. The suggestions will be sent by email and will be posted in our weekly bulletin.

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.

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INTRODUCTORY RITES

Opening Song – “God Has Chosen [Us]”

Bernadette Farrell

God has chosen us, God has chosen us to bring good news to the poor.
 God has chosen us, God has chosen us to bring new sight to those searching for light:
 God has chosen us, chosen us.

***And to tell the world that God’s kin-dom is near,
 to remove oppression and breakdown fear,
 yes, God’s time is near, God’s time is near, God’s time is near, God’s time is near.***

God has chosen us, God has chosen us to set alight a new fire.
 God has chosen us, God has chosen us to bring to birth a new kin-dom on earth:
 God has chosen us, chosen us: **R**

God is calling us, God is calling us in all whose cry is unheard.
 God is calling us, God is calling us to raise up the voice with no power or choice:
 God is calling us, calling us: **R**

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: *As we begin, we call to mind times this past week we did not trust that God is near or that God’s kin-dom is near; times we did not feel called or chosen, only weary...*

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

Holy Mystery, Stretch our minds.

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

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: *God of Justice, God of Grace, In Scripture, Your coming to us - Your visitation - is at once fearsome and full of comfort. Scripture invites us to delight in Your coming, even as we are instructed to ready the path and reform our ways. Help us to hear and discern how Sophia Spirit is calling us to greater transformation today, we pray in the name Jesus, through whom we know You are near... Amen.*

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Malachi 3:1, 2, 3b, 5, 8, 16-17, 19a, 20

A Reading from the Prophet Malachi

"I am sending My messenger, who will prepare the way before Me. Then, the One you seek will come suddenly to the temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, is coming!", says the God of the Cosmos.

But who can endure the day of this coming? Who can stand when God appears? God will be a refiner's fire and fuller's soap, refining the Levites, the priests, like silver and gold.

I, your God, will draw near to you for judgment. I will be swift to bear witness against evildoers and those who – without fear – deprive a laborer of wages, oppress a widow or an orphan, or turn aside a resident alien.

"Can a mere human rob God?, you ask. Yes! You are robbing me!"

"But", you say, "How are we robbing You?"

"You are robbing Me of tithes and offerings. You store them up in your storehouses!"

Those who honored God consulted with each other. God listened. They wrote names on a scroll of remembrance, written in God's presence.

"On that day," says God, "they shall be mine! As a mother treasures her child, I will treasure these. As a father has compassion for his beloved, I will have compassion for these. As a parent loves, so I will love these. A day of reckoning will come; but for all who bear my Name, the sun of justice will rise with healing in its wings. And you will go out leaping like calves from a stall."

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

Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Ps 37:1-2, 16+4; 14-15+27; 28, 35-37

Our Psalm Response is: *Justice endures.*

R: Justice endures.

Do not fear those who perpetuate evil.
 Do not envy those who do wrong.
 Do not be provoked by them.
 They will soon fade like the grass, and wither like the green herb.
 Better the meagerness of the just than the plenty of the wicked.
 Delight in God who will give you your heart's desire.

R: Justice endures.

Those who use violence unsheathe their swords and string their bows
 to fell those who are poor and oppressed,
 to slaughter those who seek justice.
 Their sword shall pierce their own heart.
 Their bows shall be broken.

R: Justice endures.

As for you, depart from evil, and do good; in this way, you abide forever.
 God loves justice. God will not forsake those who pursue it.

R: Justice endures.

I have seen the wicked, oppressing, flourish like a green cedar.
 When I passed by again, they were no more.
 I searched, but they could not be found.
 Observe those with integrity. Take note of the just.
 There is a future for those who walk in peace.

R: Justice endures.

Second Reading

2 Thess 3:1-3, 7-12

A Reading from the 2nd Letter to the Thessalonians

Beloved, pray for us, that the word of God may speed on to a groundswell of response, as it did among you, and that we may be delivered from those with ill-intent who and those who wish us harm; for not all have faith. But God is faithful; God will strengthen you and guard you from evil.

As for now, remember that we were not idle when we were with you. You know to follow that example. We did not eat anyone's food without paying for it. We worked night and day, laboring and toiling so that we would not be a burden to any of you. Even though we had the right to assistance, we did this because we wanted to provide an example of diligence, hoping it would prove contagious. Do you remember when we were with you, we often repeated the saying: "Anyone unwilling to work should not eat."

Yet now we hear that some among you are idle and disruptive. They are not busy; they are busybodies. Such people we ask and encourage in the name of Jesus to do their work quietly and earn their keep. And as for you, beloved, do not grow weary of doing what is good.

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 21:1-19*

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

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

As Jesus looked up, he saw rich people putting their gifts into the temple treasury. He also saw a poor widow put in two very small copper coins. Jesus said to the disciples, "This poor widow has put in more than all the others. All the others gave out of their wealth. She, however, gave out of her poverty. She put in all she had to live on."

As Jesus was saying this, some people were remarking how the temple was adorned with beautiful stones and with great gifts dedicated to God. Wearily, Jesus said, "As for what you see here, the time will come when not one stone will be left on another. Every one of them will be thrown down."

"Teacher," they asked, "when will these things happen? What will be the sign that they are about to take place?" Jesus replied: "Watch out that you are not deceived. Many will come in my name, claiming, 'I am the one,' and 'The time is near!' Do not go after them. When you hear of wars and uprisings, do not be afraid. These things must happen first, but they do not mean the end is near.

Jesus continued: "Nations will rise against nation, kingdoms and empires will rise against each other. There will be great earthquakes, great famines and plagues in various places. Terrifying sights and great signs will come from the sky, from the cosmos itself.

"But before the end comes, you will be seized and persecuted. You will be handed over to synagogues and put in prison. You will be brought to trial before rulers and governors, all on account of my name. In these very actions, you will bear testimony to me. So, do not fret in your hearts beforehand how you will defend yourselves. I will give you words, and wisdom, that none of your adversaries will be able to resist or contradict. But you will be betrayed even by your parents, by brothers and sisters, all siblings, relatives and friends. They will put some of you to death. You will be hated because of me. But not a hair of your head will be lost. Stand firm, endure, persevere, and you will gain Life.

The Gospel of God.

Praise to you, Jesus the Christ.

Homily*Nancy Corran*

Prayers of the Faithful 11-16-2025
33rd Sunday in the Orderly Course of Time

“Those who honored God consulted with each other. God listened.” “‘On that day’, says God, ‘they shall be mine’ ... ‘I have compassion for them.’” With all our companions in faith in this community and throughout time, let us call on the Eternal One, Whose name we bear.

Our response: Lover of human beings, listen as we pray.

All: Lover of human beings, listen as we pray.

That we do not fear those who perpetrate evil, and remember that there is a future for those who walk in peace ... we pray ...

All: Lover of human beings, listen as we pray.

That like the poor widow in Jesus’s story, we give from our hearts without counting the cost ... we pray ...

All: Lover of human beings, listen as we pray.

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: Lover of human beings, listen as we pray.

In memory eternal of the Jesuit martyrs of El Salvador of this day in 1989 and their companions Elba and Celina Ramos, whose names have been written on the scroll of Life ... we pray ...

All: Lover of human beings, listen as we pray.

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: Lover of human beings, listen as we pray.

For those who have shut their eyes to the needs all around us, and for the times when our own compassion has fallen short ... we pray as Jesus said we should ...

All: Lover of human beings, listen as we pray.

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: Lover of human beings, listen as we pray.

[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: Lover of human beings, listen as we pray.

[Note: In the Greek Orthodox liturgy, God is sometimes addressed as “Φιλανθρωπε - Philanthropē,” which translates as “Lover of human beings.” Our POF response is meant to echo this usage.]

Concluding Prayer: *Lover of human beings, You hear our prayers. You know our hearts. Whatever depths we experience, still You are there. In our joys and in our sorrows, grant us the courage to walk in ways everlasting, as did Jesus, in whose name we pray....Amen.*

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Song – “You are Near”

Dan Schutte

O God, I know You are near, standing always at my side.

You guard me from the foe, and You lead me in ways everlasting.

God, You have searched my heart, and You know when I sit and when I stand.
Your hand is upon me protecting me from death, keeping me from harm. **(R)**

Where can I run from Your love? It surrounds me, I know You are there;
If I fly to the sunrise or sail beyond the sea, still I’d find You there. **(R)**

Marvelous to me are Your works; how profound are Your ways, my God.
Even if I could count them, they number as the stars, You would still be there. **(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:

Holy Presence, in this meal we remember Jesus whose integrity in life led to his death and whose death led to Life. We remember the names written on this Eucharistic table, names written in the Book of Life, our cloud of witnesses with whom we shared this meal and with whom we now share timeless communion. May this bread and wine fortify us for all that lies ahead, remembering also how Jesus was strengthened by this ancestral meal for his journey to the cross and beyond, 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 – "All That We Have"*Ault*

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

Some would rely on their power, Others put trust in their gold.
Some have only God's Presence, Whose faithfulness never grows old. **(R)**

Sometimes the road may be lonesome, 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 empty, it's true
But look at the life of Christ Jesus, Who lovingly makes all things new. **(R)**

Prayer After Communion

Presider:

*Holy Mystery, In this meal, we trust not only that You draw near to us, but that You are Indwelling Spirit: You are within each of us, moving us to be the risen Body of Christ in the world. If we fear anything or anyone, may it be You alone, so that in our times of trial we will know the power of Your Presence, the Comfort of Your Love, and Your surpassing peace. We pray... **Amen.***

Closing Blessing

Presider:

*May we trust that our names are written in the Book of Life.
Let the church say... **Amen!***

*May we trust that Justice endures.
Let the church say... **Amen!***

*May we not grow weary in doing good.
Let the church say... **Amen!***

*And when we face our trials, may we stand firm, endure, persevere, and so gain Life.
Let the church say... **Amen!***

Sending Forth

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

Closing Song – “We Shall Rise Again”

Young

Come to me, all you weary, with your burdens and pain
Take my yoke on your shoulders and learn from me.
I am gentle and humble, and your soul will find rest
For my yoke easy, and my burden is light.

***We shall rise again on the last day with the faithful, rich and poor.
Coming to the house of our God in love,
We will find an open door; yes, we will find an open door.***

Hymns of praise let us sing now; with our song, we rejoice.
I the Christ am with you, God’s Messiah, God’s choice.
I am with you always; ‘til the end of time.
You shall be my disciples, sharing God’s life divine. **(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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