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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 23, 2025  
Feast of Christ the "Servant"**

## 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 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](#) will hold 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" next Sunday, November 30. Mass will be held at 1pm followed by a reception. Please contact Nancy with any questions.
- Each week in the month of November, which is Indigenous Heritage Month, in the bulletin and in your email, we are sending suggestions for education and action that we might be better neighbors to indigenous populations.
- November is our month of remembrance. Please come forward to write names of your beloved deceased on the altar cloth during any of our songs, during communion, or after liturgy. Now, I invite you to center yourselves in the presence of the Holy, and our vast communion of saints and ancestors, as we begin our opening song.

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 – “Lift Up Your Hearts to Our God”

*Lift up your hearts to our God! We praise gracious mercy.  
Sing out your joy to our God, whose love is enduring.*

Shout with joy to our God all the earth! Praise the Name above all names.  
Say to God “How wondrous Your works!” “How glorious Your name!”. **R**

Let the earth worship singing Your praise. Praise the glory of Your Name.  
Come and see the deeds of our God. Bless Love’s Holy Name. **R**

God's hand made a path through the night, split the waters of the sea.  
All creation, lift up your voice: Our God set Love free. **R**

Listen now all you servants of God. As I tell of Love’s great works.  
Blessed be the God of my life. Whose Love shall endure. **R x2**

### 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:

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:... *Amen.*

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### First Reading

*2 Samuel 5:1-3*

#### A Reading from the 2<sup>nd</sup> Book of Samuel

All the tribes of Israel came to David in Hebron, and they said: "Look! We are your bone and your flesh. In days past, when Saul was still our king, you were the one who led Israel out in all its battles and brought it back.

God said to you: "*You shall shepherd my people Israel; you shall be ruler over Israel.*"

Then all the elders of Israel came to the king in Hebron, and at Hebron, David made a covenant with them in the presence of God; and they anointed David king over Israel.

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

***Thanks be to God.***

### Psalm

*Is 53:1, 3ab, 4, 6a, 7-9, 11-12a*

Our response is: *Because you served all, you are among the great.*  
***Because you served all, you are among the great.***

Who would believe what we have heard?  
 To whom has divine strength been revealed?  
 It was to the Servant who was despised,  
 rejected by others, one of sorrows, one familiar with suffering.  
 Truly this Servant has shared our affliction and our pain.

***R: Because you served all, you are among the great.***

We thought you were being punished,  
     struck down by God and brought low...  
 All of us, like sheep, have gone astray from you.  
 Each of us, we have turned our own way.  
***R: Because you served all, you are among the great.***

Though treated harshly, you bore it humbly.  
 You never opened your mouth.  
 Like a lamb being led to the slaughter,  
     or a sheep before shearers, you were silent.  
 By perversion of justice, you were taken away.  
 Who would ever have foreseen your destiny?  
***R: Because you served all, you are among the great.***

You were taken from the land of the living,  
     stricken in the name of peace.  
 You were buried with those who had committed egregious crimes,  
 though you had done no violence, and there was in you no deceit.  
***R: Because you served all, you are among the great.***

Out of your anguish, you will see joy and light.  
 Knowledge of you, O Righteous One, will turn many to justice.  
 Because you served all and allowed yourself to be counted  
     with the least of us, you are among the great.  
***R: Because you served all, you are among the great.***

## Second Reading

*Romans 15:1-9a, 10, 12-13*

### A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans

We who are mature in faith ought to understand and be patient with the stumbling of those with a fledgling faith. Each of us should bring joy to our neighbors for their good, to build them up. Jesus did not live for personal satisfaction but, as it is written: *"The insults of those who insult you have fallen on me."* For everything in the Scriptures is written for our instruction. With endurance, and Scriptural encouragement, we have hope.

May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live with one another in harmony, in the spirit of Christ Jesus, that you might glorify God with one voice.

Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ Jesus has welcomed you. Do this for the glory of God. Jesus became a servant to his own, the Judean people, so as to confirm the truth of God's promises given to their ancestors. Jesus also became a servant to the Gentiles, so that all might glorify God; for God loves all. Scripture reminds us that God has always welcomed all:

*"Rejoice, O Gentiles, with God's people";*

and again, Isaiah says,

*"The root of Jesse will sprout;  
 A child will rise up and call forth all peoples.  
 That one will come;  
 and in this Expected One the Gentiles shall hope."*

May the God of hope fill you to overflowing with joy, fill you to overflowing with peace, so that your belief lives! Filled with the life-giving energy of the Holy Spirit, brim over with hope!

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 22:14-30a*

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

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

When the hour came, Jesus and the apostles reclined at the table. Jesus said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. I will not eat it again until there is fulfillment in the kin-dom of God."

Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks, said, "Take this and share it with one another. From this moment, I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until God's reign comes."

Then Jesus took bread, and after giving thanks, broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

In the same way, with the cup, after supper, Jesus said, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, poured out for you. But see, the hand of the one who is going to betray me is at this table with me. The Chosen One will go as it has been determined, but woe to the person by whom the Chosen One will be betrayed!" They began to ask one another which of them it might be who would do this.

Then an argument broke out among them about which of them would be regarded as the greatest. Jesus said to them, "Earthly rulers lord it over their people, and those who exercise authority are addressed as 'Benefactors'. But this must not happen with you. No, the greatest among you should be like the least, and the leader like the one who serves. For who is the greater: the one who reclines at table or the one who serves? Surely it is the one reclining at the table! But I am here among you as one who serves. You are among those who have stood by me in my trials. I confer on you, just as my God conferred on me, a kin-dom, so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kin-dom."

The Gospel of God.

***Praise to you, Jesus the Christ.***

## Homily

Jane Via

### Remembering Our Call to Serve

#### *Blessing and Commissioning of the MMACC Community Leadership Council (CLC)*

**As outgoing Board Members, we call forward Carol Spong and spotlight online Paul Prine.**

"Beloved, we are blessed and grateful for Carol and Paul's gracious and long service and leadership on our Community Leadership Council. May they be abundantly blessed in community, family, friends; in work, recreation, and this thankful community."

**As newly elected Board members, we spotlight online, Karen Murphy and Judy Scarborough.**

**And we call forward Sue Bruner, Board member re-elected to continue her service.**

"Beloved, we are blessed and grateful for the generous and gracious "yes" given us by our siblings and companions-in-faith, who have willingly stepped forward to be our servant-leaders on the Community Leadership Council."

**As their colleagues who continue on the CLC, we call forward or spotlight online Colleen Sharp, Mike Martin, Olivia Dorman, and Terry Jackson.**

**Presider:** *The Community has chosen you to serve and lead us, upholding the Vision and Mission of MMACC and reading the signs of the times. Will you listen deeply, speak kindly, and serve and guide this community with your gifts? **We will.***

"Beloved, we are deeply grateful for the wisdom and generous spirit of these Your servants. We commission them and bless them as they serve the Body of Christ revealed in the Mary Magdalene Apostle Catholic Community. May we all join them in the ever challenging and prophetic work of compassionate attention to what we and the world need.

We pray in the name of Jesus the Christ, our Servant Leader... **Amen**



## Prayers of the Faithful 11-23-2025

## Feast of Christ the Servant

"Earthly rulers lord it over their people ... but this must not happen with you. ... I am here among you as one who serves." Let us pray to the Eternal Holy One, who calls us to service in the kin-dom that transcends all human limits and boundaries.

Our response: Christ, Servant, we want to serve like You.

***All: Christ, Servant, we want to serve like You.***

That we never falter in serving, knowing how generously we ourselves have been served ... we pray ... ***All: Christ, Servant, we want to serve like You.***

In solidarity with all transgender people everywhere, that we honor their inherent dignity and respect their inherent goodness. We pray for their acceptance and safety. We pray for growing awareness of the transgender experience in all people everywhere.

***All: Christ, Servant, we want to serve like You.***

In solidarity with our Black Catholic companions on The Way, during this Black Catholic History Month, and for all who bring their gifts of cultural diversity to the church ... we pray ...

***All: Christ, Servant, we want to serve like 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: Christ, Servant, we want to serve like You.***

For the healing and recovery of Ludmila Javorová, who was ordained as a woman priest to serve in the underground church of communist Czechoslovakia on December 28, 1970 ... we pray ... ***All: Christ, Servant, we want to serve like 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: Christ, Servant, we want to serve like You.***

For those who refuse to serve, or to serve with us, and for the times we have ignored our own call to inclusive service ... we pray as Jesus said we should ...

***All: Christ, Servant, we want to serve like You.***

Let us now take a moment of silence to bring to mind all our personal prayers ...

**[BRIEF PAUSE ...]**

For all these intentions from the depths of our hearts ... we pray ...

***All: Christ, Servant, we want to serve like You.***

**Concluding Prayer:**



....*Amen.*

## LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

### Offertory Song – “We Remember”

*Haugen*

*We remember how you loved us to your death,  
And still we celebrate, for you are with us here;  
And we believe that we will see you, When you come – in your glory –  
We remember, we celebrate, we believe.*

Here a million wounded souls are yearning just to touch you and be healed.  
Gather all your people and hold them to your heart. **(R)**

Now we re-create your love, we bring the bread and wine to share a meal.  
Sign of grace and mercy, the presence of our God. **(R)**

See the face of Christ revealed in every person standing by your side,  
Gift to one another, and temples of your love. **(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:**

*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 – "Servant Song"

Will you let me be your servant? Let me be as Christ to you;  
Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too.

We are pilgrims on a journey, we are trav'lers on the road;  
We are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christ light for you in the nighttime of your fear;  
I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping; when you laugh I'll laugh with you.  
I will share your joy and sorrow 'til we've seen this journey through.

When we sing to God together, born will be such harmony,  
Music at our life-long banquet, bread and wine do we receive.

When we finally reach Your table, where all saints are gathered 'round.  
With all those who've gone before us, we shall hear the sweetest sound.

### Prayer After Communion

**Presider:**

*We pray... Amen.*

### Closing Blessing

**Presider:**

*Let the church say... Amen!*

### Sending Forth

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

### Closing Song – "We are Called"

Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of our God.  
We are called – to be life for God's kin-dom, to live in the freedom of the city of God.

***We are called to act with justice. We are called to love tenderly.  
We are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God.***

Come! Open your heart! Show compassion to all those in fear.  
We are called – to be hope for the hopeless, so hatred and blindness, will be no more.

Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of the great day when all will be one.  
God will reign – and we'll walk with each other as family in God's peace united in love.

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*We are grateful to have shared in worship together today.*

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