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Love is Love

ANNUAL PRIDE LITURGY
JULY 19, 2026

Introduction & Welcome

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.

Know that wherever you are and whoever you are, you are welcome here, just as you are. We are glad you are joining us. My name is _____. I am one of your lectors for today. We welcome Chris Kanowitz, whom Jane will introduce:



Chris Kanowitz (he/him) is from Reno, Nevada and was canonically ordained a priest for the Diocese of Reno in 2017. He also lived for a time as a hermit at the Carmelite monastery in Reno. After 7 years as a priest in the institutional Church, he was received as a priest into the Region for the Holy Margins in RCWP. Chris currently continues living more deeply into the Carmelite contemplative vocation, serves on the leadership team of the Living Water Inclusive Catholic Community in Seattle, is a practitioner in the Tiger Mountain Sangha (Buddhist meditation community), which practices in the Plum Village tradition of Zen Master Thich Nhat Hanh, is an Associate in the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Peace, and is also a member of the Co-Dependents Anonymous Fellowship. Chris is a certified Death Midwife and hopes to study Kabbalah one day. He currently lives in Ellensburg with his partner, Jonathan, their little girl, Lila, their pet rabbit and their four dogs.

Kori Pacyniak, Jane Via, and Suzie Knapp co-presiding in-person. Nancy is our online presider. We gather in person and online. We welcome you to our Pride Liturgy.

For those online, you can find the worship aid online and in the chat. You may wish to have some wine and bread nearby, or something similar, for communion. After our liturgy concludes, we invite you to stay online for some social time.

We welcome any visitors with us today. We greet those of you on YouTube. 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.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Next Sunday is our Mary Magdalene Feast Day Celebration. Our liturgy will begin at 1pm followed by a potluck appetizer picnic. 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.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

And now.... as we begin our liturgy, we acknowledge the harm caused by religious organizations to our LGBTQIA+ members and siblings. We remember and honor all our LGBTQIA+ siblings who are no longer with us. We remember all those who have died due to AIDS, suicide, hate crimes, and other causes and hold their memories in our hearts. May they rest in love and rise in power. We strive to do better, living into our call to be a beloved community of Christ where all of God's diverse humanity can live openly and flourish. We pause for a moment of silence to remember and honor those members of the LGBTQIA+ community who are no longer with us. ...Pause.

Please join in the community responses to "There Comes a Time"

(adapted from the Rev Kendyl Gibbons)

There comes a time - **to break the silence.**

There comes a time - **to move beyond the fear.**

There comes a time - **to speak one's truth, even if it will not be welcome.**

***There comes a time – when the truth at last makes us free,
And in that moment is the healing of the world. (Pause)***

GONG

~ OPENING RITES ~

Opening Song: "For All the Children"

Lohman

God, we gather as your people to raise our song above,
and we dare to claim the promise of Your love,
though the day may not yet be here, we trust it soon will be,
when your children will be free.

O, may our hearts and minds be open, fling the church doors open wide.

May there be room enough for everyone inside.

For in God there is a welcome, in God we all belong. May that welcome be our song.

Oh, we sing for all the children that one day they be free;
and we sing for generations yet to be,
that they never have a reason to doubt that they are blest.
May they, in Your love, find rest. **R**

Oh, we pray for all the young lives cut short by fear and shame
so afraid of who they are and whom they love.
May the message now be banished that Your love is for the few,
may their faith in You renew. **R**

God, we're working for the future when children far and wide
can live their lives with dignity and pride.
As they grow in strength and stature,
may they join us hand in hand, as against all hate we stand. **R**

Greeting

We begin our liturgy with the sign of our faith:

+ In the name of God who creates life in all its diversity, Jesus who welcomed all on the margins, and Sophia Spirit who inhabits all people, all creation. 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.

Opening Prayer *Adapted from the Rainbow Christ Prayer by Kittredge Cherry & Patrick Cheng*

Gathered in this sacred space, Creating Spirit, we honor Your presence in our midst, revealed in the rainbow. In its profusion of color, Your Divine diversity is proclaimed. In rainbows, you build a symbolic bridge between the heavens and the earth, showing our cosmic unity. Among people of all genders and sexualities, You show our common humanity. May the magnificence of the rainbow inspire us to embrace Your affirmation and love for the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex, asexual, and questioning community, expressed in the rainbow flag. May the rainbow lead us beyond binary thinking to experience the whole spectrum of life, we pray...Amen.

Kyrie ~ Knowing God's Loving-Kindness

Loving God, when we fail to affirm, welcome, and support our LGBTQIA+ siblings,
Move us to open our hearts to Your love.

Jesus the Christ, when we tolerate homophobia, transphobia, and injustice if it does not affect us personally,
Move us to speak out for what is right and just.

Spirit of Life, when we resist Your call to radical inclusion and affirmation because of ignorance, fear, or traditions,
Move us to seek Your Wisdom.

ALL: May God, who is Love, Justice, and Wisdom, free us from rigid categories and grant us the grace of interwoven identities. May Holy Mystery have compassion on us, forgive us our failings, and transform us to be prophets of truth and workers for justice in this world. Amen.

~ LITURGY OF THE WORD ~

First Reading

Wisdom 12:13, 16-19

A Reading from the Book of Wisdom

For there is no deity besides You, Woman Wisdom, Whose care is for all people, to whom You must prove that You have not judged unjustly. Your strength is the source of righteousness, and

Your sovereignty over all causes You to spare all. You show Your strength when people doubt the completeness of Your power, and You rebuke any insolence among those who know it. Although You are sovereign in strength, You judge with mildness. With great forbearance You govern us, although You have power to act whenever You choose. Through such works, compassionate judgment and forbearance in governance, You have taught Your people that the righteous must be kind. You have filled Your children with good hope because You awaken conscience in them, and regret for harm they do to one another and creation.

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

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

crafted from Ps 139:1-6, 13-14, 15b-18 + Wis 11:24-26, 12:1 (NABR, Merrill, combined & edited.)

The psalm response is: We are fearfully and wonderfully made.

R: We are fearfully and wonderfully made.

O Beloved, You have searched me and know me!
You know when I sit and when I stand. You discern my innermost thoughts.
You sift through my travels and my rest. You are familiar with all my ways.
You know my strengths and weaknesses.
Even before my words rise up in prayer... You have heard my call.
You encompass me with love where'er I go.
You encircle me and rest your hand upon me.
Your sensitivity is too wonderful for me.... gratitude is my soul's response.

R: We are fearfully and wonderfully made.

You formed my inmost being; you knit me in my mother's womb.
I praise you, because I am fearfully and wonderfully made.
Wonderful are your works!
More than I know myself, You know me.
My essence was not hidden from You.
When I was being formed in secret, intricately fashioned from the elements of the Earth,
Your eyes beheld my unformed substance.
In Your records were written every one of them.
My days were shaped, before one came to be.

R: We are fearfully and wonderfully made.

How precious to me are your creations, O God. How vast their sum!
Were I to count them, they would outnumber the sands.
Innumerable though they are, still You are with me.
For You love all things that are and loathe nothing You have made.
You would not fashion what you hate.
How could anything remain unless you willed it?
Or be preserved, had You not called it forth?
You embrace all things, because all things are Yours.
O Beloved and Lover of souls, Your imperishable spirit is in all things!

R: We are fearfully and wonderfully made.

A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans

The Spirit helps us in our weakness because we do not know how to pray as we ought. That very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches human hearts, knows what is the mind of the Spirit. Thus, the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the desire of God's heart.

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Gospel Acclamation*Mass of Glory, Canedo*

Alleluia, alleluia, allelu-u-ia. Give the glory and the honor to our God! X2

Gospel*Matthew 13:24-35*

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

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

Jesus proposed another parable to the disciples: "The kin-dom of heaven may be compared to a landowner who sowed good seed in their field. While everybody was asleep, however, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, then went away. So, when the shoots came up and the plants bore grain, weeds appeared as well.

The land-owner's workers came to him and said, "We know you sowed good seed in your field. Where did these weeds come from?" The landowner responded, "An enemy has done this." The workers asked, "Do you want us to go and pull the weeds?" The landowner replied, "No, for in gathering the weeds you might uproot wheat along with them. Let the weeds and the wheat grow together until harvest. At harvest time, I will tell the reapers to collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, and then to gather the wheat into my barn."

The Gospel of God.

Praise to you, Jesus the Christ.

Homily*Chris Kanowitz, RCWP***Prayers of the Faithful 07-19-2026*****16th Sunday in the Oderly Course of Time and PRIDE Celebration***

"You formed my inmost being; you knit me in my mother's womb. ... Wonderful are your works!" To God whose handiwork we are, let us pray!

Our response: Blessed are You, Holy One, whose handiwork we are!

All: Blessed are You, Holy One, whose handiwork we are!

That we might ever seek God while God can be found, and call upon God Who is near to every one of us ... we pray ...

All: Blessed are You, Holy One, whose handiwork we are!

That Your Sophia Spirit help us in our weakness, when we do not know how to pray as we ought ... we pray ...

All: Blessed are You, Holy One, whose handiwork we are!

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: Blessed are You, Holy One, whose handiwork we are!

Kindle in us anger at structures and systems that hold Your people down, and make us bold to commit our whole lives to the liberation and healing of all ... we pray ...

All: Blessed are You, Holy One, whose handiwork we are!

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: Blessed are You, Holy One, whose handiwork we are!

For those who welcome and embrace us in all our human diversity, and for those who refuse to do so ... we pray as Jesus said we should ...

All: Blessed are You, Holy One, whose handiwork we are!

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: Blessed are You, Holy One, whose handiwork we are!

[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: Blessed are You, Holy One, whose handiwork we are!

Concluding Prayer to the POF:

God of infinite manifestations, free us from fear that incapacitates us; shame that confines us; judgment that destroys. When told that who we are, or whom we love, is condemned by You, we suffer. Heal our wounds and scars. Comfort us.

*Forgive us for using our faith as rationale for exclusion. Strengthen us to be the embrace of Your all-inclusive love, and to be embraced by it. In Jesus the Christ, we pray.... **Amen.***

~ LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST ~

Offertory Song – "In the House that Love is Building"

Hart

In the house that Love is building, there is room enough for all.
Endless welcome in her rafters, mercy singing through her walls.
Here is refuge for all people, from every tribe and tongue.
In the house that love is building, there is room for everyone.

In the garden Love is tending, there's a great and boundless feast,
Where the seeds of hope are planted, And the yield is heaven's peace.
As the field becomes a harvest For the many hungry ones,
In the garden Love is tending, There's enough for everyone.

Oh, the song that Love is raising, Is of pure, unending light
In the voices of her people, rising to eternal skies.
Now the shadow shall be swallowed, By the Living Word of God.
Oh, the song that Love is raising, is a song for everyone.

In the house that Love is building, there is room for everyone.

Presentation and Preparation of the Gifts

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 sharing this bread and wine
will awaken our hearts to God's presence in all creation.

Kindle in us the fire of reverence for all creation.

Prayer with our Gifts

Holy One, we bring these gifts of bread and wine to celebrate your feast of love. You call each of us to the table just as we are, affirming that all of us are made in Your image and likeness. Help us to recognize the divine in one another. Help us to surround our LGBTQ neighbors, and all who are vulnerable, with love, safety, and affirmation. Together, we pray... Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer

God dwells in you.

And also in you.

Let us give thanks to the live-giving Spirit of God.

Hearts burning with love, we give God thanks and praise.

Presiders

Divine Creator, we give you thanks. From the beginning, You declared that we are created in Your image, a reflection of what is holy; each, in our own way, a glimpse of you. Together, with the whole cosmic chorus, we proclaim Your presence in and among us:

Sanctus

Mass of Glory, Canedo

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

Voice 1 (online)

Inclusive One, You call us to gather at tables of love and liberation, to be nourished by a taste of what You desire to do among us. You call us from institutional halls of power, from shelters and the streets; from classrooms and pulpits, from gay bars and prison cells. You call us to stand in solidarity with Jesus, who lived and loved on the margins, and to align ourselves with those who are marginalized, oppressed, outcast, and isolated.

Voice 2

In Your love for us, You took on flesh in Jesus who proclaimed the Good News: calling for glad tidings to those brought low, liberty to captives, sight to the blind, freedom of the oppressed, and the realization of justice. Jesus' commitment to love-in-action knew no bounds, not even the bounds of death.

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

Presider: Pour out your Spirit on these gifts, O God. May this bread and wine become in us the body and blood of Jesus. May it transform us to be the body of Christ, pursuing a world where everyone can flourish and lead lives full of justice, love, and truth. We remember that...

All: *...on the night before Jesus died, while at supper with his friends, he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread and gave it to them saying: "Take this, all of you and eat. This is my body. Do this in memory of me."*

[Pause]

In the same way, Jesus took the cup filled with wine. He said the blessing, gave the cup to his friends, and said, "Take this all of you and drink. This is my blood, the cup of Love, the covenant of new and everlasting life. Do this in memory of me."

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

Mass of Glory, Canedo

***When we eat this bread, and drink... this cup,
We proclaim your death, O Jesus,
until you come again, until you come again.***

Voice 3

You are present in the love *and* the pain we experience on our journeys through life. Be with all who now journey through sickness and suffering. Be with all and who have died and gone before us into the fullness of cosmic splendor.

Voice 4

Let Your Spirit also come upon all leaders, secular and religious. Catch them by surprise. Fill their hearts with a longing for equality and justice, that they abandon divisive political rhetoric and work for the common good. Imbue them with the joy of divine diversity. Bestow on them the wealth of humble service to others.

Presider

Open our hearts to love and affirm people of all genders and sexualities. Through Your Spirit make us a sign of unity, a model of justice, and instruments of Your peace. May our words proclaim Your truth, and our actions Your words."

ALL: We offer our prayer of praise, this day and always.

The Great Amen [Sung]

Mass of Glory, Canedo

A-men, A-men, Alleluia, A-men. x2

~ COMMUNION RITE ~

"The Casa del Sol Prayer of Jesus"

John Philip Newell

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

***Ground of all being, Mother of life, Father of the universe,
Your name is sacred, beyond speaking.
May we know your presence,
may your longings be our longings in heart and in action.
May there be food for the human family today
and for the whole earth community.
Forgive us the falseness of what we have done
as we forgive those who are untrue to us.
Do not forsake us in our time of conflict but lead us into new beginnings.
For the fire of life, the vitality of life, and the glory of life are yours
now and forever. Amen.***

Sign of Peace

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

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

*Servant of God, you call us to the Gospel of Love,
O Jesus the Christ, O Jesus the Christ.
Prophet of God, you call us to the Gospel of Hope,
O Jesus the Christ, O Jesus the Christ.
Messiah of God, you call us to the Gospel of Peace,
Grant us peace, Grant us peace.*

Presider: In and through the Spirit, we are God's hands and heart in the world.
We are happy and blessed to share this sacred work.

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

Communion Song: "We are a Rainbow"

David Kai

We're the light of all the world, we are a city on a hill,
We're a candle on a stand proclaiming light,
We will not hide our lamp beneath a bushel any more,
We will shine a ray of hope that's burning bright.

***R: We are a rainbow, sign of covenant and peace,
For the flood of tears will finally cease to be,
Come shine your rainbow, splash your hues across the sky,
Paint the world in colors proud and bold and free.***

We're a coat of many colors, sewn from many different threads,
Covering all in warmth, in welcome and in grace,
God said "Let there be light", created every varied shade,
In the rainbow each of us can find a place. **R**

We are hope to still believe in tomorrow's better day,
We are peace in a world that's torn apart,
We are joy that will last in all the struggles that we face,
We are love that blooms and grows in every heart. **R**

When we face the storms of life, we will never be alone,
For our God will be with us on the way,
Hand in hand, side by side, we won't be frightened anymore,
As the mourning night of tears breaks into day. **R**

Prayer after Communion

*Cosmic Mystery, in the beginning you created human beings in Your image. You declared the gender spectrum very good. You delight in diversity. Your human community is a sacred prism through which Your love cascades. Open our hearts and minds to embrace this vision. We pray in Jesus' name. **Amen.***

Closing Blessing

Sophia Spirit, breathe in us and inspire us to co-create with You...

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

Source of all Life, give us the courage to ensure that no one and no thing is excluded from the Circle of holiness, the Circle of Life... *Let the church say, **Amen.***

Author and Artist of Life, make us a living rainbow that may we be a symbol of your love and justice... *Let the church say, **Amen.***

In our daily lives, may we affirm and welcome all as we strive to tear down the walls of injustice for people of all genders and sexualities...

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

Sending Forth

This Mass is ended.

Go forth to build God's kin-dom in love and grace.

Thanks be to God!

Closing Song: "Rightful Place"

Agrisano

***Let us live our lives so that all might see
our hearts are restless till they rest in thee.
Let us build your kin-dom in love and grace,
so that all might know they have a rightful place.***

Beauty ever ancient and new,
breaking through all the noise so we hear You.
Shattering the shadows of night,
a new dawn is rising to bring you life, to all the world. **R**

To gather in your presence we came
to be one in spirit, in love and name;
strengthened by the body of Christ,
taking up the call now to share your life, with all the world. **R**

We are grateful to have shared our Pride together in this liturgy!

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Our lectionary readings come from the inclusive language Comprehensive Catholic Lectionary by Nancy Corran and Jane Via and are available at <https://www.inclusivelectionary.org/>

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