



Mary Magdalene Apostle Catholic Community

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"There is a time to plant and a time to uproot."
Eccl 3:2b

Ordinary Time II ~ FALL

**Worship Aid
September 13, 2026**

Welcome & 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. Jane Via is our in-person presider. Today we gather in person and online. Know that wherever you are and whoever you are, you are welcome here, just as you are.

A liturgical 'Season of Creation' is celebrated for the next few weeks by many Christians around the globe, culminating on October 4 the Feast of St Francis of Assisi. Orthodox Christians began celebrating a "Day of Prayer for Creation" in 1989. Over time more Christians joined and the celebration expanded from a day to more than a month. In 2015, Pope Francis invited Catholics into the ecumenical celebration. This year's focus is "Living Water." At MMACC, our cosmology recognizes that we live, as Teilhard de Chardin writes, in "a divine milieu", ever-unfolding, ever changing: Creation is the ongoing, evolving reality in which we live and move and have our being - and of which we are part. As is often the case in our liturgy at MMACC, you will notice creation imagery in the weeks ahead.

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 lines:

[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 reminder about our Community Sharing opportunity! 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 invites you to share your particular gifts. What inspires you, enlightens and enriches us. Contact Colleen or Nancy to schedule or for further details.

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.

I invite you now to center yourselves in Holy Presence before we begin our opening song.

GONG

~ INTRODUCTORY RITES ~

Opening Song: "All You Works of God"

Haugen

*All you works of God, ev'ry mountain, star and tree,
bless the One who shapes your beauty, who has caused you all to be
one great song of love and grace, ever ancient, ever new.
Raise your voices, all you works of God!*

Sun and moon: Bless your Maker! Stars of heaven: Chant your praise!
Showers and dew: Raise up your joyful song. **R**

Night and day: Bless your Maker! Light and darkness: Chant your praise!
Lightnings and clouds: Raise up your joyful song. **R**

All who live: Bless your Maker! Ev'ry creature: Chant your praise!
Servants of God: Raise up your joyful song. **R**

Sign of the Cross & Greeting

As summer days wane and autumn days draw near, we remember the seasonal rhythms of life.

And we begin our liturgy with the sign of our faith...
+ In the name of God... **Amen.**

May the grace of Jesus the Christ, the love of God,
and the peace of Sophia Spirit be with you.
And also with you.

Kyrie ~ Knowing God's Loving-Kindness

*As we begin, we pause in awe of the cosmos, that we participate in its continual unfolding, and
that all spirit-matter is connected. And so, we also pause to acknowledge times we've
neglected to take care of one other and all of creation, times we failed to recognize that we
are creation.*

Creating One, quiet us to contemplate You-in-all and our relationship with all.
We stand on holy ground, connected in the web of life.

Jesus the Christ, open our hearts that we may become who we are: channels of Your love in
the world, especially to those who need it most.
We stand on holy ground, connected in the web of life.

Life-giving Spirit, teach us to live in communion with all creation and in harmony with the diversity in Creation.

We stand on holy ground, connected in the web of life.

ALL: Holy One, awaken us to the needs of Earth and the whole earth community. Help us advance the common good that all beings may flourish. Amen.

Opening Prayer

Holy Mystery, Forgiving One, As we open our ears to Wisdom's call to forgive others, teach us to hold two truths at the same time: the demand for justice and the requirement of authentic forgiveness; the importance of accountability and the need for grace. We tremble at Jesus' teaching that we must forgive over and over and over again. Help us to ponder this important part of being connected in the web of life, we pray...Amen.

First Reading

Sirach 27:30-28:7

A Reading from the Wisdom of Sirach

Rage and anger are destructive things,
yet many hold on to them.
The vengeful will face the vengeance of God,
who keeps account of deeds.
Forgive your neighbor any wrongs done to you,
and then your failings will be pardoned when you pray.

Does anyone nurse anger against another,
and then expect healing from God?
Showing no mercy toward another like yourself,
can you then seek pardon?
If humans cherish rage as if a god,
who is there to forgive to them?

Remember the end of your life and set enmity aside.
Remember mortality and death and cease from violence.
Remember the commandments,
and do not bear your neighbor ill-will.
Remember your covenant is with Holy Mystery,
and do not keep a record of wrongs.

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

Psalm*Ps 103:1-4; 9-10; 12*

The psalm response is: *Great is Your love.*

R: Great is Your love.

Bless the Holy One, O my soul! All that is within me, bless the Holy Name.
Never forget divine acts of kindness.

Holy Love forgives all your misdeeds, heals all ills, revives our life from death,
surrounds us with unfailing love and tenderness.

R: Great is Your love.

Though Your anger, O God, is full of justice, You are steadfast in love.
You do not deal with us according to our ignorance and error,
nor requite us as our deeds deserve.

R: Great is Your love.

As the farthest reaches of the cosmos are vast beyond our knowing,
so vast is Your love, Holy One.

As far as east is from west, Your compassion extends to those who seek it.

R: Great is Your love.

Second Reading*Romans 14:7-12***A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans**

As believers, we do not live for ourselves, and we do not die alone. While we are alive, we live for God, for Holy Love; and when we die, we die into God, into Holy Love. Living or dead, we belong to God. This is why the Christ both died and lived again, so as to serve both the dead and the living.

Why, then, do you sit in judgment over your siblings in Christ? Or why do you look down upon any other? For we will all stand before the judgment-seat of Holy Mystery. As it is written:

*"Every knee shall bend before me,
And every tongue confess."*

So then, each of us will be accountable to Holy Love.

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

Thanks be to God.

~ Moment of Silence ~

Gospel Acclamation*Mass of Light*

God is with you. ***And also with you.***

A reading from the Gospel attributed to Matthew.

Glory to You, O God.

Teaching the disciples, Jesus instructed, "If someone in your community of believers sins against you, go and point out their fault, just between the two of you. If they listen, you have won them over. But if the person will not listen, take one or two others along so that 'every fact may be established on the testimony of two or three witnesses.' If the person still refuses to listen, tell it to the church; and if they refuse to listen even to the church, treat them as you would a pagan or a tax collector....

Peter approached Jesus and said, "Teacher, if someone wrongs me, how often must I forgive them? As many as seven times?" Jesus answered, "Not seven, I tell you, but seventy times seven."

"That's why the kin-dom of heaven may be compared to a ruler who decided to settle accounts with the royal servants. When the audit began, a debtor was brought forth who owed ten thousand talents, a huge amount. As the debtor had no means of paying it back, the ruler gave orders that the servant be sold, along with the servant's family and possessions, so as to meet the debt. At this, the servant fell down on bent knee and said, 'Please. Have patience with me, and I shall pay you in full.' Moved with compassion, the ruler let the servant go and forgave the debt in its entirety.

"Now, that same servant went out and happened to meet a colleague who owed the forgiven servant a hundred denarii, a much smaller amount. The first servant seized and throttled this debtor by the throat saying, 'Pay what you owe me.' The debtor fell to the ground and pleaded, 'Please. Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But the servant refused the plea and had the debtor thrown into prison until the debt be paid in full.

"The other royal servants were deeply distressed when they witnessed what had happened. They went to the ruler and reported the whole affair. Then the ruler sent for the first servant who had been forgiven and said, 'You scoundrel! I cancelled the whole of your debt when you appealed to me! Ought you not to have shown compassion to your debtor just as I showed compassion to you?' So angry was the ruler, that the first servant was condemned to misery until the debt be paid in full.

"That is how God, the God of the Cosmos, will deal with you, unless each of you forgives others from your heart."

The Gospel of God.

Praise to you, Jesus the Christ.

“Forgive your neighbor any wrongs done to you ... do not keep a record of wrongs.” We have been reminded in no uncertain terms that we are called to forgiveness and to compassion. Let us embrace this challenge and call on the Beloved for all that we and all creation need.

Our response: Live with forgiveness and compassion.

All: Live with forgiveness and compassion.

That we continue to forgive any wrongs that have been done to us, even seventy times seven times ... we pray ...

All: Live with forgiveness and compassion.

For the grace to be a healing community, showing mercy and forbearance to each other, and putting aside rage and anger ... we pray ...

All: Live with forgiveness and compassion.

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: Live with forgiveness and compassion.

For our Jewish siblings, who also walk the path of love of the Holy One, who have begun the annual celebration of the High Holy Days with Rosh Hashanah ... we pray ...

All: Live with forgiveness and compassion.

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: Live with forgiveness and compassion.

For those who refuse to forgive us, and for those whom we struggle to forgive because of their hurtful impact on us ... we pray as Jesus said we should ...

All: Live with forgiveness and compassion.

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: Live with forgiveness and compassion.

[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: Live with forgiveness and compassion.

Concluding Prayer of the People:

Cosmic One, whose being encompasses the power of grace, the power of forgiveness, Hear our longing to forgive as we are forgiven, and so experience release, peace, and healing. May holy compassion move us to support one another in this practice. We pray in Jesus' name... Amen.

Offertory Song: "All My Days"

Schutte

***Till the end of my days, O God, I will bless your name,
Sing your praise, give you thanks, all my days.***

You have made us in your image, O God,
and have lavished our hearts with your love.
With dignity and honor you've clothed us,
given us grace to love all. **R**

You have blessed us with good things and plenty,
and surrounded this table with friends.
Our love and our laughter enriches;
together we sing your praise. **R**

You sun and your moon give us light,
and your stars show the way through the night.
Your rivers and streams have refreshed us.
We will sing your praise. **R**

~ LITURGY OF THE 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 for us our spiritual drink.
Blessed be God forever.

Friends, pray that sharing this bread and wine will open our eyes to the joy of
companionship.

We offer these gifts for the good of all and in gratitude for Earth's abundance.

Prayer with Our Gifts

We come to Your table, Holy Love, as invited guests, invited to "forgive others from our heart". May the bread and wine You serve, fruit of Earth's goodness, nurture our goodness. May the love that this meal embodies "open our hearts that our lives proclaim our goodness." We pray... **Amen.***

**From a short opening prayer that Rod Stephens used in his prayer practices: "Holy Love, Open our hearts that our lives proclaim our goodness."*

Eucharistic Prayer

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

Come to the table with thankful hearts.

We open our hearts to God and to one another.

Presider: Blessed and holy are You, Creating God. You spoke and the Cosmos flared forth. We celebrate the wonders of the universe, the goodness in creation, and the beauty of Earth. Deep within stars, You forged the building blocks of life from primordial elements. Wherever hydrogen and oxygen bonded, water was born. Your cosmic dust, comets, and meteorites delivered these ingredients throughout the universe, including to Earth. A diversity of life forms emerged, flourished, and died, over and over. Recently, humanity, too, has emerged, blessed to participate in Your ongoing web of life. And so, we join with all, everywhere, throughout time, in singing our unending song of praise:

Sanctus

Adina Meyer, RCWP

Ho - ly, ho - ly! The u - ni-verse shines with your glo -

ry! Ho - san - na! Ho - san - na, ho - san - na to our God!

Bles - sed are all who come in the name of our God most

high! Ho - san - na, ho - san - na to our God of Love!

Voice 1 (online)

Your presence is revealed in and through all that is, including human experience. You are unceasingly at work, bringing order from chaos and filling emptiness with life.

Voice 2 (online)

We give You thanks for Jesus, who preached good news to the poor, proclaimed release to captives, gave sight to those who could not see, liberated those oppressed, and announced the year of Jubilee.

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

Presider:

On the night before Jesus died, he gathered with friends to share a final meal together.

ALL: *We open ourselves to Your Spirit who sanctifies and transforms this bread and this wine to become You in us, the body and blood of Christ.*

Presider: We remember that...

ALL: *...on the night before Jesus died, he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread and gave it to his companions, saying: "Take and eat. This is my body. Do this in memory of me."*

[Pause]

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, and gave it to them saying: "Take this all of you and drink. This is my life-blood, the cup of love. Do this in memory of me."

Presider

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

Adina Meyer, RCWP



Je - sus Christ is the Bread of Life! The Spi - rit re-fresh-es with Liv-ing Wa - ter!

Voice 3

Let Your Spirit come upon all leaders, secular and religious, that they abandon divisive politics and work for the common good. Make them faithful guardians of Earth, on whose fruits we rely.

Voice 4

Help us counter efforts that put profit and greed before human need, the need of all beings, reverence for Creation, and science. Help us abandon our harmful habits and adopt new practices, however small, that heal the earth and support the whole Earth family.

Voice 5

Take away all that divides us. Keep before us the Greater Reality that unites us. Through Your Spirit make us instruments of Your peace.

Voice 6: Be with all who are sick. Be with all who suffer. Be with all who have died and gone before us into the embrace of Cosmic Mystery.

Presider: In Your presence, we give You glory with all creation and with Jesus through whom Your goodness flows.

*Through Christ, may all creation unfold. With Christ, may all creation be one.
In Christ, may all life be healed.
We offer our prayer of praise, this day and forever.*

Great Amen

Adina Meyer, RCWP



Prayer of Jesus [Sung]

Loreen Wilhelmy

Throughout the centuries, the prayer of Jesus, often known as the "Our Father," has been translated and rendered in many different ways. Feel free to pray in the language and words 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 pow'r that comes from love, which is your glory,
forever and ever. Amen.*

Sign of Peace

May the peace of the Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Let us offer one another – and the whole world – a sign of God's peace.

Lamb of God [Sung]*Angrisano, Mass of a Joyful Heart*

Je - sus Christ You call us to the gospel of hope/ O love;

Je - sus the Christ Je - sus Christ You call us to the

gospel of peace. Grant us peace.

In and through the Spirit, we are God's partners in creation.

We are happy and blessed to share at this table.

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 is Love Vast as the Ocean"*Rees/Lowry*

Here is love vast as the ocean, loving kindness as a flood
Jesus walked and served among us, gave his life: breath, body, blood.
Who this love will not remember, who can cease to sing your praise?
You can never be forgotten, throughout heavn's unfolding days.

From the tomb came resurrection, fountains opened deep and wide.
Through the floodgates of compassion, flows a vast and gracious tide.
Grace and love like mighty rivers, flow incessant all around.
Cosmic peace and healing justice, kiss our souls and love abounds.

Let us all your love accepting, Love us ever all our days;
Let us build your kin-dom always, And our lives be to your praise;
You alone will be our glory, No despairing word to fear;
You have called and will our guide be, In Your love, you set us free.

In your truth you will direct us By your Spirit, thru' your Word;
And your grace our need assisting, As we seek for You, O God.
All your fullness you are pouring, From your endless wells of love,
Without measure, full and boundless, As we yield ourselves in love.

Prayer after Communion

*Beloved Mystery, Your forgiveness of our human frailty is a sign of Your great love, Source of our strength. May we know that our forgiveness of others is also a sign of Your love in our world, a building-block of Your kin-dom. Help us to know forgiveness as a sacrament, vital to life, in Jesus' name we pray, **Amen.***

Closing Blessing

*May we heed Wisdom, anointing with forgiveness all in need of forgiveness.
Let the church say... **Amen.***

*With the Psalmist, may we know, deep within, God's great love and the reach of divine compassion. Let the church say... **Amen.***

*As Paul taught the early church, teach us "to sit not on the judgment seat" but be "accountable to Holy Love." Let the church say... **Amen.***

*And may we, like Jesus, champion systems that lift oppressive burdens and so teach others to lift one another's burdens. Let the church say... **Amen.***

Sending Forth

Our mass has ended. Our service continues.
Thanks be to God.

Closing Song: "Though the Mountains May Fall"

Schutte

***Though the mountains may fall and the hills turn to dust,
Yet the love of our God will stand,
as a shelter for all who will call on God's name.
Sing the praise and the glory of God!***

Could our God ever leave you? Could our God forget this love?
Though a parent forsake their child, God will not abandon you. **R**

Should you turn and forsake Love, God will gently call your name.
Should you wander away from Love, God will give you back your heart. **R**

Go to God when you're weary; God will give you eagle's wings.
You will never tire in your love of God, for God's love will be your strength. **R**

We are grateful to have shared in worship this evening.

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