

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 30, 2026
22nd 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. Jane Via 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 at our September meeting. 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, or instruction on a given topic, 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.
- On Saturday, September 12 at 4pm, RCWP's Region for the Holy Margins (the region to which Jane, Nancy, Suzie, and Kori belong) will hold a liturgy celebrating Creation. All the RCWP-led communities in our region are invited. The liturgy will be online. The Zoom link will be sent by email and will also be in our bulletin and on our web-site.
- 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 - "A Rightful Place"

Angrisano

*Let us live our lives so that all might see
that 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 Your 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**

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:

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: *Holy One, we gather this evening toward the end of summer and the hint of fall. We consider Biblical values this week, specifically, the power of kingship in ancient Judah and its foundation in royal responsibility. Help us to discern what Biblical values have authority in time and give us prophetic power to convey them when leaders distort them. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.*

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Jeremiah 22:13-16

A Reading from the Jeremiah, "the weeping prophet"

"Woe to those who build their house
upon exploited labor,
who build their penthouses with injustice,
who make their neighbors work for nothing,
do not give them fair wages or fail to pay them at all.
Woe to those who say, 'I will build myself a spacious house
with large upper rooms,'
and who cut out windows for it,
paneling it with cedar,
and painting it with vermilion.

"Does it make you great compared to other leaders
because you compete in cedar and your house is bigger?
Did not great leaders act justly and rightly and prosper?

Instead of competing in luxury,
intercede for those who work hard
yet hardly eke out a life.
That will make you great.
Then, you would have a great house.
To consider those who are in need,
is not this to know Me?"
says God.

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

Psalm

Psalm 37:1-2, 4, 6; 7-9a, 11; 14-15+18

The Psalm response is: *Justice will rise like the dawn.*
R: Justice will rise like the dawn.

Do not be anxious
because of those whose ways are immoral.
Do not be envious of those who benefit from dishonesty.
They will soon wither like the grass,
and fade like the green of the fields.
Find your delight in God,
 Who will give you the desires of your heart.
For the Holy One will make your vindication
rise like the dawn,
 and the justice of your cause like the noonday.

R: Justice will rise like the dawn.

Be still before God,
 and wait patiently.
Do not be provoked by the prosperous,
 or vexed at those who succeed through unfair gains.
Hang up your anger, forsake wrath.
Do not get heated – lest you burn but yourself.
Injustice will be its own demise,
 but those who remain in their own integrity
 will inherit the earth,
 and enjoy untold prosperity.

R: Justice will rise like the dawn.

Those who plot with ill intent
draw the sword and bend their bows
 to bring down those who are poor and in need,
 to kill those who are honest.
But their swords will pierce their own hearts,
 and their bows will be broken under their own weight.
For God knows the lives of the just,
 and their heritage will endure forever.

R: Justice will rise like the dawn.

Second Reading

Romans 13:8-10

A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans

Owe no one anything, except to love one another, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not cheat; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this teaching, "Love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to others. Therefore, love fulfills the law.

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

***Alleluia, alleluia! We listen to the word of God.
Alleluia, alleluia! We proclaim the gospel of our God!***

Gospel*Mt 17:14-27*

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

Jesus and the disciples came upon a crowd. Someone approached, knelt down before Jesus, and said, "Please, Sir. Have compassion on my child, who has seizures and suffers severely, sometimes falling into fire, and often into water. I brought my child to your disciples, but they could not cure them."

Jesus said in reply, "O faithless and perverse generation, how long will I be with you? How long will I endure you? Bring the youth here to me." Jesus rebuked the demon, who came out of the child. From that moment, the child was cured.

The disciples approached Jesus in private and asked, "Why could we not drive it out?" He said to them, "Because of your little faith. Amen, I say to you, if you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you."

As they were gathering in Galilee, Jesus said to them, "The Chosen One is to be betrayed and killed but will be raised on the third day." The disciples were overwhelmed with grief.

When they came to Capernaum, the collectors of the temple tax approached Peter and said, "Doesn't your teacher pay the temple tax?" "Yes," he said.

When Peter came into the house, before he had time to speak, Jesus asked him, "What is your opinion, Simon? From whom do the rulers of the earth take tolls or census tax? From their subjects or from foreigners?" When he replied, "From foreigners," Jesus said to him, "Then the subjects are exempt. But that we may not offend them, go to the sea, drop in a hook, and take the first fish that comes up. Open its mouth and you will find a coin worth twice the temple tax. Give that to them for me and for you."

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

Homily*Jane Via*

[Moment of Silence]

“... intercede for those who work hard yet hardly eke out a life. That will make you great.”
The kin-dom of God sets itself against greedy and cruel ways of being with our fellow human beings. Let us call on the God of this kin-dom for all that we and all creation need

Our response: *Be still before God and wait patiently.*

All: Be still before God and wait patiently.

That we never waiver in our active support for justice, fair wages, and humane working conditions for all who work ... we pray ...

All: Be still before God and wait patiently.

That we work to insure that our leaders, legislators, and judges rule with God’s justice, and provide hope to those who have the least ... we pray ...

All: Be still before God and wait patiently.

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: Be still before God and wait patiently.

Wise Creating Spirit around us and within us, we bless You for the elegant unfolding beauty of creation taking place at this moment, and for what that evolution reveals to us about You ... and so we pray ...

All: Be still before God and wait patiently.

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: Be still before God and wait patiently.

For those who exploit workers and those who are poor... we pray as Jesus said we should ...

All: Be still before God and wait patiently.

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: Be still before God and wait patiently.

[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: Be still before God and wait patiently.

Presider: *Holy lifegiving Spirit, we offer these prayers in humility and hope. In so many way, we are heartsick. We recognize the powerful destructive forces at work in our time; forces spent in reliance on Biblical authority. Yet we feel helpless to help the most needy of our time. May our prayers and Your Loving Consciousness reveal to us how we might make a difference. we pray... Amen.*

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Song - "For the Healing of the Nations"

Hughs

For the healing of the nations, God, we pray with one accord.
For a just and equal sharing of the things that earth affords.
To a life of love in action help us rise and pledge our word.
Help us rise and pledge our word.

Lead us forward into freedom, from despair your world release;
that, redeemed from war and hatred, all may come and go in peace.
Show us how through care and goodness fear will die and hope increase,
fear will die and hope increase.

All that kills abundant living let it from the earth be bound;
pride of status, race, or schooling, dogmas that obscure your plan.
In our common quest for justice may we hallow life's brief span,
may we hallow life's brief span

You, creator God, have written your great name on humankind;
for our growing in your likeness bring the life of Christ to mind
that by our response and service earth its destiny may find,
earth its destiny may find.

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: *Holy Giver of Life, we eat this bread and drink this cup as we remember our spiritual heritage and honor our present. Let the sacred power of this shared meal give us strength and courage to live out our days in faithfulness to the model Jesus gave us. We pray in Jesus' name...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.

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 - "A Place to Call Home"

Lyrics: Michael Joncas; Tune: Finlandia

A place called home with comfort for the weary.
A place called home of nourishment and rest.
A place called home that welcomes in the stranger.
Where one unknown becomes a welcome guest.
Where Love can find a human habitation
God grant us all this grace, a place called home.

A place called home where tenderness can flourish.
A place called home, a haven from all harm;
A place called home where children sleep in safety.
Where hurts are healed, a shelter from the cold.
Where peace can find a human habitation.
God grant us all, this grace, a place called home.

A place called home, a promise for tomorrow.
A place called home, a vision handed down
A place called home for God's beloved children.
Where love prevails and peace is ever found.
Where hope can find a human habitation
God grant us all, this grace, a place called home.

A place called home for every human being
A place called home where arms are opened wide
A place called home where all extend the welcome
Where none are lost, alone or cast aside.
But members of a single human family
God grant us grace to build a place called home.

[Moment of Silence]

Prayer after Communion

Presider: *Loving Presence, You who invite us to co-create with You, we give thanks for the time to celebrate You among and within us. We give thanks for the Bible as a source for interpreting the world of our time. We give thanks for the scholars who teach us how to understand what authority the Bible can carry with integrity in our time. Thank you for our ancestors of faith, for Jesus, for Paul and for all those who remind us that the whole law, all Biblical laws, are captured in the love doublet of Jesus: Love God and love others, even our enemies. In this message there is struggle but there is also hope and joy. ...we pray... **Amen.***

CLOSING RITES

Closing Blessing

*May the God of the Biblical prophets inspire us to challenge our leaders when appropriate.
May we remember how Jesus taught us to interpret Biblical law.
May Your love, Your love, Holy One, free us from all fear and
bless us with moments of sheer joy, despite everything.*

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

Sending Forth

This Mass is ended. Our service continues.

Thanks be to God!

Closing Song - "Anthem"

Conry

***We are called; we are chosen. We are Christ for one another.
We are promised to tomorrow, while we are for Love today.
We are sign, we are wonder. We are sower, we are seed.
We are harvest, we are hunger. We are question, we are creed.***

Then where can we stand justified? In what can we believe?
In no one else but God who loves us, no one else than Christ who rose.
Who was justice for the poor. Who was rage against the night.
Who was hope for peaceful people. Who was light. **R**

Then how are we to stand at all, this world of bended knee?
In nothing more than barren shadows. No one else but Christ upholds us.
Who was justice for the poor. Who was rage against the night.
Who was hope for peaceful people. Who was light. **R**

Then shall we not stand empty at the altar of our dreams:
When Christ promised us ourselves. Who mark time against tomorrow.
Who are justice for the poor. Who are rage against the night.
Who are hope for peaceful people. Who are life. **R**

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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