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*"Pentecost" by Jen Norton, www.jennortonartstudio.com
The fire of the Holy Spirit on the disciples and Mary.*

I will pour out my spirit on all people... And they will prophesy."
from Acts 2:17b, 18c quoting Joel 2:28

**Wind and Fire!!
Pentecost Sunday
May 24, 2026**

Welcome and Announcements

GONG

Good Evening. Welcome to Mary Magdalene Apostle Catholic Community based in San Diego, California, 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. Jane Via is our in-person presider and homilist. Nancy Corran is co-presiding online. Suzie Knapp is in Detroit along with Mary Kay Martin, Agatha Graney, and Karen Murphy. They are there for the 50th anniversary celebration weekend of Women's Ordination Conference. Today, here, we gather in person and online to celebrate Pentecost. Know that wherever you are and whoever you are, you are welcome here, just as you are. We are glad you are joining us.

We greet those of you on YouTube. Those of you joining us on Zoom online 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 visitors in person, if you feel comfortable, we invite you to stand and introduce yourselves and tell us where you are from. For those on Zoom, please feel free to introduce yourselves on chat.

[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

- The Catholic Worker Fundraiser Lunch, celebrating 50 years of Catholic Worker's ministry is on Saturday May 30 from Noon-4pm at the Mary Magdalene Church in Bay Park. The price is \$30. If unable to attend, you may consider a donation.
- **June 5, 2026** is the first Friday of June. Once again, we will gather to pray a contemporary version of the rosary at **9:30 am**. All are welcome to join us in this collective prayer for the world. The prayer text and zoom connection will be sent out the week of the first Friday.
- MMACC will hold a half Day Retreat Saturday, June 6, 2026 from 9:00 am - Noon here on the GLC campus. You may also attend on Zoom. The retreat will focus on Ignatian spirituality, social justice, and what we can do, facilitated by a priest with the FAITH accompaniment program. There is no cost for this retreat, but donations will be welcome. More information is in the bulletin and will be sent by email.
- Our own Oliva Espin will once again offer us an Educational Offering. She will present on "Catholic Social Teaching through Papal Encyclicals". It will be held on two consecutive Wednesday evenings, June 17 & June 24 at 7pm on Zoom.
- 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.
- Please see our bulletin for other community news and events.

We now take a prayerful breath before we begin our opening song.

GONG

[moment of silence]

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Opening Song – Indescribable

Chris Tomlin

From the highest of heights to the depths of the sea
 Creation's revealing Your majesty.
 From the colors of Fall to the fragrance of Spring,
 Ev'ry creature unique in the song that it sings.
 All exclaiming.

Indescribable! Uncontainable!
You made the stars in the sky,
And You know them by name;
You are amazing , God!
All powerful! Untamable!
Awestruck we fall to our knees as we joyfully sing:
You are amazing, God!

Who makes ev'ry light'ning bolt go where it goes;
 Or seen heavenly storehouses laden with snow?
 Who created the sun and gives source to its light,
 Yet conceals it to bring us the coolness of night?
 None can fathom.

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You are amazing, God! You are amazing, God!

Indescribable! Uncontainable!
You made the stars in the sky,
And You know them by name;
You are amazing , God!
Incomp'nable! Indefinable!
You see the depths of our hearts and You love us the same;
You are amazing, God! You are amazing, God!

Opening Rite

We begin our liturgy with the sign of our faith:
 + In the name of God who breathed life into us, Jesus who breathed peace into us;
 And the Holy Spirit who sets us on fire. ***Amen.***

May the grace of Jesus the Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you.
And also with you.

Knowing God's "Hesed", Loving-Kindness. ¹

We pause for a moment to remember those times that we have not lived as bearers of the Divine Spirit.

Come Sophia spirit, breathe your gifts into us as we struggle for justice.
Come Spirit of courage, enlighten our resistance, our insistence, our persistence.

Come Spirit of peace, unite races and nations to stop wars and violence.
When we are fearful, challenge us to act bravely,

When we are lonely, bless us with communities of love and compassion,
When we are weary, replenish us with bold dreams.

Spirit of understanding, open our hearts to those who are pushed to the Margins.
Spirit of wonder, open our beings to the magnificence of creation.

Spirit of wisdom, spark in us a new fire.
Amen.

Opening Prayer

Presider:

*Holy God, manifest in fire and Spirit, we gather together today celebrating Pentecost. Ready us to hear Your Word, Your Wisdom, in our language, and in the language of symbol and ritual. Inspire us to reimagine You and the life to which You call us, in an evolutionary context. Ignite us as You ignited the first disciples. Give us the courage You gave them to reinterpret the tradition we have been received. ... **Amen.***

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Acts 2:1-14a, 15-21

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles 2:1-14a, 15-18

¹ From the Women's Ordination Worldwide Pentecost Liturgy, prepared and hosted by WATAC (Women in the Australian Church), May 16, 2021.

When the day of Pentecost had come, the disciples were all together in one place. Suddenly, there came from the sky a sound like the rush of a strong, driving wind, and it filled the entire house where the disciples were staying. And then, what seemed to be tongues of fire appeared to them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit enabled them.

Now there were devout Judeans from every nation staying in Jerusalem. At this sound, a crowd gathered, and they were bewildered for each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking to us Galileans? How then does each of us hear them in our own native language? Residents from all known regions, near and far, both Judeans and converts to Judaism, in our own languages we hear them speaking about the marvels of God."

All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" Some, however, sneered and said, "They have had too much new wine." Then Peter stood up, raised his voice and proclaimed, "These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It is only 9 in the morning! No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

It will come to pass in the last days,' says God,
 'that I will pour out a portion of my spirit
 upon all people.
 Your sons and daughters, all young people, shall prophesy.
 Your youth shall see visions;
 your elders shall dream dreams.
 Indeed, upon My servants and My handmaids
 I will pour out a portion of my spirit in those days,
 and they shall prophesy.
 I will work wonders in the heavens above
 and signs on the earth below:
 blood, fire, and a cloud of smoke.
 The sun shall be turned to darkness, and the moon to blood,
 before the coming of the great and splendid
 day of God.
 Everyone who calls on the Holy Name
 shall be made well."

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

Stoles handed out during Psalm.

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Come, Holy Spirit (Veni Sancte Spiritus)

Ostinato

Ve - ni Sanc - te Spi - ri - tus.

Solo voice

1 Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, from heav - en shine forth
with your glo - rious light. Ve - ni Sanc - te Spi - ri - tus. 2 Come
from the four winds, O Spir - it, come, breath of God, dis - perse the
shad - ows o - ver us, re - new and strength - en your peo - ple.
Ve - ni Sanc - te Spi - ri - tus. 3 Guar - dian of the poor, come
to our pov - er - ty. Show - er up - on us the sev - en gifts of your grace.
Be the light of our lives. O come! Ve - ni Sanc - te Spi - ri - tus.

Throughout and between each verse, the soloist pauses for the indicated number of measures, while the ostinato continues uninterrupted.

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VENI SANCTE SPIRITUS

Irregular

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 12:4-13

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

Different spiritual gifts abound; but they are given by same Spirit. There are many ways to serve; but we have the same Servant-Leader, Jesus the Christ. There are many works to be done. In all of them, and in everyone, the same God is active.

Each of us is given gifts of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given, through the Spirit, wisdom to impart. Another, through the same Spirit, is given knowledge to impart. Another is granted faith; another, gifts of healing. To another is given power to work miracles, to another prophetic voice, to another discernment, to another various languages, to another the interpretation of those languages. All these gifts are activated by one and the same Spirit. And the Spirit, as She moves, distributes these gifts to each one individually

The human body is one, is a unit, though it has many members. And all the members of the body, though many and varied, make up one single body. So it is in the Christ. In one Spirit, we were all baptized into one body - Judean or Gentile, slave or free. And we are all given to drink of the one Spirit.

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

John 20:19-22

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

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

When it was evening, on the day Jesus was raised from the dead, the first day of the week, the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the religious authorities. Jesus came and stood among the disciples and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, Jesus showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the risen Christ.

Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As our loving God has sent me, so I send you." After saying this, he breathed on them, and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit."

The Gospel of God.

Praise to You, Jesus the Christ.

Homily

Jane Via

Creed for Pentecost

from "A Statement of Faith" from All Desires Known by Janet Morley

May 24 - Pentecost

***O God, life-giving Spirit,
Spirit of healing and comfort,
of integrity and truth,
we believe and trust in You.
Warm-winged Spirit, brooding over creation,
rushing wind and Pentecostal fire,
we commit ourselves to work with You
and renew our world.***

May 31 - Trinity (adapted)

***O God, Source of our being, Goal of all our longing,
Companion on the way, we believe and trust in You.
Created in Wisdom, sustained by Your Word, renewed by Your Spirit, all the earth is
alive with Your glory. God of many names,
We commit ourselves to cherish Your world and to seek Your face.***

June 7 - Body and Blood of Christ

***O God, embodied in human life, we believe and trust in you.
Through Jesus our brother, born of the woman Mary,
You confronted the proud and the powerful.
You welcomed as Your friends those of no account.
You labored with us upon the cross
and have brought us forth to the hope of resurrection.
We commit ourselves to struggle against evil and to choose life.***

Prayers of the Faithful 05-24-2026

Pentecost!!

“ ... the rush of a strong, driving wind ... amazed and astonished ... They have had too much new wine.” The Spirit filled them, and us, with divinity. Let us now call on that same Spirit, asking for all that we and all creation need.

Our response: Life-Spirit, You are living fire within us.

All: Life-Spirit, You are living fire within us.

That we might prophesy, see visions, and dream dreams, knowing that the cosmos is filled with Your divine Presence ... we pray ...

All: Life-Spirit, You are living fire within us.

That inebriated with the Spirit, we acknowledge our unique gifts and use them for the common good of all creation ... we pray ...

All: Life-Spirit, You are living fire within us.

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: Life-Spirit, You are living fire within us.

That we recognize the Spirit within us and within all whom we meet ... we pray ...

All: Life-Spirit, You are living fire within us.

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: Life-Spirit, You are living fire within us.

For those who make it hardest for us to see the Spirit within them ... we pray as Jesus said we should ...

All: Life-Spirit, You are living fire within us.

Now it is time to bring to God the personal prayers and intentions of our Spirit-empowered community of Alleluia and sorrow.

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: Life-Spirit, You are living fire within us.

[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: Life-Spirit, You are living fire within us.

Presider: *Holy Love, we release these prayers into the cosmos, knowing all things are interconnected, that these prayers, too, are part of our evolving, ever unfolding story. May they be carried in the Spirit of Love into the world to bring healing, goodness, peace, and joy, we pray... Amen.*

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Song – “One Spirit, One Church”

Keil

*We are a pilgrim people, we are the Church of God.
A fam'ly of believers, disciples of our God.
United in one spirit, ignited by the fire;
Still burning through the ages, still present in our lives.*

Come, Holy Ghost, Creator blest, And in our hearts take up thy rest;
come with thy grace And heav'nly aid, to fill the hearts which thou hast made. **(R)**

O Comforter, to thee we cry, Thou gift of God sent from on high.
Thou font of life and fire of love, The soul's anointing from above. **(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.

Pray that we become one in the Spirit of God.
[R] We are gathered as community. Empower us by Your Spirit.

Prayer with Our Gifts

Presider: *May this communal meal warm our hearts with the Spirit of Love and expand our vision of who Jesus was and who we can become, we pray.... Amen.*

Eucharistic Prayer

from Diarmuid O'Murchu, edited and modified

God dwells in you. **[R] And also in You.**
Let us give thanks to the life-giving Spirit of God.
**[R] Hearts burning with love,
we give God thanks and praise.**

Presider

In the blessed abundance of creation, we celebrate wind, fire, water, and all that renews us. We gather in the power of the Spirit whose breath stirred primal waters, calling into being the variety of life.

Voice 1 (online)

That same Spirit sustains and animates our every endeavor, inviting us to act in wisdom and in truth. In gratitude and joy, we lift our voices to proclaim, as one, the ancient 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 2 (online)

We seek to live as Jesus lived, as wise, holy, and Spirit-filled people, as courageous prophets, attuned to the Spirit's call.

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

Presider

We invoke Your life-giving Spirit upon all gathered around this table of solidarity. Liberate in these gifts of bread and wine, the nourishing power of holy wisdom, that they and we may be the Body and Blood of Jesus the Christ. We remember that...

All:

*... gathering the beloved community around the table, Jesus took bread, and in grateful remembrance offered the bread to each and to all, saying:
This is my body which is for you.*

[Pause]

After the meal, Jesus took the 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, poured out for you and for all. Do this in memory of me.

Voice 3

We celebrate the divine energy inherent in creation. Amid chaos and confusion, we believe the Spirit persists in creating fresh possibilities and enduring hope.

Voice 4

Remember those who work to kindle the fire of Your Spirit in others. Ignite in us a burning for justice and generosity so that the whole earth family can thrive.

Voice 5

Sear Your Spirit into the hearts and souls of our leaders, religious and secular. Keep them in communion with all whom they serve.

Voice 6

We unite our prayers with all who yearn for new life; with all who enrich our lives with companionship and love; with all who have died and continue to sustain us in the cosmic communion of life.

Presider: With grateful hearts we acclaim our faith and hope in the Holy:

**ALL: *Creator, Liberator and Sacred Spirit,
You nourish, sustain and enliven us,
this day and always!***

The Great Amen*Mass of St Ann, Bolduc*

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

The Prayer of Jesus [Recited]*John Philip Newell, Celtic version*

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

The Risen Christ said to his disciples, "Peace be with you. Receive the Holy Spirit."

May Sacred Spirit be with you.

And also with you.

Let us offer one another – and the whole world – a sign of Christ's 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.

Presider:

We are the body of Christ, one in the Spirit.

We are blessed to share in Spirit-filled community.

Presider:

This is the table of Jesus. He made no restrictions. Neither do we. All are truly welcome. All are 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 – "We are Many Parts"

Haugen

We are many parts, we are all one body, and the gifts we have we are given to share. May the spirit of love make us one; indeed; one, the love that we share, one, our hope in despair, one, the cross that we bear.

God of all, we look to you, we would be your servants true, let us be your love to all the world. **R**

So my pain is pain for you, in your joy is my joy, too; all is brought together in our God. **R**

All you seekers great and small, seek the greatest gift of all;
if you love, then you will know our God. **R**

Prayer After Communion

Presider: *Holy One, We give thanks for the gifts of science, for a new cosmology, for the uncertainty and openness it offers and for its recognition of our inner universe. If we cannot understand how and why all that is...is one, help us to believe in our oneness which is the desire of Your heart for all that is. Then help us to live as we believe. We pray... Amen.*

Closing Blessing*Bonaventure/Delio (p.127)*

Spirit of Holy Love,
 Midwife us as we birth Your church anew.
 Let us not embrace "...speculation without devotion,
 Investigation without wonder,
 Observation without joy,
 Work without [prayer],
 Knowledge without love,
 Understanding without humility
 Endeavor without divine grace." (From Bonaventure)

May our inner universe be shaped by the outer universe.
 May we grasp that You are in the connections, the relationships of all creation
 from the tiniest systems to the grandest macrocosms.
 Grant us peace as we walk into the unknown,
 Let the church say...**Amen**

Sending Forth

Our Pentecost Mass is ended.
 We go forth into the world rejoicing in the Spirit which is Love.
Thanks be to God!

Closing Song -**"Canticle of the Turning"****Cooney**

My soul cries out with a joyful shout that the God of my heart is great. And my spirit
 sings of the wondrous things that you bring to the ones who wait. You fixed your sight on
 your servant's plight, and my weakness you did not spurn, So, from east to west shall my
 name be blest. Could the world be about to turn?

***My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your justice burn. Wipe away
 all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is about to turn!***

From the halls of power to the fortress tower, not a stone will be left on stone. Let the
 world beware for your justice tears ev'ry tyrant from the throne. The hungry poor shall
 weep no more, for the food they can never earn; There are tables spread, ev'ry mouth be
 fed, for the world is about to turn. **(R)**

Though the nations rage from age to age, we remember who holds us fast: God's love for us uplifts us from the conqueror's crushing grasp. This healing word that our forebears heard is the promise which holds us bound, 'Til the spear and rod are transformed with God, as we turn the-e world around. **(R)**

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 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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