

# Mary Magdalene, Apostle, Catholic Community



*"A new way to be Roman Catholic"*



*Andrei Rublev, 1411, the Trinity*

## **"Hospitality"**

*Do not neglect hospitality to strangers,  
for by this some have entertained angels without knowing it.*

Hebrews 13:2

**Ordinary Time II ~ Summer**  
**July 12, 2026**  
**15th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

## 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. Nancy Corran is our homilist and online presider. Jane Via is our in-person presider. Today we gather in person and online as we journey through Ordinary Time and the summer season. Know that wherever you are and whoever you are, you are welcome here, just as you are.

We greet those of you on YouTube. Those on Zoom can find the worship aid on our website or in the chat. After our liturgy concludes, we invite you to stay online for some social time.

We'd also like to welcome any visitors with us today. For those on Zoom, please feel free to introduce yourselves on chat. For those visitors in person, if you feel comfortable, we invite you to stand and introduce yourselves and tell us where you are from.

*[Pause for introductions]*

*If in-person visitors are present, please read the following paragraph:*

*Our communal spoken responses are in the Assembly Worship Aid. The songs are on the white song sheet inserted in the Worship Aid.*

### **COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- In years past, our community has responded very generously to the Western Services Workers Association Back-to-School Campaign. All the usual items will be appreciated for children ages 5-18: notebooks, pencils, back packs, colored markers, scissors, crayons, glue sticks, pencil cases, erasers, lined looseleaf paper. Please bring them to church on any Sunday up through July 26. They will make the local distribution July 31. If you prefer to donate money, please contact Mary Kay.
- The San Diego Pride Parade is on Saturday, July 18, starting at 10am. San Diego Lutherans, including some from GLC, will participate. MMACC is invited to join them. You can help construct the float; or march in the parade; or volunteer at the picnic at the end of the parade route. If interested, call or text Pastor Karla for details. Her number is in the bulletin and on the GLC website. It will also be sent by email.
- On Sunday, July 19, we will celebrate our Pride Liturgy at our usual 5pm start time. Chris Kanowitz, former canonical priest, now RCWP priest, will join us as our guest homilist. Chris is in the RCWP's region for the Holy Margins along with Jane, Suzie, Nancy, and Kori.
- Our Mary Magdalene Feast Day celebration will be on Sunday, July 26 with our liturgy beginning at 1pm, followed by a potluck picnic, concluding at 4pm. There will be no 5pm liturgy.
- 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.

Let us now take a prayerful breath before we begin our Opening Song.

### **GONG**

*[moment of silence]*

## INTRODUCTORY RITES

### Opening Song - "Seek our God"

*St Louis Jesuits/O'Connor*

***Seek our God, whose mercy abounds;  
Call aloud to God who is near.***

Today is the day and now the proper hour,  
To forsake all harmful ways and turn toward Love. **(R)**

As high as the sky is above the earth,  
so high above our ways, the ways of God's Love. **(R)**

Open your heart to hear the voice of God,  
Whose words, whose ways, lead us to life. **(R)**

Someday we'll live in the house of God;  
hearts full of praise for God's gracious love. **(R)**

### Opening Rite - Sign of the Cross & Greeting

We begin our liturgy with the sign of our faith:  
+ In the name of God who shares divinity with us, Jesus who shares humanity with us, and the Holy Spirit who unsettles and inspires us... 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 "Hesed" (Loving-Kindness)

*As we begin, we call to mind times, this past week, when our words did not come from our truest hearts ... and when our actions did not align with our words.*

Jesus, Gift of God's Justice, when we fail to share our resources with those in need.  
**[R] God, forgive us. Empower us to live the Gospel.**

Jesus, Gift of God's Compassion, when we allow discrimination against others, and when we benefit from it.  
**[R] God, forgive us. Empower us to live the Gospel.**

Jesus, Gift of God's Peace, when we accept divisiveness instead of building bridges.  
**[R] God, forgive us. Empower us to live the Gospel.**

***ALL: May God, who is Love, forgive our indifference to the Gospel and strengthen us to live with more generosity, compassion, and peace. Amen.***

### Opening Prayer

**Presider:** *Holy Mystery, Love Itself, You call us to Your heart; You call us to our true selves; You call us to community; You call us home. As we listen for Your Word of Wisdom to us this evening, remind us that this is Your house, and we are Your home. For this, we pray in joy and in Jesus' name... Amen.*

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### First Reading

*Is 55:6-13*

#### A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah 55:6-13

Seek God while God can be found.  
Call upon God, Who is near.  
Let evil doers forsake their ways,  
    and those who seek violence abandon their thoughts.  
Let them turn to God and find compassion,  
    to the One Who generously forgives.

“For My thoughts are not your thoughts,  
    nor are your ways My ways”, says God.  
“As the cosmos extends vastly beyond Earth,  
    so are My ways beyond your ways,  
    My thoughts beyond your thoughts.

“And yet: as the rain and the snow come down from above  
    and do not return before watering the earth,  
making it fertile and fruitful,  
    yielding seed for the sower and bread for the hungry,  
so shall My word be, the Word that goes out from My mouth:  
It will not return to Me empty,  
    but will accomplish what I desire,  
    achieving what I sent it to do.”

In joy you shall go forth.  
    In peace, you shall be brought home.  
Mountains and hills shall break out in song before you.  
    All the trees of the fields shall clap their hands.  
In place of the thorn bush, the cypress shall grow.  
    Instead of thorns, the myrtle shall bloom.  
This shall be to God's renown,  
    an everlasting sign that shall not fail.

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

The Psalm Response is sung:

***Do not be afraid, I am with you. I have called you each by name.***

***Come and follow me, I will bring you home; I love you and you are mine.***

But now, says God,

the One Who created you and formed you:

“Do not fear, for I have set you free.

I have called you by name. You are Mine.

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;

through the rivers, you shall not be overwhelmed.

When you walk through fire you shall not be burned,

flames will not consume you.”

***Do not be afraid, I am with you. I have called you each by name.***

***Come and follow me, I will bring you home; I love you and you are mine.***

“For I, the holy One, am Your God.

You are precious in My sight, and honored, and I love you.

Fear not for I am with you.

I will gather unto Myself all children from the east,

and those from the west I will hold in My arms.

I will say to the north, 'Send me My own!'

and to the south, 'Do not hold them back!'

Bring back my sons from far away,

My daughters from the ends of the earth,

*All who are called by My name!*

I created You in glory and splendor,

I formed You and made You.”

***Do not be afraid, I am with you. I have called you each by name.***

***Come and follow me, I will bring you home; I love you and you are mine.***

## Second Reading

*Romans 8:19-25 (adapted from "The Message", a translation by Eugene Peterson)*

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

The whole, holy creation waits in eager longing for the next thing to come. All around us we observe a pregnant creation. Creation is becoming. It was made that way – an unfolding process. We are on a journey, destined to be brought into the freedom at the heart of God.

The pain throughout the world is the groaning of birth pangs. And it's not only in the creation around us. It's within us. We ourselves groan inwardly as we wait adoption, the redemption of our bodies. The Spirit stirs within us, awakening us to yet unseen possibilities. For it is hope that delivers us and sets us free.

Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what they already have? But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we persevere with patience. And the waiting does not diminish us, any more than waiting diminishes a pregnant woman. We are enlarged in the waiting. The longer we wait, the larger we become, and the more joyful our expectancy.

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

***Thanks be to God.***

**Gospel Acclamation [Sung]**

*Tompkins*

***Alleluia, alleluia! We listen to the word of God.***

***Alleluia, alleluia! We proclaim the gospel of our God!***

**Gospel**

*Mt 12:22-37*

God is with you. **[R] *And also with you.***

A Reading from the Gospel attributed to Matthew. **[R] *Glory to You, O God.***

Some people brought to Jesus a demoniac who was blind and mute. He cured the person to both speak and see.

The crowd was astounded, and said, "Could this be the Heir of David and Bathsheba?" When the Pharisees heard this, they said, "This one drives out demons by the power of Beelzebul, the prince of demons."

Jesus knew what they were thinking and said to them, "Every kingdom or nation divided against itself will be laid waste. No town or house divided against itself will stand. If Satan drives out Satan, Satan is divided against Satan's own self. How, then, will such a kingdom stand? And if I drive out demons by Beelzebul, by whom do you and your people drive them out? Therefore, they will be your judges. But if it's by the Spirit of God that I drive out demons, then the reign of God, the *kin-dom* of God, has come upon you.

"How can anyone enter a strong person's house and steal their property without first tying up the strong person? Only then can the intruder plunder the house.

"Whoever is not with me is against me. Whoever does not gather with me, scatters. Therefore, I say to you, every sin and blasphemy will be forgiven; but blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven. Whoever speaks a word against the Chosen One, will be forgiven; but whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven, in this age or in the age to come.

"Either make the tree good and its fruit good or make the tree rotten and its fruit rotten; for a tree is known by its fruit.

"You brood of vipers! How can you say good things when you are evil? For out of the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks. A good person brings good things out of good treasure; but an evil person brings evil things out of evil treasure. I tell you, on the day of judgment people will have to account for every careless word they speak. By your words you will be acquitted, and by your words you will be condemned."

The Gospel of God.

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

***[Moment of Silence]*****Prayers of the Faithful 07-12-2026*****15th Sunday in the Orderly Course of Time***

“Let ... those who seek violence abandon their thoughts. Let them turn to God and find compassion.” Despite everything, let us persevere in hope, as we pray for all that we and all creation need.

Our response: I have called you by name. You are mine.

***All: I have called you by name. You are mine.***

That we might ever seek God while God can be found, and call upon God Who is near ... we pray ...

***All: I have called you by name. You are mine.***

That we resonate to the stirring of the Spirit within us, and become awake to possibilities yet unseen ... we pray ...

***All: I have called you by name. You are mine.***

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: I have called you by name. You are mine.***

We marvel at creation pregnant with becoming, in the star-births of the immeasurable cosmos, and in the intimacy of the new beginnings of all forms of life ... we pray ...

***All: I have called you by name. You are mine.***

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: I have called you by name. You are mine.***

For all those who refuse to see and refuse to hear ... we pray as Jesus said we should ...

***All: I have called you by name. You are mine.***

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.

***[After each petition:]***

***All: I have called you by name. You are mine.***

[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: I have called you by name. You are mine.**

**Presider:** *Holy Love, We live and move and have our being in You, and You in us. In life and in death, we belong to You, and You to us. May our prayers draw us deeper into integrity, that we become the desire of Your heart for the world. We pray in Jesus' name...*

## LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

**Offertory Song - "Nada Te Turbe"**

*Taizé*

Nada te turbe nada te espante;  
quien a Dios tiene nada le falta.  
Nada te turbe, nada te espante: sólo Dios basta.

Nothing can trouble, nothing can frighten,  
those who seek God shall never go wanting.  
Nothing can trouble, nothing can frighten, God alone fills us.

### **Our Eucharist**

#### **Presentation & Preparation of Gifts**

Blessed are you, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this bread to offer, which sun, rain and earth have given and human hands have made. It will become for us the Bread of Life.

**All: Blessed be God forever.**

Blessed are you, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this cup to offer, fruit of sun, rain and vine and work of human hands. It will become our Sacred Drink.

**All: Blessed be God forever.**

Pray that our offering furthers justice, equity and peace.

**All: We long for Holy Peace.**

**Embolden us to be champions of justice in word and deed.**

### **Prayer with Our Gifts**

**Presider:** *Jesus the Christ, in this meal, your suffering meets the suffering of the world. In its simplicity and in its symbolism, we discover who we are, and we meet You, Holy Mystery. Filled with bread and wine, gifts of your ultimate love, we shall never go wanting. May this sharing-at-table strengthen us to live with greater integrity, hope, joy, and peace, knowing that nothing can trouble, nothing can frighten, we pray...Amen.*

## Eucharistic Prayer

God dwells in you.

**[R] And also in You.**

Lift up your hearts to Holy Mystery.

**[R] We lift up our hearts.**

**Presider:** We give You thanks, Cosmic Creating Spirit. You choreograph the spinning stars, the orbits of planets, the wildly flung asteroids. You paint with colors yet unseen. You open our ears to the music of the spheres, our minds to the science of mystery and the mystery of science. Your holy writ is everywhere. You are unceasingly at work, bringing order from chaos, filling emptiness with life. Your love heals brokenness in the world.

**Voice 1(online):** Your chosen one, Jesus the Christ, raised from the dead, proclaims the dawn of hope. And so, we join with all creation, on earth and throughout the cosmos, and with all beings of every generation who have looked to You in hope, singing this unending song of praise:

## Sanctus *[Sung]*

*Tompkins*

***Wholly, wholly, holy God. God of wonder, God of peace.***

***Heaven and earth are full of Your glory!***

***Hosanna in the highest.***

***Blessed are all who come in the name of God.***

***Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest!***

***Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest!***

**Voice 2 (online):** Incomprehensible Holy Mystery, in creation we come to know ourselves and You. The universe comes to know itself in us and all creation.

**Voice 3:** We give You thanks for Jesus and for all who have taught and shown us selfless love. In the fullness of time, you took on our humanity in Jesus the Christ, so that we might know our divinity.

**Voice 4:** Your Spirit is at work when hatred is quenched by compassion and vengeance gives way to forgiveness. Your Spirit calls us to embrace the cosmos and our world with new vision.

**Voice 5:** This feast is a miracle – gift of earth, water, wind, and fire, of seeds buried in the earth and cracked open. This bread and this fruit of the vine are gifts of life to the living.

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

**Presider:** And so, loving God, we invoke Your Spirit upon these gifts...

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

***[Pause]***

***All: After the meal, he took a cup, gave you thanks and praise, gave the cup to his disciples and said: "Take this, all of you, and drink. This is the new covenant of my life-blood, the cup of love. Do this in memory of me."***

**Presider:** We rejoice as we proclaim the mystery of our faith: (Tompkins)

***[Sung] We remember you, we remember you.  
Jesus who lived, loved, and died, rising in our hearts.***

**Voice 6:** Holy One, through Jesus, You entrusted Your pledge of love to us. Deepen our capacity to love one another, even our enemies.

**Voice 7:** Awaken us to an ancient understanding of all Earth life, that we may live in harmony with all creation. As our world unfolds amid beauty and pain,

**Voice 8:** We unite our longings and prayers with people everywhere...Together with the communion of saints, we experience Your life-giving presence in the cosmic oneness of all that is:

**Doxology [Recited]**

***Through Christ, with Christ, In Christ  
in the unity of Sophia Spirit,  
may all radiance, life and love be Yours, now and always.***

**Great Amen [Sung]**

*Tompkins*

***We eat this bread; we drink this cup. We share as one body of Christ.  
We give our thanks; we give our thanks. Amen, amen, amen!***

**The Prayer of Jesus [Sung]**

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

***Be-lov-ed, Cre-a-tor, Holy be Your Name.  
Your kin-dom, come through us  
Your heart's de-sire be done  
On Earth and through-out the Cosmos (Your cosmic glory)  
We are Your hands, Your heaven is in our hands.***

*Pro-vide bread, for each day,  
to share with all on Earth.  
Forgive us, as we do  
forgive those who hurt us.  
And lead us in Your good pathways (your ways are good)  
And keep us from evil, protect us, we'll pro-tect Yours.  
Ours is the kin-dom, Love is the Power,  
Yours is the glory, forever amen. X2.  
Let heaven come...*

### The Sign of Peace

Jesus said to his disciples: Peace I leave you. My peace I give you.  
May the peace of Christ be with you always.

**[R] And also with you.**

Let us offer each other a sign of peace.

### Lamb of God *[Sung]*

*Tompkins*

*Lamb of God, you call us to live in expectant hope.  
Lamb of God, you call us to witness to your love.  
Lamb of God, you call us to work; for peace and justice in our world.  
Grant us peace. Grant us peace. Grant us peace.*

### Presider

This is holy bread and wine for God's holy people.

**[R] We become one as we share this meal.**

This is the table of Jesus, who made no restrictions. Neither do we. All are truly welcome and invited 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! **Amen!**

### Communion Song: "What is This Place"

*Oosterhuis (trad. Dutch hymn)*

What is this place, where we are meeting?  
Only a house, the earth its floor.  
Walls and a roof, sheltering people,  
Windows for light, an open door.  
Yet it becomes a body that lives  
When we are gathered here, and know our God is near.

Words from afar, stars that are falling.  
Sparks that are sown in us like seed:  
Names for our God, dreams signs and wonders  
Sent from Love's heart are all we need.  
We in this place remember and speak  
again what we have heard: God's free, redeeming word.

And we accept bread at this table,  
Broken and shared, a living sign.  
Here in this world, dying and living,  
We are each other's bread and wine.  
This is the place where we can receive  
what we need to increase: our Justice and Gods' peace.

*[Moment of Silence]*

### Prayer after Communion

**Presider:** *Holy One, when we feel far from You, from one another, even from ourselves, may this meal always bring us home to the Heart of our hearts. May we not look for the reign of God, for the cosmic kin-dom, in a faraway place and a faraway time.... May we know that when we act in Sophia Spirit, the reign of God is here, we pray... **Amen.***

## CLOSING RITES

### Closing Blessing

*Priestly Prayer translated by Anne Kernion, and further adapted*

*May God always bless us and keep us.  
May God's face always shine upon us.  
May God look upon us in joy.  
And may God fill our hearts with enduring peace.*

*Let the church say, **Amen.***

### Sending Forth

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

### Closing Song - "Lead Me God"

*Becker*

Blessed are the poor in spirit, Longing for their God,  
for God's coming kin-dom shall be theirs.  
Blessed are the sorrowing, for they shall be consoled,  
and the meek shall come to rule the world.

***Lead me, God, lead me, on by the light of truth  
to seek and to find the narrow way.  
Be my way; be my truth; be my life, my God, and lead me, God, today!***

Blest are they who through their life-times sow the seeds of peace,  
all will call them children of their God.  
Blest are you, though persecuted in your holy life,  
for in heaven, great is your reward.

***Lead me, God, lead me, on by the light of truth to seek and to find the narrow way. Be my way; be my truth; be my life, my God, and lead me, God, today. x2***

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*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. We seek to support a full-time paid womanpriest or 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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