

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 16, 2026
20th 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. Suzie Knapp is our in-person presider. 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

- After liturgy, this evening, we will hold a Community Sharing presented by Margo McAuliffe, a recent MMACC member, and friend of Oliva Espin. Margo is a retired math teacher who has dedicated her retirement time to transforming lives in Africa. After many years of travelling to Africa, she established the nonprofit, "Kenya Help", dedicated to helping women and children. Light refreshment will be available directly after liturgy, but please bring your refreshment back to the sanctuary after about 5 minutes, so we can begin our presentation promptly.

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.

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[moment of silence]

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Opening Song - "You are Holy, You are Whole"

Per Harling

You are holy, you are whole; You are always ever more
than we ever understand; You are always at hand.

Blessed are you coming near; blessed are you coming here
to your church in wine and bread;
raised from soil, raised from dead.

***You are holy, you are wholeness,
you are present, let the cosmos praise you God!
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, Hallelujah.***

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: *For those times we think we have to be other than who we are to be
accepted at God's table... or that others have to be other than who they are to receive
God's grace... And collectively, for times we as church have demanded, consciously or
unconsciously, that we check some aspect of our lives at the door before entering in...*

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: *Inclusive One, In our readings tonight, help us hear Your challenging call to radical grace. Help us to understand how wide and wild Your embrace is, despite the human tendency to define and thus confine You. Grant us a posture of openness toward the unfamiliar and the unknown, we pray in Jesus' name... Amen.*

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Isaiah 56:1, 3-8

A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah

Thus says God:

Make fair judgment your concern.

Guard the common good.

Do what is right, for soon all will be set right.

My justice is coming.

My deliverance will be revealed.

Do not let the foreigner who would follow God say,
"God will surely exclude me from the chosen people."

Do not let the eunuch say,
"I am just a dry tree."

For this is God's word:

"To eunuchs who keep my Sabbaths, choose the things that please me,
and hold fast to my covenants;

I will give, in My house and within My walls,
a monument and a name, a name better than children,
grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

I will give them an everlasting name that shall never be cut off."

And the foreigners who join themselves to God
to do the work of God, to love the Name of God, and to be servants of God...
All who keep Sabbath and hold fast my covenant...

"All these are welcome on my holy mountain!

Make them joyful in my house of prayer!

Their gifts and sacrifices

shall be accepted on my altar!

For my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples."

This is what God says, the One who gathers in all foreigners, all outcasts:

"I will gather others to them besides those already gathered."

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

Thanks be to God.

Psalm*Psalm 67:2-4, 5-6, 7-8*

Our Psalm Response is: *We thank and enjoy You.*

R: We thank and enjoy You.

May God be gracious to us and bless us!

May Your face shine upon us.

May Your ways be known upon Earth,

Your reconciliation among the nations.

May the people thank and enjoy You!

May all people praise you!

R: We thank and enjoy You.

Let the hearts of far-flung people be gladdened,

for You judge with fair judgment.

For the good of all, You guide peoples of Earth.

May the people thank and enjoy You!

May all peoples praise you!

R: We thank and enjoy You.

Earth! Display your exuberance!

You, O God, mark Earth with blessing and Life!

May God bless us still,

that the ends of the earth may revere You.

R: We thank and enjoy You.

Second Reading*Romans 11:13, 16-18***A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans**

My mission is to the Gentiles, the outsiders and the outcasts. I take pride in my ministry.

If the first-baked cakes are holy, then so is the whole batch of dough. If a root is holy, the branches also are holy. So, if some of the branches were broken off, and you, a wild olive shoot, are grafted in their place to share the rich root of the olive tree, do not boast over being a branch. If you do boast, remember that it is not you who support the root, but it is the root that supports you.

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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!

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

After Jesus showed the elders how their traditions conflicted with law of God, Jesus travelled to the region of Tyre and Sidon.

A Canaanite woman came forward and said to Jesus, "Have compassion on me, Heir of David and Bathsheba. My daughter is tormented by a demon." Jesus did not say a word in reply.

Jesus' disciples urged him, saying, "Send her away! She keeps barking after us." Jesus then replied to her, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel."

The woman came toward him, knelt down, and said, "Please. Help me." Jesus answered, "It isn't right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs." She replied, "Please, sir. Even the dogs eat crumbs that fall from the children's table." Then, Jesus answered her, "Dear Woman, great is your faith! It is done for you as wish." From that moment, her daughter was restored to health.

The Gospel of God.
Praise to you, Jesus the Christ.

[Moment of Silence]

"This is what God says, the One who gathers in all foreigners, all outcasts ..." "ALL who keep Sabbath and hold fast my covenant ... ALL these are welcome on my holy mountain!" To Holy Mystery Who embraces all let us pray!

Our response: Justice is coming. Deliverance will be revealed.

All: Justice is coming. Deliverance will be revealed.

That we might hear the Voice saying: "Dear one, great is your faith. It is done for you as you wish" ... we pray ...

All: Justice is coming. Deliverance will be revealed.

That like Paul we take it as our mission to embrace and include outsiders and outcasts ... we pray ...

All: Justice is coming. Deliverance will be revealed.

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: Justice is coming. Deliverance will be revealed.

That as the Canaanite woman helped Jesus to expand his understanding of his calling, so might we help each other to broaden our sights as well ... we pray ...

All: Justice is coming. Deliverance will be revealed.

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: Justice is coming. Deliverance will be revealed.

That even as our government acts in the opposite way, we might continue to work like the Holy One, who gathers in foreigners and outcasts ... we pray as Jesus said we should ...

All: Justice is coming. Deliverance will be revealed.

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: Justice is coming. Deliverance will be revealed.

[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: Justice is coming. Deliverance will be revealed.

Presider: *God of All, God in All,*

In our supplications, like the Canaanite woman, we lament suffering, we pray with insistence and persistence, we have faith in hope, and we know You hear our prayer: "Deliverance will be revealed." Help us to know Your expansive grace in our lives. Help us to be Your expansive grace for all. In Jesus' name... Amen.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Song - "You are my All in All"

Jernigan

O, Loving God, Holy is Your name.

O, Loving God, Holy is Your name.

You are our strength when we are weak,
You are the treasure that we seek,
You are our all in all.
In every soul we seek Your face, always relying on
Your grace, You are our all in all.

O, Loving God, Holy is Your name.

O, Loving God, Holy is Your name.

Bearing a cross and human pain, we share your cup
and rise again, You are my all in all.
When we fall down still you are there, present in joy
and in despair, You are our all in all.

O, Loving God, Holy is Your name.

O, Loving God, Holy is Your name.

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: *As Jesus fed family and stranger alike, O God, may we share our bread in prophetic
abandon, finding new, unexpected family, 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 Songs:

"Come and Find the Quiet Center"

Murray and McKendree

Come and find the quiet center in the crowded life we lead;
find the room for hope to enter, find the frame where we are freed:
clear the chaos and the clutter, clear our eyes, that we can see
all the things that really matter, be at peace, and simply be.

Silence is a friend who claims us, cools the heat and slows the pace,
God it is who speaks and names us, knows our being, touches base,
making space within our thinking, lifting shades to show the sun,
raising courage when we're shrinking, finding scope for faith begun.

In the Spirit let us travel, open to each other's pain,
let our loves and fears unravel, celebrate the space we gain:
there's a place for deepest dreaming, there's a time for heart to care,
in the Spirit's lively scheming there is always room to spare!

"Give Thanks"

H. Smith, lyrics ad.

Give thanks with a grateful heart,
Give thanks to the Holy One
Give thanks because God's given holy bread and wine. **X2**

And now, let it be that all are blessed
let us all bless whom we meet
because of Love that dwells within our hearts.

[Moment of Silence]

Prayer after Communion

Presider:

*We give You thanks, O God, that we have been fed at Your table. Help us, like You, to offer our gifts of healing – our bread – to all who ask. Give us courage and competency to meet the challenges of building bridges across our many divides, remembering that we are holy, that we are whole, and that we are one in You, we pray...**Amen.***

CLOSING RITES

Closing Blessing

*May God always bless us and keep us,
May God always look kindly upon us, always.
May God take joy in us, and we in God,
And may God grant us peace now and always.
...Let the church say, **Amen.***

Sending Forth

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

Closing Song - "Prayer for Peace"

Peace before us, peace behind us, peace under our feet.
Peace within us, peace over us; Let all around us be peace

Love before us, love behind us, love under our feet.
Love within us, love over us; Let all around us be love

Christ before us, Christ behind us, Christ under our feet.
Christ within us, Christ over us; Let all around us be Christ

***Alleluia, Alleluia; Alleluia.
Alleluia, Alleluia; Alleluia.***

Peace before us, peace behind us, Peace under our feet
Peace within us, peace over us Let all around us be peace

Let all around us be peace

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

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