

 Mary Magdalene Apostle
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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

**Easter Season Worship Aid
May 10, 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. Suzie Knapp is our in-person presider. We gather in person and online on this Mother's Day 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

- 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 - "Shout to Our God"

Zschech

Creator, O Spirit, God, we are one in You.
All of our days, we want to praise the wonders of your holy love.
Our comfort, Our shelter, Refuge of safety and strength.
Let every breath, all that we are, never cease to share your love.

***Shout to our God, all the earth let us sing.
Stars, planets, living things, praises we bring.
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar at the sound of Your name.
We sing for joy at the work of your hands.
Forever in Your Love, a world without end.
Nothing compares to the hope that we have in You.***

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

*As we begin, we pause to remember times we did not trust the Wisdom in us, the Wisdom in others,
the Wisdom in all Creation...*

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: *Holy Wisdom, You are "poured out on everything" and "lavished on those who love". Attune our ears to hear Your prophetic voice spoken through diverse voices in diverse places throughout time and in our time, we pray... Amen.*

~ LITURGY OF THE WORD ~

First Reading

Acts 16:16-19, 23ab, 40 + 21:7-9

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Paul and others among us were staying with Lydia. One day, when we were going to the place of prayer, we were met by a female slave, a seer, who had a spirit by which she predicted the future. She earned a great deal of money for her owners by foretelling the future. She followed Paul and the rest of us, shouting, "These people are servants of the Most High God who proclaim to you a way of salvation!" She kept this up for many days. Finally, Paul became so annoyed that he turned around and said to the spirit, "In the name of Jesus Christ, I command you to come out of her!" At that moment, the spirit left her.

When her owners realized that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the public square to face the authorities. They were severely flogged and thrown into prison.

...After Paul and Silas came out of prison, they went to Lydia's house, where they met with the sisters, brothers, the whole family of God, encouraging them. Then they left.

...We continued our voyage from Tyre and landed at Ptolemais, where we greeted the family of Christ and stayed with them for a day. Leaving the next day, we reached Caesarea. There, we stayed at the house of Philip the evangelist, one of the seven original deacons. He had four unmarried daughters who prophesied.

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

Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Wisdom of Sirach 1:1-10

Our Psalm response is: *All Wisdom is from God.*

R: All Wisdom is from God.

All Wisdom is from God.

She dwells with God forever.

Sands of the sea, drops of rain, days of eternity,

- who can count them?

The reaches of the Cosmos, the mysteries of Earth,

the depths of life beyond the grave,

who can know them completely?

Only Wisdom.

R: All Wisdom is from God.

Wisdom existed before all other things,

judicious understanding from before time.

The root of Wisdom, to whom has it been revealed?

Her subtleties and resilience, who knows them?

There is but One who is wise, and truly awesome,

the Judge of All, revealed in all Creation.

R: All Wisdom is from God.

Wisdom is holy. Wisdom is God's speech.

God saw Her and realized Her consequence.

God poured Her out upon all God's holy works,

upon every living thing, as a gift.

God lavished Her upon those who love.

R: All Wisdom is from God.

Second Reading

1 Peter 3:13-18

A Reading from the First Letter attributed to Peter

Who is going to harm you if your goal is to do good? But even if you should suffer for what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what others fear. Do not be afraid. In your hearts revere Jesus as holy. Make the Christ your center. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to explain the hope that you have; but do this with gentleness and respect, keeping a clear conscience, so that the very words of those who speak maliciously against you will be their shame. If suffering must be, it is better to suffer for doing good than for doing evil. For Jesus the Messiah, the Christ, who was a righteous person, also suffered because of injustice. He did this to show you the way to God. Jesus was put to death in the body but brought to life in the Spirit.

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Gospel Acclamation

Mass of St Ann

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

Gospel

Jn 14:18-21

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

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

“I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. On that day, you will know that I am in our Loving God. And You are in me, and I am in you. Whoever has my commandments and observes them loves me; and those who love me will be loved by our Loving God. I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

The Gospel of God.

Praise to you, Jesus the Christ.

Homily

Jane Via

Prayers of the Faithful 05-10-2026

6th Sunday in Easter

“Do not fear what others fear. Do not be afraid. ... If suffering must be, it is better to suffer for doing good than for doing evil.” With confidence in the Spirit who confirms us in our calling to prophecy and to suffering, in resurrection hope let us ask for all that we and all creation need.

Our response: *Alleluia! Spirit of new life and hope!*

All: Alleluia! Spirit of new life and hope!

That we always remain prepared to explain, to everyone who asks, the hope that we have, with gentleness and respect, keeping a clear conscience ... we pray ...

All: Alleluia! Spirit of new life and hope!

For all those who have served as loving mothers to us, and for those who were not able to live up to that calling ... we pray ...

All: Alleluia! Spirit of new life and hope!

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! Spirit of new life and hope!

That like Paul and Silas, we come out of whatever prison has held us, meet with our prophetic companions on The Way, and encourage them ... we pray ...

All: Alleluia! Spirit of new life and hope!

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! Spirit of new life and hope!

For all who keep Jesus's commandment of love, and for all who do not ... we pray as Jesus said we should ...

All: Alleluia! Spirit of new life and hope!

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! Spirit of new life and hope!

[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! Spirit of new life and hope!

Concluding Prayer:

Spirit of new life and hope, Mother of all, You rejoice when we rejoice. You cry when we cry. You have heard the prayers of our foremothers throughout history, and You hear our prayers offered today. Grant us courage for the facing of these days, strength for the challenges in our lives, comfort in our sorrow, and peace in all things, we pray... Amen.

~ LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST ~

Offertory Song - "Be Still and Know I Love You"

Kopkowski

Be still, receive my love, be still, receive.
Be still and know I love you. Be still, receive.
My heart is longing for you. My arms embrace your needs.
Come, I will refresh you. Come, where silence leads.

Be still, receive my love, be still, receive.
Be still and know I love you. Be still, receive.
My heart is longing for you. My arms embrace your needs.
Come, I will refresh you. Come, where silence leads.

Know that you're [beloved].* Know that you're my [own].*
Come, for I have found you. I love you, precious one.
Be still, receive my love, be still, receive.
Be still and know I love you. Be still, receive.

** A.J. Kopkowski's original words were "Know that you're my daughter. Know that you're my son." At the time of writing, to include "daughter" alongside "son" reflected feminist and gender inclusive language. We now understand gender is not binary. We seek to reflect this in our liturgical language at MMACC while continuing to highlight and uplift women and women's experience.*

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 Mystery, as we share these simple gifts of bread and wine, we remember the Word and Wisdom celebrated in the homes of women in the Early Church. In the broken bread, we remember that many suffer for doing good, as did Jesus. As we partake of this meal, remind us also that suffering and death can and will be transformed. At this table, we see You, Risen Christ, when the world cannot see you. At this table, we know you live, and so we also will live, we pray...

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 the broken places of our lives. 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 – "Supper of Our God"

Rosania

***As we gather, all are one, here in bread and wine;
here our God prepares the feast divine.
Bread of love is broken now, cup of life is poured:
come, share the supper of our God.***

This is the bread of God feeding hungry hearts,

giving life to us, to all the world. **(R)**

“I am the living spring of eternal life;
you that drink from me shall not thirst again”. **(R)**

“I am the bread of life giving life to you;
you that eat this bread shall never die.” **(R)**

“All those who feed on me have their life in me,
as I have my life in the living God.” **(R)**

All praise to you, O Christ, present in this feast,
in this bread we share in one life, one God. **(R)**

Prayer After Communion

As we gather, all are one, here in bread and wine.

*Holy Love, Help us to see You where others see desolation and brokenness. May this meal we have shared remind us that, wherever we are on our life journeys, we walk together. Help us to see Your gifts in all whom we meet. Help us trust that You, O Holy Love, are ever in us and among us, guiding us, we pray... **Amen.***

~ CONCLUDING RITES ~

Closing Blessing

Suzie Knapp

*May God, who is Wisdom, give us wisdom in every dimension of our lives.
Let the church say...**Amen.***

*May God, who is Hope, give us hope in ourselves, in others, and in our capacity to heal
Earth and to let the earth heal.
Let the church say...**Amen.***

*May God, who is Strength, give us strength to stand up to oppressive power, whenever and
wherever it manifests.
Let the church say...**Amen.***

*May God, who is peace, give us peace, among all peoples everywhere, within and without
the church, within our families and homes, and within our hearts.
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 - "Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!"

Hymn to Joy, Beethoven

Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna! Celebrate this day of days!
Christ is risen! Hush in wonder: All creation is amazed.
In the desert all-surrounding, See, a spreading tree has grown.
Healing leaves of grace abounding, Bring a taste of love unknown.

Christ is risen! Raise your spirits, from the caverns of despair.
Walk with gladness in the morning, see what love can do and dare.
Drink the wine of resurrection, not a servant, but a friend.
Jesus is our strong companion. Joy and peace shall never end.

Christ is risen! Earth and Heaven, nevermore shall be the same.
Break the bread of new creation, where the world is still in pain.
Tell its grim, demonic chorus: Christ is risen! Get you gone!
God the First and Last is with us, Sing Hosanna, everyone!

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

At Mary Magdalene Apostle Catholic Community, we have embraced the dream of a transformed Roman Catholic Church. Financial support is essential to breathe life into this dream and to keep it alive for future generations. To underscore our commitment, we seek to support a full-time paid woman priest (or team equivalent) and 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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