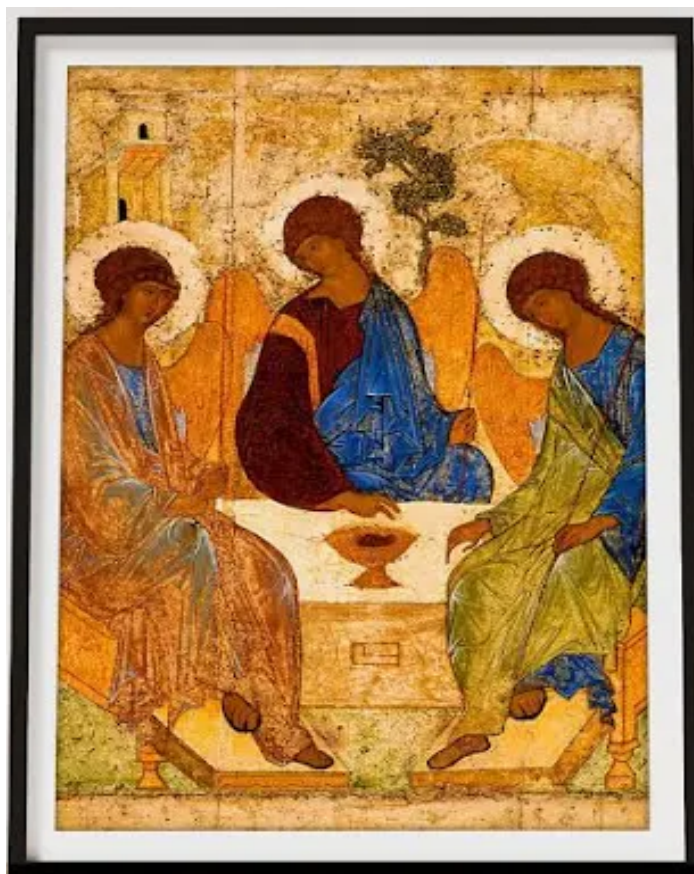


Mary Magdalene, Apostle, Catholic Community



"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
August 2, 2026
18th 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. Suzie Knapp is our homilist and in person presider. Nancy Corran is in England with her mother and children. Jane Via is in Atlanta at the bat mitzvah of a good friend's daughter. Jane will be back next Sunday and Nancy will return by the following Sunday. Today we gather in person and online as we journey through 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

- Thank you MMACC, again, for your generosity to the Western Service Workers Association back-to-school campaign. The many school supplies and generous monetary donations will provide local students the support they need to enter the new school year prepared and with confidence.
- A special thanks to Sue and Colleen who were our MM Feast Day celebration committee; to all those who helped them set up and clean up; to all who brought food; to the liturgy committee for preparing a beautiful liturgy; to our Tech crew, allowing for hybrid participation; to those who attended Jane's ordination 20 years ago and shared reflections with us; and to Molly Kirkpatrick, our wonderful homilist. To our whole community for making the Feast Day memorable.
- 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 - "Every Praise"

Hezekiah Walker

Every praise is to our God.
Every word of worship, with one accord.
Every praise, every praise is to our God.
Sing hallelujah to our God.
Glory hallelujah is due our God.
Every praise, every praise is to our God. (x2)

**Bridge: God, our comfort, God our Healer,
God, creator, Yes, you are, yes, you are.
God, our comfort, God our Healer,
God, creator, Yes, You are, yes, You are.**

Every praise is to our God.
Every word of worship, with one accord.
Every praise, every praise,
every praise, every praise, every praise is to our God.

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)

Presider: *As we begin, we call to mind times we hunger and thirst for Wisdom. We call to mind times we see those who hunger and thirst and don't know how to provide...*

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: *God of Abundance, we gather today seeking your wisdom and healing in the wilderness of our lives. As we listen to your Word and celebrate your life-giving banquet, open our hearts to new possibilities of bringing love and compassion to others. Help us to see beyond our perceived limitations to build your kin-dom in our daily lives. We pray in Jesus' name... Amen.*

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Is 55:1-3

A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah 55:1-3

You who are thirsty!
Come to the water!
You who have no money!
Come! Buy, and eat!
Come! Buy wine and milk,
without money, without price!
Why spend your money for that which is not bread,
your wages for that which fails to satisfy?

Listen to me. Listen well, and you will eat well.
You will delight in rich fare.
Incline your ear and come to me.
Listen, that you may live, for my words give life.
I will make an everlasting covenant with you,
sealed in my love,
- my love which is steadfast, sure, and enduring.

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

Psalm

Wisdom of Sirach 24:12+28-29, 30-32

Our Psalm response is: *We hunger and thirst for Wisdom.*

R: We hunger and thirst for Wisdom.

Wisdom speaks:

I have taken root in a glorious people,
in all who belong to God...

The first human was unable to exhaust Wisdom's depths
and nor will the last succeed in fathoming Her.

For deeper than the sea are Her thoughts,
Her counsels rising as if from an abyss.

R: We hunger and thirst for Wisdom.

Wisdom speaks: "I am like a stream from a river,
irrigating a garden.
I will water my plants and soak my orchard.
Suddenly my stream becomes a river,
and the river, a sea.
The radiance of my teaching will shine forth
as the rising sun at dawn,
its brilliance flung to the farthest edges of the cosmos.
R: We hunger and thirst for Wisdom.

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 9:10-15

A Reading from Paul's 2nd Letter to the Corinthians

The generous God who supplies seed to the sower, and bread for food, will supply and multiply your seed and increase the harvest of your righteousness!

You are being enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us. Your ministry, your gift to the poor saints in Jerusalem, not only supplies their needs but overflows into many acts of thanksgiving to God.

Through the witness of this ministry, you glorify God. In this ministry, you live the essence of the gospel. The generosity of your contribution to these saints - and to all others - brings the surpassing grace of God upon you even as the recipients of your generosity long for you and pray for you. Thanks be to God for this indescribable gift!

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 14:13-21

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

When Jesus heard that John the Baptizer had been beheaded at Herod's banquet, and how it had taken place, he took a boat and withdrew to a deserted place by himself. Hearing of Jesus' whereabouts, the crowds followed him on foot from the towns. When Jesus went ashore, he saw the great crowd and he had compassion for them and cured those who were sick.

When evening came, the disciples came to Jesus and said, "This is a deserted place, and it's getting late. Send the crowds away so they can go into the villages and buy food for themselves."

Jesus responded "They needn't go away. You give them something to eat." The disciples replied, "We have only five loaves and two fish." Jesus said, "Bring the loaves and fish to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, Jesus looked to the heavens, blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples. The disciples then gave them to the crowds. All ate and were filled. The disciples gathered what was left of the broken pieces of bread, twelve baskets full. Those who ate were about five thousand men, not counting the women and children.

The Gospel of God.

Praise to You, Jesus the Christ.

Homily

Suzie Knapp

[Moment of Silence]

Prayers of the Faithful 08-02-2026

18th Sunday in the Orderly Course of Time

Wine and milk, flowing streams and rivers – and then five simple loaves and two fish feeding thousands. Acknowledging our hunger for compassion, peace, and beauty, let us ask the Holy One for everything that we and all creation need.

Our response: You give them something to eat.

All: You give them something to eat.

That as the hands of God, we work to ensure that those who have no money can buy and eat, that those who are thirsty have clean water to drink ... we pray ...

All: You give them something to eat.

That, like Jesus, we take time to withdraw to a desert place, then return with renewed compassion ... we pray ...

All: You give them something to eat.

For our dear sister Nancy, who just celebrated her 16th anniversary of priestly ordination, in thanksgiving for the gifts and grace she brings to this community, and that Holy Mystery will ensure the continuation of her fruitful ministry for years and decades to come ... we pray ...

All: You give them something to eat.

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: You give them something to eat.

That as we mark the 81st anniversary of the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki this week, we resolve to raise our prophetic voices to demand the elimination of weapons of mass destruction by all nations ... we pray ...

All: You give them something to eat.

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: You give them something to eat.

For those who are oblivious to God's abundance, and for the times we also have been indifferent to the gifts we have received ... we pray as Jesus said we should ...

All: You give them something to eat.

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: You give them something to eat.

[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: You give them something to eat.

Presider: *Living Bread, hear the prayers we bring to you with trust and confidence. May we accept the challenge you gave your disciples, trusting that we have gifts and talents to help feed the hungers of multitudes. May Sophia Spirit open our hearts and guide our efforts, we pray...Amen.*

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Song - "Come to the Water"

<i>Foley</i>

O let all who thirst, let them come to the water.

And let all who have nothing, let them come to our God:

Without money, without price.

Why should you pay the price, except for our God?

And let all who seek, let them come to the water.

And let all who have nothing, let them come to our God:

Without money, without strife.

Why should you spend your life, except for our God?

And let all who toil, let them come to the water.
And let all who are weary, let them come to our God:
All who labor, without rest,
How can your soul find rest, except for our God?

And let all the poor, let them come to the water.
Bring the ones who are laden, bring them all to our God:
Bring the children without might.
Easy the load and light: Come to our God.

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: *Compassionate One, you sustain us each day with the marvel of abundant food. We give you thanks for the gift of Jesus, who is the living bread. May this sacred meal transform us to share ourselves unselfishly as food for one another, bringing your love and compassion to a hungry world, 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:

***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, 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: "Blessed and Broken"**Lynch**

God, you're the one I love, You're the one I know.
You're the one who makes me strong, spirit in my soul.
From the clouds of yesterday, through the night of pain,
Teach me, God, to know your way, know it once again.

*Bread, blessed and broken for us all;
Symbol of Your love from the grain so tall.
Bread, blessed and broken for us all;
Bread of life you give to us, bread of life for all.*

May the bread we break today, may the cup we share,
Lift the burdens of our hearts, lift them ev'rywhere.
Passing on to each of us, a measure of your love
Love to make us whole again, as we share your Word. **R**

[Moment of Silence]

Prayer after Communion

Presider: *O Christ, Living Bread, you gather up the broken fragments of our lives from the sacred meal we have shared and make us whole. Help us to realize that our simple gifts and talents can magnify your love and compassion. Guide our efforts to feed the physical and spiritual hungers of a world in need of healing and wisdom, we pray... Amen.*

CLOSING RITES

Closing Blessing

*May the beauty of God be reflected in our eyes,
May the healing of God be reflected in our hands,
May the love of God be reflected in our words,
and may the compassion of God flow from our hearts to all we meet...*

*Let the Church say... **Amen.***

Sending Forth

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

Closing Song - "Go in Peace"

Bringle

Go in peace, go in love. Go to seek. Go to serve.
Go in hope to work and pray.
And God goes with you all the way.
Go in peace, go in love. Go to seek. Go to serve.
Go in hope to work and pray.
And God goes with you all the way.
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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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