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Painting by Richard Stodart

"Christ is Risen"

**Worship Aid
Feast Day of Mary Magdalene
July 26, 2026**

Welcome and Announcements

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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. We gather in-person and online on this Feast Day of our Patron Saint, Mary Magdalene. This evening, Jane Via, Suzie Knapp, and Nancy Corran are our in-person presiders.

We greet those on YouTube and on Zoom. Our worship aid can be found on our website 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 those on Zoom to stay online for some social time

We welcome our guest speaker and long-time member of our parish, Molly Kirkpatrick, who will share her reflections on Mary Magdalene with us this evening.



Molly Kirkpatrick

"I graduated from Cal State Long Beach with a Bachelors in Sociology and a Minor in Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies. I have been a member of MMACC since 2011... putting me around 9 years old at first attendance. I did Jesuit Volunteer Corps in New Orleans, Louisiana where I worked for Depaul USA in multiple Supportive Housing Programs for chronically homeless individuals. I currently work in the service industry but plan to Substitute Teach for SDUSD in the fall."

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.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Please see our bulletin for community news and announcements
- Donations to MMACC are appreciated. In-person donations can be placed in the basket on the welcome table.

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[moment of silence]

Legend of the Egg

THE LEGEND OF THE EGG:

Mary Magdalene's travels took her to Rome, where she was able to obtain an audience with the Roman Emperor, Tiberius Caesar.

According to the tradition, everyone visiting the Emperor was supposed to bring him a gift, according to their means. Mary Magdalene took an egg. An egg was recognized across the Roman world as a symbol of rebirth and life emerging from a closed chamber. For those who followed Christ, it also became symbolic of both the sealed tomb and the stone which had been rolled away. Mary presented it to Tiberius Caesar with the greeting: "Christ is risen!"

Tiberius Caesar could not believe what he heard and responded to her: "How could anyone ever rise from the dead? It is as impossible as that white egg turning red." While Tiberius was speaking these words, the egg in the hand of Mary Magdalene began changing color until it became blood red.

Mary Magdalene went on to explain to Tiberius Caesar that the now-red egg symbolized Jesus' rising from the tomb: From Jesus' blood - his life, suffering, and death - new life was born.

Please stand as able as we sing our opening song.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Opening Song - "All are Welcome"

Haugen

Let us build a house where all can dwell and all can safely live,
A place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace;
Here the love of Christ shall end divisions:
All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where prophets speak and words are strong and true,
Where all God's children dare to seek to dream God's reign anew.
Here the love of God, through Jesus, is revealed in time and space;
As we share in Christ the feast that frees us: ***(R)***

Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone;
To heal and strengthen, serve and teach and live the Word they've known;
Here the outcast and the stranger bear the image of God's grace.
Let us bring an end to fear and danger: **(R)**

Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard,
And loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word!
Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace,
Let this house proclaim from floor to rafter: **(R)**

Opening Rite

We begin our liturgy with the sign of our faith:

+In the name of God who is Love, Jesus who lived love, and the Holy Spirit who breathes love into human hearts. **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.

Knowing God's Loving-Kindness

Presider: *As we begin, we call to mind times we did not bear witness to resurrection hope.... times when we did not have the courage of Mary Magdalene.*

Loving God, Source of our divinity and our humanity, we acknowledge our struggles...

We struggle to include those we would more easily exclude.

Teach us to love as You love.

We struggle to love our enemies, as you taught us.

Teach us to love as You love.

We struggle to love ourselves as we struggle to love one another.

Teach us to love as You love.

May we realize, O God, that we are made of Your goodness. "Open our hearts that our lives proclaim our goodness", as did the life of Mary of Magdala. **Amen.**

Opening Prayer

Presider: *Holy Love, Mary of Magdala, Your apostle, did not fear death: she went to the tombs. May we be fearless in going to the places the church must die, that we may attend to its resurrection, building a house where all are truly welcome. Grant us the passion of Mary Magdalene. Help us to hear her apostle's message to the apostles, and to us: "Christ is risen." We pray,... **Amen.***

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Judith 8:2-17, 29-32 with abbreviation

Reading from the Book of Judith

Judith's husband died when she was still young. She maintained her bereavement for three years and four months. She built a small tent on the roof of her house and lived there, wearing sackcloth.

Judith was very beautiful and wealthy. She ran her entire estate. No one ever spoke a harsh word about her because she was devout.

Judith heard the cries of the people of the land. They were under siege by the Assyrians, weak for lack of water, and could no longer defend their village. She heard what their leader, Uzziah, had said to them, how he promised them under oath to surrender the town to the Assyrians after five days if God did not deliver them. She invited the village leaders to her home.

She said to them, "Listen to me. You are supposed to be the leaders of the people; but what you said to the people today was wrong. You should never have sworn before God that you would surrender the village to our enemies if God did not come to our aid in five days. What gives you the right to put God to the test? You can never fathom the depths of the human heart or know what another is thinking, yet you dare to read God's mind and interpret divine matters?! God cannot be threatened like a human being or won over by pleading like a mere mortal. So, while we wait for deliverance, we must continue to call upon God to help us. Whatever happens, our voices are heard, and we are in God's hands."

Uzziah then spoke, "This is not the first time you have shown your wisdom. Ever since you were born, people have recognized that you possess keen understanding and

integrity. But the people are so thirsty. Pray for us that God will send rain to fill our wells. Then we will no longer be faint from thirst."

Judith replied: "Listen to me. The deed I will do tonight will be told for generations to come. God will deliver Israel through me."

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

Psalm

Ps 42, Nan Merrill, excerpted with minor edits

Refrain: "As the Deer Longs" by Hurd

Our psalm response will be sung:
As the deer longs for running streams, so I long, so I long, so I long for You.

***R: As the deer longs for running streams,
so I long, so I long, so I long for You.***

As the deer longs for flowing streams,
so my soul longs for You, O Beloved.
My soul thirsts for the Beloved,
for Living Water.

***R: As the deer longs for running streams,
so I long, so I long, so I long for You.***

When may I come and behold Your face?
Tears have been my only nourishment day and night.
Friends ask continually, "Where is the Beloved of your heart?"
All this I remember as I pour out my soul.

***R: As the deer longs for running streams,
so I long, so I long, so I long for You.***

How I once knew Your presence within me...
Now my soul is cast down within me...
From my mother's womb to maturity,
through all the days of my life...
You have led me in steadfast love,
and by night, Your song is within me.

***R: As the deer longs for running streams,
so I long, so I long, so I long for You.***

Why are you cast down, O my soul?
Why are you disquiet within me?
My hope is in the Beloved, my strength and my joy.
Open the door to Love, O my soul.

***R: As the deer longs for running streams,
so I long, so I long, so I long for You.***

Second Reading

A Reading from the Book of Proverbs 1:20-23, 33

Woman Wisdom cries out in the street. In the squares, She raises Her voice. At the busiest corner, She takes Her stand. At the entrance of the city gates, She speaks:

“How long, O thoughtless ones, will you wallow in ignorance?
How long, O scoffers, will you delight in your scoffing? How long, O fools, will you shun knowledge, refusing to learn?

“Give heed to My reproof, and follow Me. I will pour out My spirit on you. I will tell you My thoughts. I will make My words known to you. You who listen to Me will have inner strength, and will live in peace, without fear.”

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

Gospel Acclamation

Mass of Glory, Candeo/Hurd/ Stephan

***Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Give the glory and the honor to our God!
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Gospel

John 20:1, 11-18

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

Early in the morning on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary of Magdala went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been rolled away from the entrance. Mary stood crying outside the tomb.

She was still weeping when she stooped down and saw two angels inside. They were dressed in white and were sitting, one at the head and one at the feet where Jesus' body had lain. The angels asked Mary, "Why are you weeping?" She answered, "They have taken away my Teacher, and I don't know where they have put him."

As soon as Mary said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there. But she didn't know who he was. Jesus asked her, "Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?" Thinking he was the gardener, she said, "Sir, if you have taken his body away, please tell me, so I can go and get him." Then Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni" -- which means "Teacher." Jesus then told her, "You can't hold on to me! I have not yet gone to God. Go to my sisters and brothers and tell them that I am going to my loving God and your loving God."

Mary Magdalene then went and told the disciples, "I have seen the Teacher!" And she told them the things that he had said to her.

The Gospel of God.

Praise to you Jesus the Christ.

MM Feast Day Reflection

Molly Kirkpatrick

Litany of Saints

John Becker

SPRINKLING OF THE ASSEMBLY

"Litany of the Saints"

by John Becker

Cantor: God have mercy.	All:	God have mercy.
Cantor: Christ have mercy.	All:	Christ have mercy.
Cantor: God have mercy.	All:	God have mercy.

CANTOR:

Angels and archangels,
Sarah, Abraham and Hagar
Isaac and Rebecca
Jacob, Leah and Rachel
Moses and Miriam,
Deborah, Samuel, and Ruth.
David, Bathsheba and Solomon,
Isaiah, Huldah, Jeremiah....

ALL: Pray for us.

All: All you holy people, pray for us.

CANTOR:

Elizabeth, Zechariah,
Mary and Joseph,
Mary Magdalene Apostle,
Peter, Andrew, James and John,
Martha, Mary and Lazarus,
Susanna and Joanna,
Stephen, Lydia and Philip,
Paul, Barnabas and Phoebe...

ALL: Pray for us.

ALL: All you holy people pray for us.

Scholastica and Benedict,
Bridget and Patrick,
Theodora Episcopa,
Hildegard and Julian,
Clare, Francis, Joan of Arc,
Catherine of Siena,
Teresa of Avila,
John of the Cross and Ignatius...

ALL: Pray for us.

All: All you holy people, pray for us.

CANTOR:

St Martin do Porres
Therese of Lisieux,
John XXIII,
Martin and Coreta,
Dorothy Stang, Oscar Romero,
Ita, Maura, Dorothy, Jean
Rosa Parks and Dorothy Day,
Theresa Kane and Thea Bowman.

ALL: Pray for Us.

ALL: All you holy people pray for us.

God, give new life,
In its fullness,
In all your people,
Guide us in your peace,
Lead us in justice,
Sustain us in your presence,
As you remain with us always...

ALL: Hear our Prayer...

ALL: Christ, hear us. Christ Jesus, hear our prayer.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

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 these gifts will deepen our commitment to proclaim the resurrection, as Mary Magdalene did.

Strengthen us, O God, to witness to Your love.

Prayer with our Gifts

Presider:

*Holy Love, may this bread and wine strengthen and embolden us to go to the tombs, as did Jesus, as did Mary Magdalene. Meet us in the garden of our grief and call us by name, that we might turn and come to know a love and a joy that transcend death. In this meal, may we know what it is to rise again, we pray....**Amen.***

Eucharistic Prayer

God dwells in you. ***And also in you.***

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

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

PRESIDERS:

In Cosmic Mystery, You create wonder, beauty, and life.

In Holy Love, You create splendor from chaos, beauty amid suffering, life from death.

In the garden, the Risen Jesus appeared to Mary Magdalene, who traveled with him, supported him out of her own resources, witnessed his death on the cross, and went to the tomb to anoint him. Mary Magdalene was the first to witness the resurrection.

She was sent to preach the Good News to Jesus' other disciples, becoming the Apostle to the Apostles.

And so, we join with Mary Magdalene and all the angels and saints, in their everlasting song of praise:

***Holy, Holy, Holy, O God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed are all who come in the Na-me of our God.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.***

Voice 1 (online)

We give thanks for Your presence in this holy place, in each of us, in this community, and in all Your creation! Fill us with awe, wonder, and holy longing.

Voice 2

Through countless generations Your people honored You: Abraham, Sarah and Hagar, Isaac and Rebekah, Jacob, Leah and Rachel, Mary of Nazareth and Joseph, and Mary Magdalene. These generations, and Jesus, still call us to You.

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

Presider: And so, Steadfast One, 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, as we now fulfill your command of love. 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 life-blood, the cup of love, of new and everlasting life. Do this in memory of me."

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

Mass of Glory

***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

We celebrate the memory of Jesus' death and resurrection. We embrace the possibility of reconciliation, justice, and peace. Take away all that divides us. Through Your Spirit make us a sign of unity, a model of equality and instruments of Your peace.

Voice 4

We pray for our religious leaders, that they speak authentically in Your name. We pray for our country and its leaders, that they abandon political rhetoric and work for the common good. Root them in humble service. Awaken in them the joy of divine diversity.

Presiders

Be with those who are sick and those who suffer. Be with all who have died and gone before us into the fullness of union with You. Gather people of every gender, sexuality, race, language, religion, and way of life to share in Your everlasting banquet. In Your presence, we give You glory with all creation, with Mary Magdalene, and with Jesus through whom Your goodness flows.

*Through You, Fount of Love,
With Jesus, Fount of Service,
In the Spirit, Fount of Wisdom,
We offer our prayer of praise, this day and always.*

The Great Amen

Mass of Glory, Canedo/Hurd

A-a-men. A-a-men. Al-le-lu-ia. A-a-men.

The Prayer of Jesus

Wilhelmy

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 sung version.

*Loving God in Whom is heaven
May Your Name be honored everywhere
May Your kin-dom come
the desire of your heart for the world be done
In us, by us, and through us.
Give us the bread we need for each day.
Forgive us. Enable us to forgive others.
Keep us from all anxiety and fear.
For You reign in the power that comes from love,
which is your glory, forever and ever.*

Sign of Peace

May the peace of the Risen Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Let us offer each other a sign of peace.

Lamb of God

Mass of Glory, Canedo/Hurd

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: We are the body of Christ, called to be God's love in the world.

We are blessed to share this sacred meal.

All are welcome at God's table. Whoever you are and wherever you are on your journey of faith, know that you are invited to partake of the gluten-free Eucharistic bread, and the consecrated red wine or white grape juice. Come! God's table is ready! Amen.

Communion Song – "From the Many, Make us One"

Alonso

Cantor: Jesus prayed before he died,

All: To this table now we come,

Cantor: "Make them one this whole world-wide.

All: From the many, make us one.

Cantor: Every shade and tribe and tongue

All: To this table now we come,

Cantor: every gender, old and young."

All: From the many, make us one.

Refrain: *When we sing, and when we cry, as we live and as we die:*

To this table now we come. From the many, make us one.

Cantor: Jesus washed their feet and cried,

All: To this table now we come,

Cantor: grieved the deeds that would divide.

All: From the many, make us one.

Cantor: Bow us down, now, each to all;

All: To this table now we come,

Cantor: Make this world a banquet hall.

All: From the many, make us one. Refrain

Cantor: This our great procession line,

All: *To this table now we come*

Cantor: Join to walk through earth and time.

All: *From the many make us one*

Cantor: Share and share alike this meal,

All: *To this table now we come* **Cantor:**

Gift for thirst and hunger fills.

All: *From the many, make us one. Refrain*

Cantor: Love the world so loved by God,

All: *To this table now we come*

Cantor: Tattered, scattered, worn, and trod

All: *From the many, make us one.*

Cantor: Come to welcome table here!

All: *To this table now we come*

Cantor: Doors wide open, nothing fear.

All: *From the many, make us one. Refrain*

Cantor: All alike at table share:

All: *To this table now we come*

Cantor: God and world are wedded here.

All: *From the many, make us one.*

Cantor: No more borders, prisons, walls.

All: *To this table now we come*

Cantor: Open wide our banquet hall.

All: *From the many, make us one. Refrain*

Prayer After Communion

*Holy Love, As the Risen Jesus comforted Mary, asking, "Why are you weeping?", so too comfort us with Your presence and Your voice. Then, as the Risen Jesus sent Mary into the world, send us out to proclaim Your good news to all who dwell in fear and Your liberation to all who are oppressed, we pray... **Amen.***

Closing Blessing

*Mary Magdalene risked following Jesus in his prophetic life; may we too risk prophetic words and action. Let the church say.... **Amen!***

*Mary Magdalene remained with Jesus as he died; may we too have courage to accompany those who suffer injustice. Let the church say... **Amen!***

*Mary Magdalene sought Jesus out in her grief and her life was transformed. May we, too, experience transformation as we honor grief. Let the church say... **Amen!***

*Mary Magdalene was sent to “tell the apostles” that Christ is risen; may we continue to tell the good news to all: that love casts out fear; that all are welcome; that we are one in Christ. Let the church say... **Amen!***

Sending Forth

This mass is ended.
We carry on the work of the Apostle to the Apostles.
Thanks be to God!

Closing Song – “Roll Away the Stone”

Conryn

Roll away the stone, see the glory of God. Roll away the stone. (2x)

They have been saying all our plans are empty.
They have been saying “Where is their God now?” **R**

They have been saying no one will remember.
They have been saying power rules the world. **R**

They have been saying no one hears the singing.
They have been saying all our strength is gone. **R**

They have been saying “All of us are dying.”
They have been saying “All of us are dead.” **R**

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

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