

# 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 23, 2026  
21st 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 our online 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**

- A gentle reminder for those who are assigned "Voices" in the Eucharistic Prayer, to look up and speak out so those online can hear you a little better. Thank you.
- The CLC will vote on our 3rd and 4th quarter Community Giving recipients. Recipients are generally nonprofits that align with our community's own mission. If you would like to suggest a possible candidate, please fill out the form found on our website or email Nancy, including the substantive information about the organization.
- Our community is blessed with an abundance of creativity, talent, knowledge and experience. Whether it be from your travels, volunteer work, community outreach, the arts spectrum of expression and communication, or instruction on a given topic of interest, the CLC would like to invite you to share your particular gifts. What inspires you, enlightens and enriches us. Contact Colleen or Nancy if you are interested.
- 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 - "10,000 Reasons"

Redman

*Bless our God, oh, my soul, oh, my soul.*

*Worship God's holy name.*

*Sing like never before, oh, my soul.*

*We worship Your holy name.*

The sun comes up. It's a new day dawning.  
It's time to sing Your song again.  
Whatever may pass and what ever lies before us,  
let us be singing when the ev'ning comes. **R**

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger.  
Your name is great and Your heart is kind.  
For all Your goodness we will keep on singing,  
ten thousand reasons for our heart to find. **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)

**Presider:** *As we begin, we call to mind times we pinned our hopes on someone else to make things right, to make things better, instead of looking to ourselves...*

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 yesterday, today, and tomorrow, gather us together in all our diversity, as we call to mind your presence within and around us. Open our hearts that we may understand your Word. Inspire us, that we may celebrate all that is life-giving, and work to bring about change wherever it is needed. We ask this in Jesus' name... Amen.*

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### First Reading

*Isaiah 22:15-16, 19-25*

### A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah

Thus says the God of the Multitudes to the unjust official, the manager of the palace: "What have you here? Who are you that you have hewn for yourself a tomb on high, as a shrine, carving a resting place in rock? I will thrust you from your office and pull you will down from your post. On that day, I will call on my servant, Eliakim, of the clan of Hilkiah, whom I will clothe with your robe and bind with your sash. I will commit your authority into the hand of this my servant who will mother the inhabitants of Jerusalem, father the house of Judah. I will place the key to the house of David and Bathsheba on the shoulder of my servant, Eliakim. What my servant opens, no one will shut. What my servant closes, no one will open. I will fasten my servant firmly in place like a peg, like a wooden nail, so that my servant will have a seat of honor and an ancestral house. Upon My servant shall hang the glory, and the weight, of the entire ancestral house, descendants and offspring, and all the little dishes, from bowls to jugs.

...

But beware, says the God of the Multitudes, for the peg that was fastened firmly in a secure place will give way. It will break off and fall, and the load hanging on it will be lost." God has spoken.

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

***Thanks be to God.***

### Psalm

*Psalm 138:1-2a, 2b-3, 4-6a, 7-8, adapted from Merrill*

Our Psalm Response is sung:

***Your love never fails, it never gives up, never runs out on us.***

***Your love never fails, it never gives up, never runs out on us.***

***Your love, Your love.***

I give You thanks, O Blessed One, with all my heart.

With cosmic witness, and a multitude of angels,

I will sing songs to You.

I was humbled when I realized that You dwell in me,  
in the Sacred Chapel of all souls. **[R]**

My gratitude knows no bounds!  
You are the Holy One, Life of our life.  
On the day that I called, You answered.  
With You, my breath is strong, my spirit soars. **[R]**

All the leaders of the earth will one day praise You  
when Your spirit awakens their hearts.  
They will sing of Your ways,  
"Great is Love's glory."  
For even as You are the Source of All,  
You are Friend to the humble. **[R]**

Though I walk amid trouble, You give Life.  
When wars rage, You stretch out Your hand.  
Your presence upholds me.  
You remain with me till the end.  
Your love, O God, endures forever,  
never forsaking the work of Your hands. **[R]**

## Second Reading

Romans 11:33-12:2

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

O the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are Your judgments! How unfathomable Your ways!

*"For what human being has ever known the mind of God?  
What human being has ever been God's advisor?  
Who has ever given a gift to God,  
expecting the same in return?"*

For from God and through God and for God is all that is. To God be glory forever.

Therefore, beloved, instead of giving "things" to God, present your very selves to God as a living sacrifice. You, your life, is holy and pleasing to God. Living for God is your spiritual worship. So, do not model yourselves after the pattern of this age. Rather be transformed by the renewal of your hearts and minds, so that you may discern the desire of God's heart; what is good and pleasing and true.

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!***

**Readings from the Gospels attributed to Matthew and John**  
***Glory to you, O God.***

When Jesus came into the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Chosen One is?" They responded, "Some say John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." Jesus asked, "But you, who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the One from the Living God." Jesus replied, "Simon, son of Jonah, blessed are you! Flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Loving God of the heavens. So I say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my community. The gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the reign of heaven, the everlasting kingdom. Whatever you bind on earth will be bound always, in heaven. Whatever you loose on earth will be loosed always, in heaven." Then Jesus strictly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

**+ And from the Gospel attributed to John**

When Jesus arrived in Bethany, near the house of Mary and Martha, Jesus found that Lazarus, their brother, had already been in the tomb for four days... Martha said to Jesus, "Teacher, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. Even now, I know that God will give you whatever you ask." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha answered, "I know he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live; and, everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" Martha replied, "Yes, I believe that you are the Messiah, the One from God, the one coming into the world."

The Gospel of God.

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

***[Moment of Silence]***

"But you, who do you say that I am?" Let us ponder this challenge and call on the God of the multitudes for all that we and all creation need

Our response: *You are our life and our resurrection.*

***All: You are our life and our resurrection.***

That like Peter and the first disciples we accept the keys of the reign of heaven and use them to loosen the bonds of fear and worry from all whom we meet ... we pray ...

***All: You are our life and our resurrection.***

That with Martha we believe and profess, “You are the Messiah, the One from God” ... we pray ...

***All: You are our life and our resurrection.***

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 are our life and our resurrection.***

That we do not model ourselves after the pattern of this age, but present ourselves to God as a living sacrifice ... we pray ...

***All: You are our life and our resurrection.***

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 are our life and our resurrection.***

Remembering that You dwell in us, in the Sacred Chapel of all souls, and for the times that we and others forget this ... we pray as Jesus said we should ...

***All: You are our life and our resurrection.***

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 are our life and our resurrection.***

*[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 are our life and our resurrection.***

**Presider:**

*Compassionate One, hear our prayers today as we seek healing in our lives and in our world. Guide our efforts to be servant leaders in our homes, neighborhoods, and places of work – even when the cup is difficult to drink. May our actions bring healing and peace as we follow the example of Jesus, we pray... Amen.*

## **LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST**

## Offertory Song - "All That We Have"

Ault

*All that we have, and all that we offer,  
Comes from our hearts both frightened and free.  
Take what we bring now and give what we need,  
All done in Your Name.*

Some people live to gain power, others seek power in gold.  
Some rely on the Holy, Whose faithfulness never grows old. **R**

Sometimes the road may be lonely, often we may lose our way.  
Take courage and always remember, Love isn't just for a day. **R**

Sometimes when troubles are many, life can seem meaningless, too. But living,  
loving and serving, lend meaning to all we go through. **R**

## 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

Michael E. Dixon, adapted

**Presider:** *We break the bread and raise the cup today, recalling Jesus' last earthly meal with  
his disciples and remembering the supreme love expressed therein. We share this sacred meal  
as one. Holy Love, help us to live, work, and witness as one, bound together in love by Sophia  
Spirit, 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 - "Here at This Table"

*Whitaker*

***Come and be filled here at this table. Food for all who hunger***

***And drink for all who thirst. Drink of this love, wine of liberation. You shall live forever in Je-sus the Christ.***

You who labor for justice, You who labor for peace,  
You who steady the plow In the field of our God. **R.**

You with lives full of pain, You who sorrow and weep,  
You, beloved of God, Come to Christ, come to Christ! **R.**

You, the aged among us, Holy, faithful and wise,  
May the wisdom you share form our lives, and our world! **R.**

*[Moment of Silence]*

## Prayer after Communion

**Presider:** *Sofia Wisdom, may the sacred meal we have shared fill us with compassion, so that we may welcome You wherever we are called. Remind us that it is Your breath that flows through us – Your breath of love and humble service. Remind us that it is Your wisdom we seek – not that of the world, in order to cultivate peace with humanity and all creation. In Jesus' name we pray... Amen.*

## CLOSING RITES

### Closing Blessing

*May the God who called us here today  
walk with us through every moment of the week ahead.  
May we know God's love, feel God's presence,  
and trust in the Spirit's guidance.  
Let us go in peace.  
...Let the church say, **Amen.***

### Sending Forth

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

### Closing Song - "Bring Forth the Kin-dom"

*Haugen*

You are salt for the earth, O people: Salt for the Kin-dom of God!  
Share the flavor of life, O people: Life in the Kin-dom of God

***Bring forth the Kin-dom of mercy, bring forth the Kin-dom of peace;  
Bring forth the Kin-dom of justice, bring forth the City of God!***

You are a light on the hill, O people: Light for the City of God!  
Shine so holy and bright, O people: Shine for the Kin-dom of God! **R**

You are a seed of the Word, O people: Bring forth the Kin-dom of God!  
Seeds of mercy and seeds of justice, grow in the Kin-dom of God! **R**

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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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