



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 27, 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 currently celebrated by many Christians around the globe, culminating next week, 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 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 our prayers.

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

October 2, 2026 is the first Friday of October. Once again, we will gather to pray a contemporary version of the rosary at **9:30 am** on Zoom. All are welcome to join us in this collective prayer for the world. The prayer text and zoom connection will be sent out the week of the first Friday

On Sunday, October 4th, we will celebrate the Memorial of St Francis of Assisi and the Feast Day of Teresa of Avila. Weather permitting, we will hold Liturgy outdoors. It will still be hybrid. It will include a blessing for animals. Chairs will be provided but please feel free to bring your own. You may bring your leashed and well-trained pet. There will also be a table for a picture or symbol of your animal companion.

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.

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~ INTRODUCTORY RITES ~

Opening Song: "God of Wonders"

Hindalong & Byrd

God of all creation, of water, earth, and sky;
The heavens are Your tabernacle, glory to You, God on high.

***God of wonders, You fill the galaxies, You are holy, holy.
The universe declares Your majesty; You are holy, holy.
God of heaven and earth. God of heaven and earth.***

Early in the morning, we will celebrate the light;
When we settle in the darkness, we will call Your name by night. **(R)**

*Holy, holy, holy! Oh! Holy Mystery!
Every day and every night, our song shall rise to Thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Infinite Compassion,
God still revealing, we sing our praise to Thee! (R)*

Sign of the Cross & Greeting

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

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

...we pray...Amen.

First Reading

Ezek 18:25-27, 22a, 23, 29-32

A Reading from the Prophet Ezekiel

"You say, 'God's ways are unjust!' Hear now, O People: Are My ways unjust? Is it not your ways that are unjust?"

"If a righteous person turns away from what is right and does wrong, they will die for it. Because of the evil they committed, they must die. If a wicked person abandons the wrong they have committed and does what is just and right, they save their lives. None of their offenses will be remembered. Having considered and renounced all previous offenses, they will most certainly live; they shall not die. Do I take any pleasure in the death of the wicked? Rather, do I not rejoice when they turn from evil and live?"

Yet you say, 'The ways of God are not fair.' Are My ways unfair, O people? Is it not your ways that are unfair?

"Therefore, O people, I will judge each of you according to your own ways," declares God. "Repent! Turn away from all your offenses. Then evil will not be your downfall. Rid yourselves of all the offenses you have committed. Make for yourself a new heart and a new spirit. Why die? Why choose death? I, your God, take no pleasure in the death of anyone! Turn back to Me and live!"

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

Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Ps 25:1-2a+11, 22; 16a, 17, 4-5; 7, 6b; 21

The Psalm Response is sung:

Hurd

***R: To You, O God, we lift up our souls, lift up our spirits to Our God.
To You we lift up our souls...."***

To You, O God, I entrust my life,
To You, I lift up my soul.
In You we trust, Holy Mystery.
For Your Name's Sake, the Name from whom all names come,
pardon our guilt, for it is great.
Redeem Your peoples, O God,
from all their troubles.

***R: To You, O God, we lift up our souls, lift up our spirits to Our God.
To You we lift up our souls...."***

Turn to us, O God! Relieve the troubles of our hearts.

Deliver us from distress.

Reveal to us Your ways, O God.

that we may walk Your paths.

Guide us in Your truth and teach us;

for You are the One who heals all ills,

the One in whom we hope.

R: To You, O God, we lift up our souls, lift up our spirits to Our God.

To You we lift up our souls...."

Do not remember our failings, the offenses of our past.

Remember us according to Your unfailing Love,

for You, Holy One, are good.

May integrity and right-living preserve us

because our hope, O God, is in You.

R: To You, O God, we lift up our souls, lift up our spirits to Our God.

To You we lift up our souls...."

Second Reading

James 2:14-19, 25-26

A Reading from the Letter of James

What good is it, beloved, if you say you have faith but do not follow it with action? Can that faith save you? If someone needs clothes or lacks enough food to live on, and one of you says to them, "I wish you well, keep warm, and eat your fill," without giving them these bare necessities, what good is that? In the same way, faith, if good deeds do not go with it, is quite dead.

But someone might say, "You have faith, and I have works." Show me your faith without your good deeds, and I by my acts of goodness, will show you my faith. You believe that God is one – good! But even the demons believe that and tremble.

Remember Rahab, the prostitute. Was she not justified by her deeds when she welcomed the messengers into her home, and showed them a safe road to depart? For just as the body without breath is dead, so faith without good works is also dead.

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

Thanks be to God.

~ Moment of Silence ~

Gospel Acclamation

Mass of Light



Gospel*Mt 21:28-32***A Reading from the Gospel attributed to Matthew***Glory to you, O God.*

While Jesus was teaching in the Temple in Jerusalem, the chief priests and elders of the people came to him and challenged his authority, to which Jesus responded:

“What is your opinion? A parent had two children of age, and going to the first said, ‘My child, go and work in the vineyard today.’ The eldest responded, ‘I will not,’ but afterwards had a change of heart and went. The parent then went and said the same to the second, who answered, ‘Certainly, I’m on my way,’ but did not go.”

“Which of the two did what the parent desired?”

They responded, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “It is true; and I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are entering the reign of God ahead of you. For John the Baptizer came to you, showing the path to life, and you did not believe him; yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing their change of heart, you still did not change, you still did not believe.”

The Gospel of God.

*Praise to you, Jesus the Christ.***Homily***Rabbi Hilly Haber***"Notes Across the Divide: Finding Our Way to the Common Good"**

Yom Kippur Sermon by Rabbi Hilly Haber

from the Central Synagogue, a Reform Jewish congregation in New York, New York
shared from YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e0azzvIs8WE>

Prayers of the People 09-27-2026*26th Sunday in the Orderly Course of Time*

“What good is it, beloved, if you say you have faith but do not follow it with action?” To the Holy One who calls us to lives of active compassion and gratitude, let us pray!

Our response: Give us a new heart and a new spirit.

All: Give us a new heart and a new spirit.

That the Beloved refresh the heart and spirit of our dear sister Jane, who celebrates the 9th anniversary of her episcopal ministry this week ... we pray ...

All: Give us a new heart and a new spirit.

That with the tax collectors and prostitutes we have a profound change of heart, and demonstrate our love in action every day ... we pray ...

All: Give us a new heart and a new spirit.

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: Give us a new heart and a new spirit.

That, learning from our siblings Francis of Assisi, Pope Francis of Rome, and Therese of Lisieux with her *Little Way*, we exercise our deepest humanness by caring for Creation, not by exploiting and despoiling it ... we pray ...

All: Give us a new heart and a new spirit.

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: Give us a new heart and a new spirit.

Redeem your peoples, O God, from all their troubles ... we pray as Jesus said we should ...

All: Give us a new heart and a new spirit.

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: Give us a new heart and a new spirit.

[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: Give us a new heart and a new spirit.

Concluding Prayer of the People... Amen.

Offertory Song: "Come Back to Me"

Gregory Norbert, OSB

Come back to Me with all your heart. Don't let fear keep us apart.
Trees do bend, 'though straight and tall; so must we to Holy's call.

Long have I waited for your coming home to Me and living deeply renewed life.

The wilderness will lead you to your heart where I will speak.
Integrity and justice, with tenderness you shall know. **(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 pray...

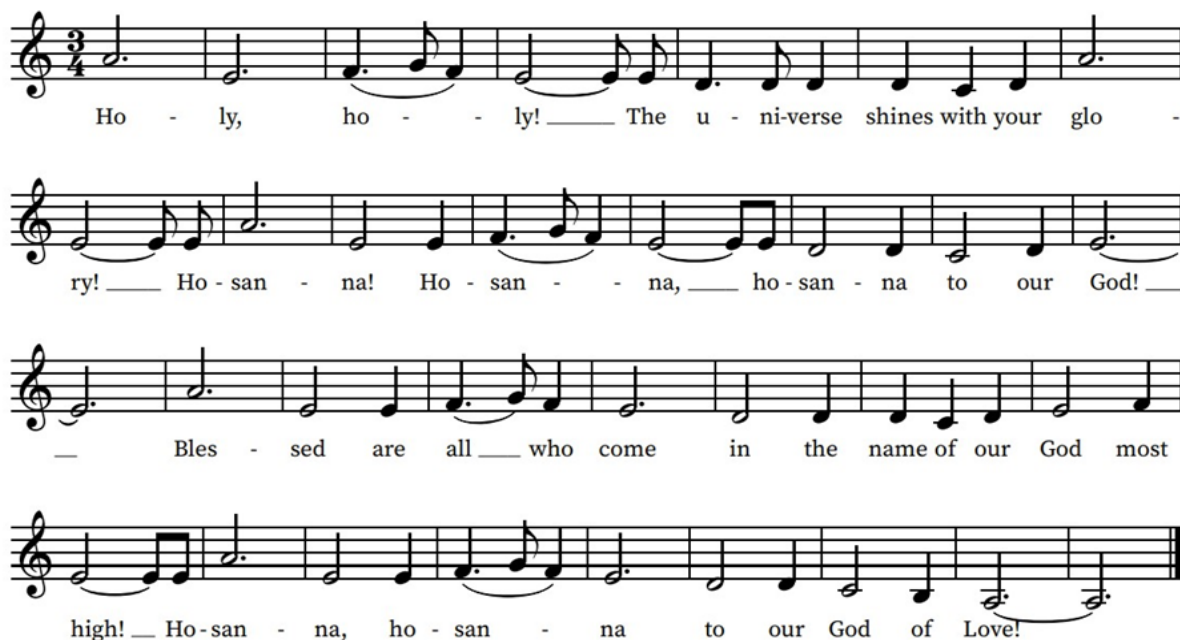
Eucharistic Prayer

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:*

**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



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

Amen, Amen, Amen; Amen, Amen, Amen!

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/love; O

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10 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: "By Breath"

Sara Thomsen

The air that is my breath is the air that you are breathing.

And the air that is your breath is the air that I am breathing.

The wind rising in my breast is the wind from the east, from the west,

From the north, from the south, breathing in, breathing out.

[R] By breath, by blood, by body, by spirit, we are all one!

By breath, by blood, by body, by spirit, we are all one!

The water that is my blood, my sweat, tears from crying,

is the water that is your blood, your sweat, tears from crying.

And the rising of the tide is in our veins and in the ocean wide.

We are in the rising steam, rushing river, running stream. ***[R]***

The earth is dust, the earth is clay, flow'rs blossoming and fading.
We are dust and we are clay, we are blossoming and fading.
Every color, every sound, every place is holy ground,
oh, ev'ry living thing, can you hear it laugh? Can you hear it sing? **[R]**

The fire in my heart, my soul flame burning,
is the fire in your heart, your soul flame burning.
We are Spirit burning bright, by the light of day, in the dark of night.
We are shining like the sun and like the moon, like the Holy One. **[R]**

Prayer after Communion

...Amen.

Closing Blessing

Let the church say... Amen.

Sending Forth

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

Closing Song: "These are the Days of Elijah"

Robin Mark

These are the days of Elijah declaring the word of our God,
And these are the days of Your servant, Deb-rah, wisdom and justice restored.
These are the days of great trials, of ravage, oppression, and war, Still we are the voice in
the desert crying, prepare ye the way of our God.

***Behold God's here, dancing in the wind, shining like the sun, raining down anew.
Lift your voice, it's the year of Jubilee, open up Your heart and live in truth.***

And these are the days of Ezekiel, defending the just ways of God.
And these are the days of Your servant, Mary, proclaiming the justice of Love.
And these are the days of transition, new life amid the decay.
And these are the days of Your servant, Jesus, the Truth, the Life and the Way. **R**

And these are the days to do justice. A harvest to be sown in peace;
And we are the laborers (that are) in Your vineyard, making new wine for that feast.
And we are the church of the future, resurrecting from dormant seeds. Community working
for transformation, a world governed by love and peace. **R**

We are grateful to have shared in worship this evening.

At Mary Magdalene Apostle Catholic Community, we have embraced the dream of a transformed Roman Catholic Church. To underscore our commitment, we support a full-time paid priest (or equivalent) and a variety of social justice activities, giving a percentage of our Sunday offering back into the community. To support our community, please visit <http://www.mmacc.org/donate>.

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