


 Mary Magdalene Apostle  
 Catholic Community

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*"Sea Cave Sunrise", Acadia National Park, photograph by Benjamin Williamson*

***"As the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb... The angel said to the women... 'He is not here, for he has been raised...'"***

*Mt 28:1, 5a, 6a*

**Worship Aid  
Easter Season 2026**

## Welcome and Announcements

### **GONG**

Good evening. 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 on whose land we have made our home.

My name is... one of your lectors this evening. Nancy Corran is our homilist and online presider. Jane Via is our in-person presider. We gather in person and online as we journey together through the Easter season. Know that wherever you are and whoever you are, you are welcome here, just as you are.

We'd also like to welcome any visitors with us today. For those on YouTube, we greet you. 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 note that songs are in the inserted song sheet.*

For those of you joining us online, we invite you to join in our songs and communal responses in the worship aid located at mmacc.org. Prayer requests may be offered in the chat at any time. 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 online participants to remain online for some social time.

### **COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Every Monday at 1pm on Zoom, for several weeks, we are invited to participate in a discussion group as we read through the book, ***Calling In: How to Start Making Change with Those You'd Rather Cancel***. The Zoom link is in the bulletin and will be sent out weekly by email.
- Mike has a reminder about use of the mic. *Please invite Mike forward.*
- Please see our bulletin for other community news and events.
- Donations may be placed in the basket outside the chapel doors. Online donations can be made through our website.
- We now invite you to take a prayerful breath as we begin our opening song.

*[moment of silence]*

## ~ INTRODUCTORY RITES ~

### Opening Song - "This is Your House"

*Moen*

As we gather in this place today  
 Holy Spirit, come and have Your way; have Your way.  
 As we open to your hearts' desire  
 Sweep across our land with Holy fire; have Your way.

***This is Your house, Your home;  
 we welcome You, God, we welcome You.  
 Live in our hearts, our lives; we welcome You today.***

(May) justice, reign in all our hearts and lives  
 (For) those in need we live and sacrifice; have Your way.  
 May you be known in everything we do,  
 May you be known in everything we say; have Your way. **(R)**

**As we pray (as we pray), O God, draw near.  
 It's Your voice... we long to hear... (R)**

### Opening Rite

+ In the name of God who is Love, Jesus who lived love,  
 and the 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.***

### Kyrie - Knowing God's Loving Kindness

Source of all, when we doubt Your Presence in others, in ourselves, in all Creation...  
***R: Open our minds. Reveal Yourself anew.***

Jesus, Risen Christ, when we do not recognize You in our midst...  
***R: Open our eyes. Reveal Yourself anew.***

Life-giving Spirit, when we forget to be Your Presence in the world...  
***R: Open our hearts. Reveal Yourself anew.***

***ALL: Holy Love, may the Risen Christ free us to live our lives with trust, joy, and  
 compassion, shared with all meet, we pray... Amen.***

**Gloria***Mass of St Ann by Bolduc*

***Glory! Glory to God in the highest.  
Glory! Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace to people of good will.***

We praise, you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you,  
we give you thanks for your great glory,  
O God, heavenly One, O God, belov'd creator. **(R)**

O Jesus Christ, holy anointed One,  
O Christ, Incarnate Love, Child of the Cosmos,  
you take away the pain of the world, bring healing to us;  
you take away the pain of the world, receive our prayer;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Creator, bring healing to us. **(R)**

For we are one in the Holy One, we are one in the Christ,  
you belong to each other, in Jesus Christ,  
and the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God Creator. **(R)**

**Opening Prayer**

**Presider:** *Resurrecting One, as we journey through this season of Easter, learning about the birth and earliest evolution of what would become "church", teach us how to live as resurrection people. Open our hearts to welcome you into our homes. Remind us that the whole world is Your house, we pray... Amen.*

**~ LITURGY OF THE WORD ~****First Reading***Acts 2:38-39, 42-47***A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles**

Peter said to all those who were gathered in Jerusalem, "Repent and be baptized, each one of you, in the name of Jesus the Christ, that you may know the depths and transformative power of forgiveness. Then you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. It was to you and to your children, O Jerusalem, that the promise was made, *and* to all those still far off whom our God calls."

Those who joined the following of Jesus the Christ devoted themselves to instruction and the common life, to the breaking of bread, and prayer. Everyone was filled with awe; and many wonders and signs were brought about through the apostles.

Those who believed lived together and shared all things in common. They would sell their property and goods, sharing the proceeds with one another as each had need. Day by day, they gathered in the Temple, and broke bread together in their homes. They shared their meals with joyful and sincere hearts, praising God. They enjoyed the goodwill of all the people. Day by day, God added to their number.

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

***Thanks be to God.***

**Psalm**

*Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 17+22-24*

*The sung Psalm Response is:*

***R: This is the day our God has made, we will rejoice and be glad in it!***

***This is the day (this is the day), that our God has made.***

Let the House of Israel proclaim

God's Love endures forever!

Let the House of Elisheva [Elizabeth] and Aaron sing

God's Love endures forever!

Let all those whom God calls know

God is Love and endures forever!

***R: This is the day our God has made, we will rejoice and be glad in it!***

***This is the day (this is the day), that our God has made.***

I was pressed to the point of falling.

God came to my help.

God is my strength and my song.

God is my vindication!

Listen! There are glad songs of freedom

in the tents of the just.

***R: This is the day our God has made, we will rejoice and be glad in it!***

***This is the day (this is the day), that our God has made.***

I will not die, but live!

I will sing the wonders of our God.

The stone that the builders rejected

has become the cornerstone.

God has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day that God has made.

Let us rejoice today and be glad!

***R: This is the day our God has made, we will rejoice and be glad in it!***

***This is the day (this is the day), that our God has made.***

**Second Reading***1 Peter 1:1, 2d, 3-9***A Reading from the First Letter attributed to Peter**

Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ,  
To the exiles of the Dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia. May grace and peace be yours in abundance.

Blessed be the God and Life-Source of Jesus the Christ! In holy compassion, God gave us new birth to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus the Christ from the dead. We now have an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in the cosmic realms for you. By divine action, you are safeguarded through faith to a destiny and liberation ready to be revealed in the final time. In this you rejoice! However, now - for a little while - you may have to suffer various trials. Through these trials, like gold tested in the fire, the genuineness of your faith is proved. (And more precious than gold, which is perishable, is your faith!) Your living faith *is* praise, glory, and honor, and you will be vindicated at the revelation of Jesus the Christ.

Even though you have not seen Jesus, you love him. Even though you do not see him now, you believe in him. You rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy as you attain the goal of your faith, the fullness of Life.

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

***Thanks be to God.***

**Gospel Acclamation***Mass of St Ann*

***Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! (2x)***

**Gospel***Mt 28:11-15*

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

A Reading from the Gospel attributed to Matthew.

***Glory to you, O God.***

While the women were on their way to tell the disciples that the Christ had risen, and that they had seen him, some of the guard went into the city and reported to the chief priests everything that had happened.

After the chief priests had met and conferred with the elders, they gave the soldiers a large sum of money and instructed them to say that Jesus' disciples came during the night and stole him away while they were asleep. They told the soldiers: "Should the governor come to hear of this, we will satisfy him and keep you out of trouble." The soldiers took the money and did as they were instructed.

Their story has been widely circulated, even to this day.

The Gospel of God.

*Praise to you Jesus the Christ.*

**Homily**

*Nancy Corran*

**Prayers of the Faithful 04-12-2026**

*2nd Sunday in Easter*

“Those who joined the following of Jesus the Christ devoted themselves to instruction and the common life, to the breaking of bread, and prayer.” We do the same 2,000 years later. In solidarity with the Spirit-filled community of all the years since the beginning of Easter, in resurrection hope let us ask for all that we and all creation need.

Our response: Alleluia! Christ is truly risen!

***All: Alleluia! Christ is truly risen!***

That along with Peter’s exiles we rejoice with indescribable and glorious joy, even though we and the world are suffering many trials ... we pray ...

***All: Alleluia! Christ is truly risen!***

That as we say, “Alleluia! Christ is truly risen!” we come to know in our bones the truth of the promise of new life without limits ... we pray ...

***All: Alleluia! Christ is truly risen!***

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: Alleluia! Christ is truly risen!***

That like the earliest followers of The Way, we might break bread together and share our meals with joyful and sincere hearts ... we pray ...

***All: Alleluia! Christ is truly risen!***

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: Alleluia! Christ is truly risen!***

For those who cannot find it in their hearts to sing “Alleluia!” or who think we are foolish for singing it ... we pray as Jesus said we should ...

***All: Alleluia! Christ is truly risen!***

Now it is time to bring to God the personal prayers and intentions of our Paschal community living in Resurrection hope despite everything. 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: Alleluia! Christ is truly risen!**

[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: Alleluia! Christ is truly risen!**

**Concluding President's Prayer:** *Risen One, we offer these prayers in the season of Easter aware that many are living their Holy Thursdays, their Good Fridays. We offer these prayers knowing that tears are love's witness and that Easter only comes after tragedy. Help us to trust "all that the women told us, alleluia" ...we pray... Amen.*

## ~ LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST ~

**Offertory Song - "Wisdom My Road"**

*Barnhart*

Long before my journey's start,  
when in my youth I searched my heart.  
I would pray for her, wait for her.  
Wisdom my road, my goal, and my Star.

From the blossom to the seed,  
long has she filled my cup in need.  
May I cling to her vine, taste of her wine.  
Wisdom my life, my perfect design.

When I stretched my hands to the sky,  
when in despair my soul raised a cry.  
I was held by her gaze, led in her ways.  
Wisdom my love, the light of my days.

## 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.***

Friends, pray that in sharing this bread and wine, we will know our dying and our rising. ***With the Risen Christ, we proclaim love stronger than death.***

## Prayer with Our Gifts

*Holy One, may this bread and wine remind us that you use the broken places in our lives to reveal the power of resurrection. With these gifts, with our own gifts, with our very lives empower us to be like the women at the tomb: witnesses to the resurrection in a broken 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 to one another.***

**Presider:** Blessed are You and all Creation: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, stars, the planets in their courses and this fragile earth, our island home. You are unceasingly at work, bringing order from chaos and filling emptiness with new life.

Your love restores our broken world. Your Chosen One, Jesus the Christ, raised from the dead, proclaims the dawn of hope. And so, we join with all those in every generation who have followed you into the dance, singing this unending song of praise:

## Sanctus [Sung]

*Mass of St Ann, Bolduc*

***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, Hosanna in the highest.***

***Hosanna, hosanna in the highest.***

**Voice 1 (ONLINE)**

In the first light of Easter, glory broke from the tomb, changing the women's sorrow into joy, emboldening them to be bearers of the good news of resurrection. From the tomb, the mystery shone clear that life in You transcends death.

**Voice 2 (ONLINE)** We give You thanks for Jesus and for all who have taught and shown us selfless love. May we love our neighbors and our enemies as ourselves. May we give Your Spirit freedom to act in us and so transform ourselves and our world.

**Voice 3**

Jesus renewed the promise of his presence, making himself known in the breaking of the bread, speaking assurance to fearful disciples, sharing a meal with them.

***[Please extend your hand, palm up, toward the bread and wine.]***

**Presider:**

We recognize Your Spirit alive and at work in this bread and wine, and in us. We open ourselves to Your Spirit who sanctifies and transforms these gifts to become You in us, the body and blood of Christ. We remember that...

***All: ... On the night of his betrayal, Jesus gathered with his friends to share a final Passover meal. He took bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: "This is my body. Do this in memory of me."***

***[Pause]***

***In the same way, Jesus took the cup filled with wine.***

***He gave You thanks, and gave the cup to his friends, saying:***

***"Take this all of you and drink. This is my life-blood; the cup of Love. Do this in memory of me."***

**Presider:**

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith: *[Sung]*

*Mass of St. Ann*

***We proclaim your death, O Christ, and profess your Resurrection, until you come again, until you come again.***

**Voice 4**

Let Your Spirit also come upon all leaders, secular and religious. Catch all of them by surprise. Fill their hearts with a longing for equality, justice and equity. Imbue them with the joy of divine diversity. Bestow on them the wealth of humble service to others.

**Voice 5**

Remember us gathered here. Remember all who seek You. Remember all in need of healing and all who suffer. Remember all who have died and gone before us into the fullness of cosmic splendor with you.

**Presider:** Gather together people of every gender, race, language, religion and way of life to share in Your one unending banquet. In Your presence, we give You glory with all creation and with Jesus through whom Your goodness flows.

***Through Christ, With Christ, In Christ,  
In the unity of Sophia Spirit,  
may all glory and honor be Yours, forever and ever...***

**The Great Amen**

*Mass of St Ann, Bolduc*

***A-men, a-men, a-men. A-men, a-men, a-men.***

**~ COMMUNION RITE ~**

**The Prayer of Jesus [Recited]**

*Celtic version, John Philip Newell*

*Throughout the centuries, the prayer of Jesus, often called the "Our Father," has been translated and rendered in many different ways. Please pray in the language and words most comfortable to you. We offer this contemporary recited version:*

***Holy One beyond all names  
Eternal Wellspring  
May Love rise again in us today  
With food for every table  
Shelter for every family  
And reverence for every life.  
Forgive us our failings in love  
And free us from all falseness  
That the light of our souls may shine  
And the strength of our spirits endure  
For Earth and all its people  
This day, tonight, and forever. Amen.***

**Sign of Peace**

May the peace of the Risen Christ be with you.

***And also with you.***

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

**Lamb of God [Sung]***Mass of St. Ann, Bolduc*

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

This is the Bread of the Resurrection, the Wine of New Life.

***Blessed are we to share in the Mystery of Life.***

*At MMACC, all are truly welcome at this table. Whoever you are and wherever you are on your journey, you are invited to receive the gluten-free Eucharistic bread and the consecrated red wine or white grape juice. Whenever and wherever we gather, we are the church and God is with us. May all who share in this communion be united in the Body of Christ that knows no bounds. Come, for God's table is ready! Amen*

**Communion Song - "Come to Me"***Norbert*

***Come to me, all who labor and are heavy burdened,  
 And I shall give you rest.  
 Take up my yoke and learn from me,  
 for I am meek and humble of heart,  
 And you'll find rest for your souls.  
 Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden is light.***

You, God, are my shepherd. I shall never be in need.  
 Fresh and green are the meadows where you give me rest. **(R)**

Beside peaceful waters you restore my true self;  
 There you lead me to walk in the path of new life. **(R)**

Should I be surrounded by the shadows of death,  
 I will not fear, for you are steadfast in your love. **(R)**

Before my deep hunger you spread out your feast.  
 My skin you anoint with the richest of oil. **(R)**

Pursue me, O God, with your fathomless love.  
 In your peace let me dwell all the days of my life. **(R)**

**Prayer After Communion**

*Holy Love, like early followers of Jesus, we gathered today for the reading of Scripture, for the breaking of bread, and for prayer. Even though we do not see Jesus now, may the communion we shared reveal the risen Christ to us and in us. May we be the rising body of Christ for a waiting world, we pray... Amen.*

## ~ CONCLUDING RITES ~

### Closing Blessing

*May we continue to tell and circulate the good news of the resurrection,  
let the church say... **Amen!***

*May we live as a resurrection people, fearless in the face of injustice,  
let the church say... **Amen!***

*As we witness war, violence, and suffering, may we not lose sight of Easter's dawn,  
let the church say... **Amen!***

*And may we rise, rejoicing with an alleluia on our lips, always,  
let the church say... **Amen!***

### Sending Forth

Christ is Risen, we rise and we are sent!

Let us go forth in joy and love.

***Thanks be to God, Alleluia, Alleluia!***

### Closing Song - "Hallelujah is our Song!"

*Sarah Hart*

What hope we have, even in the longest night,  
for the dawn will always come.

We will not fear, for we know the sun will rise.

Hallelujah is our song.

***Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Christ is risen over all.***

***Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah is our song.***

What peace we have, even in this wounded world  
where the battle rages on.

We will not fear, for we know who heals our souls.

Hallelujah is our song. **(R)**

What joy we have, for the stone is rolled away

And the tomb holds nothing now

No sting of death, no power over fear or grave,

Hallelujah is our song. **(R)**

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*We are grateful that you have joined us for worship today.*

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