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*"Landscape with Snow" by Vincent Van Gogh*

## **Winter Worship Aid Ordinary Time I ~ Sixth Sunday**

**February 15, 2026 at 4PM**

## Welcome and Announcements

### **GONG**

Good evening. Whether you are joining us online or in person, welcome to Mary Magdalene the Apostle Catholic Community based in San Diego, CA, on the unceded territories of the many tribes and bands of the Kumeyaay nation, our neighbors. Tonight, we celebrate our final Sunday in Ordinary Time before Lent begins.

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

We'd like to welcome any visitors with us today. For those on Zoom, please feel free to introduce yourselves on chat. A special welcome all to those who join on YouTube! We received a lovely note of gratitude from a family who attends on YouTube attendees, which I will share:

**Dear MMACC,**

***I am writing to express our sincere gratitude for your ministry. We are a same-sex family with a 12-year-old daughter who has always attended Catholic school. Our faith is an extremely important part of our lives, yet we have unfortunately experienced rejection from other churches because we are a lesbian couple.***

***Finding your church and watching your YouTube channel together has been truly wonderful for us. Even if time zone differences make it difficult for us to join live Zoom sessions, please know that simply being part of your community—and being accepted exactly as we are—is incredibly comforting.***

***Thank you for providing our family with a spiritual home.***

***With thanks***

***Cassie, Tee and Alba***

We welcome, you, Cassie, Tee and Alba. And hello to all on YouTube!

We invite any visitors in-person, if you are comfortable, 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.***

For those of you joining us online, the worship aid is available on our website and is posted in the chat. You may wish to have bread and wine or something similar with you to share in our communion. After our liturgy concludes, we invite our Zoom participants to stay online for some social time.

### **COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- On Wed, February 18, we will hold an Ash Wednesday service, with the imposition of ashes, at 12Noon here at GLC. The service will be hybrid, available on FaceBook Live.
- Also on Wednesday, February 18, at 3:30pm (after our Ash Wednesday service), Kori Pacyniak will offer a talk at SDSU in the Gold Auditorium from 3:30-4:30. Their presentation is entitled, "Sacred Bodies, Sacred Lives: Trans Catholic Joy, Resistance, and Liberation."

- Every Monday at 1pm, for 8 weeks, Jen Bonakdar is heading a book club. We will read: *Calling In: How to Start Making Change with those You'd Rather Cancel* by Loretta Ross. The Zoom link is in the bulletin and will be sent via email. All are welcome.
- Please see our bulletin for community events and information.

General donations to MMACC are appreciated. In-person donations can be placed in the basket on the welcome table. Online donations can be made through our website.

Please take a prayerful moment as we prepare for liturgy.

**GONG**

## INTRODUCTORY RITES

### Opening Song – "Song of Love"

*James*

Jesus, Light of our hearts; Creator, our peace and our light;  
Spirit, the joy of our souls You are.

Jesus, to You none compare; Creator, we rest in Your care;  
Spirit, the hope of our hearts You are.

***The heavens declare You are God, and the mountains rejoice.  
The oceans cry "Alleluia," as we worship You, God.  
For this is our song of love.***

Jesus, You soothe our souls. We'll thank You forevermore.  
Jesus, the love of our lives You are.

***The heavens declare You are God, and the mountains rejoice.  
The oceans cry "Alleluia," as we worship You, God.  
For this is our song of love.***

Jesus, we are in awe of the love that You have shown.  
Jesus, how precious You are to us, to all .

***The heavens declare You are God, and the mountains rejoice.  
The oceans cry "Alleluia," as we honor You, God.  
For this is our song of love.  
This is our song of love.***

### Opening Rite

We begin our liturgy with the sign of our faith:

*In the name of God who is Love, Jesus who lived Love, and the Holy Spirit who breathes Love into human hearts, 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.**

### Knowing God's Loving-Kindness

*We pause for a moment to confess times we forget that love is not a sentiment but courageous action; that peace is not complacency, but hard work; and that the path of nonviolence is active.*

Holy Love, Holy Wisdom, Holy Spirit,  
 When we do not pause to contemplate You in creation...  
**Forgive us. Help us to breathe.**

When we do not seek Sophia-Wisdom to guide our ways...  
**Forgive us. Help us to listen.**

When we do not speak out and take just action on behalf of the silenced...  
**Forgive us. Help us to embody You in the world.**

**ALL: Holy One, forgive us when we do not honor You, Your Creation, and Your people. Gift us with awesome wonder, holy curiosity, and courage, we pray, Amen.**

### Opening Prayer

*Holy One, As we listen to Scripture, we join the community of Your people seeking to know You throughout time. Bless our seeking. These ancient texts passed on through different contexts, remind us of the need for Wisdom; they remind us that Your Word is not static, but a dynamic, living Word, ever new; just as You, O God are ever new, we pray... Amen.*

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### First Reading

*Sirach 15:1-4, 8, 11-12, 14-20*

#### A Reading from the Wisdom of Ben Sirach

Whoever reverences the Holy  
 will come to Woman Wisdom.  
 Whoever holds to the heart of the Law will know Her.  
 She will meet you like a mother,  
 and nourish you with the bread of understanding.  
 She will meet you like a lover,  
 and give you the water of wisdom to drink.  
 Lean upon Wisdom; you will not fall.

Trust in Her; you will not be shamed.  
 Wisdom is far from arrogance,  
 liars never think of Her.

Do not say, 'It was because of God that I fell away.'  
 God doesn't do hateful things.  
 Do not say, 'It was God who led me astray.'  
 God has no need of evil-doers.

God, in the beginning, created human beings,  
 making us subject to our own free choice.  
 If you choose, you can keep God's commandments.  
 How you act is a matter of choice.

Set before you are fire and water:  
 Stretch out your hand and choose.  
 Before each person are life and death.  
 Whichever they choose will be given them.  
 Great is the wisdom of God, for God sees all things.

The eyes of God behold all the works of Creation;  
 God understands every human deed.  
 God has not commanded anyone to be wicked,  
 and not given anyone permission to deceive.

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

**Psalm**

*Psalm 112:1+4; 5; 6-10ac*

Our Psalm response is: *Blessed are those who love.*

**R: Blessed are those who love.**

Hallelujah! Praise God!  
 Blessed are those who Love, who delight in the commandment of Love.  
 They rise as the dawn after a lonely night.  
 They comfort like the cloak of night after a harrowing day.  
 They are gracious, merciful, and healing.

**R: Blessed are those who love.**

It is well with those who deal generously,  
 who lend without return.  
 Peace is with those who conduct their affairs  
 equitably and justly.

**R: Blessed are those who love.**

Those rooted in Love will never be uprooted.  
 Those who deal righteously will be remembered forever.  
 They do not fear bad news.  
 Their hearts are steadfast, trusting God.  
 Their hearts are steady; they will not be afraid.  
 They rejoice in reconciliation and peace.  
 They are generous.  
 They give to those who are poor.  
 Their goodness endures forever.  
 The greatness of their humility is exalted in honor.  
 Yet wicked ways will fade away until they are no more.  
**R: Blessed are those who love.**

## Second Reading

*1 Cor 2:6-10*

### A Reading from Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians

We speak a wisdom to those who are mature, but not a wisdom of this age, nor of the rulers of this age. They are passing away. Rather, we speak God's wisdom, mysterious, and hidden. This Wisdom was with God before the ages and is revealed to us. None of the rulers of this age knew this divine wisdom or its glory. If they had known it, they would not have crucified the Messiah.

As it is written:

*What eye has not seen, and ear has not heard,  
 and what has not entered the human heart,  
 God has prepared for those who love God.*

God has revealed this to us through the Spirit, which perceives everything, even the very depths of God.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation

*Mass of Renewal, C. Stephan*

***Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!***

## Gospel

*Mt 5:38-48*

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

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

You have heard it said, 'An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.' But I say to you, do not resist anyone who is evil. If someone strikes you on the right cheek, turn the other also. If someone wants to sue you and take your coat, give your cloak as well. If someone forces you to go one mile, go a second mile also. Give to everyone who begs from you. Don't turn your back on someone who wants to borrow.

"You have heard it said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' I say to you, love your enemies. Pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of God. God makes the sun rise on those who do evil and those who do good. God sends rain on the just and the unjust. For if you love those who love you, why should you be rewarded? Don't even the "tax collectors" do the same? And if you greet only your kin, are you doing anything exceptional? Don't even "the Gentiles" do the same? Love fully and wholeheartedly, with integrity, just as Your God loves with integrity."

The Gospel of God.

**Praise to you, Jesus the Christ**

**Homily**

*Nancy Corran*

**Prayers of the Faithful 02-15-26**

*6th Sunday in the order of time*

"Give to everyone who begs from you. Don't turn your back on someone who wants to borrow."  
 "I say to you, love your enemies. Pray for those who persecute you ..." As Scripture again challenges us deeply, let us ask for all that we and all creation need.

Our response: Holy Wisdom, open our hearts to your people.

**All: Holy Wisdom, open our hearts to your people.**

That Wisdom meet us like a mother, and feed us with the bread of understanding ... we pray ...

**All: Holy Wisdom, open our hearts to your people.**

That we join our prayers with our Muslim siblings, who begin their observance of Ramadan as we begin our observance of Lent ... we pray ...

**All: Holy Wisdom, open our hearts to your people.**

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: Holy Wisdom, open our hearts to your people.**

That we give ourselves over to Wisdom, so that She might reveal the Divine within us and throughout the entire cosmos ... we pray ...

**All: Holy Wisdom, open our hearts to your people.**

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: Holy Wisdom, open our hearts to your people.***

For those who set themselves up as our enemies, and for those who persecute us ... we pray as Jesus said we should ...

***All: Holy Wisdom, open our hearts to your people.***

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: Holy Wisdom, open our hearts to your people.***

**[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: Holy Wisdom, open our hearts to your people.***

**Closing Presider's Prayer:** *Holy Love, we open our hearts to all peoples, and we have opened our hearts to You in prayer. Receive our prayers into Your open heart. May they, like the angels, fly to be agents of healing in our world. May they quicken us to be agents of healing in our world, we pray...*

***Amen.***

## LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

**Offertory Song - "What Feast of Love "**

*Traditional; Text Dolores Dufner*

What feast of love is offered here, what banquet that is heaven?  
 What food for this unfolding life, what gracious gift is given?  
 These, these, the gifts we bring, the bread of earth and heaven.  
 Oh, taste and see and sing! How sweet the manna given!

What word of truth is offered here, what cov-e-nant of heaven?  
 What hope for life and Cre-a-tion, what wondrous song is given?  
 These, these, the gifts we bring, the Christ in whom is heaven;  
 Oh, see and hear and sing! God's Wisdom here is given!

What wine of love is offered here, what fruit of earth and heaven?  
 What stream of overflowing life, what precious love is given?  
 These, these the gifts we bring, the sweetest wine of heaven.  
 Oh, taste and see and sing! What God's prepared and given.

### 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 be our spiritual drink.

***Blessed be God forever.***

Friends, pray that sharing this bread and wine will awaken in us a passion for equity and generosity of spirit, that all may be brought to the table of abundance.

***Transform us to be Your loving and courageous prophets.***

### Prayer with our Gifts

*Ever present God, Beauty in each of us,  
 Through all time, people have come together around a meal. At this table, we remember the great communion of saints. With grain and fruit, comfort us. With the bread broken and the wine poured, challenge us. In receiving from the paten and the chalice, the plate and the cup, transform us more fully into who we are, the risen body of Christ for the world, we pray... Amen.*

### Eucharistic Prayer\*

God dwells in you. ***And also in you.***  
 Come to the table with thankful hearts!  
***We open our hearts to God and one another.***

**Presider:** Wise and faithful Indwelling Spirit, we thank and praise you! You birthed the Cosmos in wisdom and love that life might emerge and thrive.

#### **Voice 1 (online)**

We witness around us Your creative power in the unfolding story of the universe. We, Your creatures, often deviate from Wisdom, hindering Your evolutionary and revolutionary presence in our midst.

#### **Voice 2 (online)**

You sent Jesus, Your Messiah, to live among us as friend, prophet, and liberator. In Jesus, You reveal humanity come of age; divinity-in-humanity. Through Jesus, You extend the invitation to wholeness.

**Voice 3**

Indwelling Spirit, You companion us on the journey, calling us as a people of faith to embrace the cosmos and our world with new vision. In union with all throughout time who have lifted their voices in joy, we, too, acclaim our song of praise:

**Sanctus [Sung]**

*Mass of Renewal, C. Stephan*

***Holy, holy, holy, O God of hosts, Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest. Blessed are all who come in Your Name, Holy God.  
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.***

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

**Presider:**

We invoke Your Spirit upon these gifts of grain and vine, that they may become the body and blood of Jesus in us, to nurture in us the discerning gifts of wisdom, life, and truth.

***ALL: The night before Jesus died, he gathered around the table of shared wisdom with his disciples. Jesus took bread; blessed You, God of all good gifts; broke the bread and gave it to the disciples, saying: Take this all of you and eat. This is my body which is for you.***

**[Pause]**

***After the meal, Jesus took a cup, gave thanks, and shared the cup with his friends, saying: Take this all of you and drink. This is the cup of my life-blood, the cup of love, a sign of the new and everlasting covenant. In prophetic solidarity, it is poured out for you and for all. Sustain one another in the power of sacred memory.***

**Presider:** Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith (*sung*):

*Mass of Renewal, Stephan*

***We proclaim Your death O Jesus, and profess Your resurrection,  
until You come again.***

**Voice 4:** As we celebrate this sacred meal, we remember the blessings of ages past, and we look forward in hope, knowing that You, Holy Love, will continue to empower us in our earthly mission.

**Presider:** In union with all peoples living and dead, we unite our longings and prayers, asking for wisdom and courage:

**Voice 5:** to discern Your Voice in the circumstances of our daily lives;

**Voice 6:** to act justly in confronting the desecration of Earth and its peoples, their pain and their suffering;

**Voice 7:** to take risks to be creative and proactive on behalf of those who are poor and marginalized;

**Voice 8:** and to love all people, beyond all our labels, with generosity of heart.

**Presider:** As our world unfolds amid pain and beauty, inspire us to attend to new things Sophia Spirit makes possible. Remind us that we are co-creators in the wise and wonderful work of creation, and our future.

*Through God, - Loving Creator  
 Through Christ, - Liberator,  
 Through Sophia, - Enlivening Spirit,  
 we give thanks and praise, now and always. Amen.*

### The Great Amen

*Mass of Renewal, C. Stephan*

**A-a-men, a-a-men, a-men!**

## COMMUNION RITE

### The Prayer of Jesus

*Fresen/Willman/Klotz, adapted*

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

**Birther of the Cosmos, you breathe life into us.  
 May your Wisdom guide us and all creation.  
 May your love be acknowledged  
 in its home in each human heart,  
 as it is at home throughout the cosmos.  
 Grant us today both bread and insight  
 that we may become bread for others.  
 Loose the cords of wrongs that bind us.  
 In this freedom, help us loose the cords we bind round others.  
 Don't let surface things delude us, but free us from clouded vision,  
 from all that holds us back from loving.  
 For in you is born the astonishing fire that gives life to all  
 and the song that beautifies all, here, now and always, Amen.**

### Sign of Peace

May the peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us offer one another, and the whole world, God's peace.

### Lamb of God

*Mass of Renewal, C. Stephan*

**Jesus Christ, you call us to the gospel of hope, O Jesus, O Jesus, the Christ.  
 Jesus Christ, you call us to the gospel of love, O Jesus, O Jesus, the Christ.  
 Jesus Christ, you call us to the gospel of peace, grant us, grant us peace.**

In and through the Spirit, we are God's hands and heart in the world.

**We are happy and blessed to share this sacred work.**

*We believe that this is God's table, not ours; all are truly welcome and invited to receive the gluten free eucharistic bread, and consecrated red wine or white grape juice. May all who share this communion be united in the Body of Christ that knows no bounds. Amen!*

**Communion Song - "Here is Love"    Text: Rees/Edwards, Tune: "Dim Ond Jesu", Lowry**

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

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

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

In your truth you will direct us, by your Spirit, thru' your Word;  
 And your grace our need assisting, as we seek for You, O God.  
 All your fullness you are pouring, from your endless springs all 'round,  
 Without measure, full and boundless, as our love learns to abound.

**Prayer After Communion**

*Holy Love, Teach us to walk the path of peace in the face of injustice, "no despairing word to fear." Give us the courage and strength to respond to violence with abounding goodness. Help us to "kiss a wounded world with love", as did Jesus. And reveal to us Your ancient Wisdom for the challenges of our time, we pray... Amen.*

**CONCLUDING RITES**

**Closing Blessing**

*May God bless us and guard our hearts.  
 May God's face shine upon us that our faces might be radiant for others.  
 May God's heart be lifted in joy because of our joy.  
 And may God grant us peace, a holy and surpassing peace, all our life long.  
 Let the Church say... Amen.*

## Sending Forth

This Mass is ended. Our service continues. Lent awaits.

**Thanks be to God!**

### Closing Song - "Go Make a Diff'rence "

*Angrisano*

***Go make a diff'rence, we can make a diff'rence,  
Go make a diff'rence in the world!  
Go make a diff'rence we can make a diff'rence,  
Go make a diff'rence in the world!***

We are the salt in the earth, called to let the people see  
The love of God in you and me.

We are the light of the world, not to be hidden, but be seen.  
Go make a diff'rence in the world. **R**

We are the hands of Christ, reaching out to those in need;  
The face of God for all to see!  
We are the spirit of hope, we are the voice of peace:  
Go make a diff'rence in the world. **R**

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*We are grateful to have shared in worship today!*

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