



Mary Magdalene Apostle Catholic Community

- *Making Catholicism relevant*
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"There is a time to plant and a time to uproot."
Eccl 3:2b

Ordinary Time II ~ FALL

**Worship Aid
October 11, 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. Suzie Knapp is our in-person presider. We gather in person and online. 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 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

- **SAVE THE DATE:** The Centering Prayer Groups will hold an In-Person Retreat, here at GLC, on Tuesday, Nov. 10th from 9:30 am - 3:00 pm. More information will follow.
- The CLC voted to keep the start time for Liturgy at 5pm all year-round. An email has also been sent to the community with more information about the decision. So, when we change the clocks on Nov 1, we will NOT change the start-time of liturgy as we have the past 2 years. We will continue to meet at 5pm. If you have any questions, contact any member of the CLC.

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: "Now as We Gather"

Eugene Castillo

Now as we gather, God's chosen people, into one body, into one place;
Here we give thanks for all of creation, here we shall see our God face to face. **(R)**

***God be among us as we draw near, sharing the sign of love and of promise
Wine of our sorrow, bread of our joy, O God, be here among us now.***

Now as we sing our song of elation, there are no strangers in this holy place;
Here we shall welcome all with compassion, here we shall see our God face to face.
(R)

Here we shall break the bread of our promise; here we shall share the wine of God's
grace. Here we shall feed from God's holy table; here we shall see our God face to
face. **(R)**

Sign of the Cross & Greeting

And we begin our liturgy with the sign of our faith...
+ In the name of God who gathers us in, feeds us, and sends us out... **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 remember those times we did not recognize the Divine, even when we have
come face-to-face...*

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, in these days of violence, war, oppression, abuses, and denial of human rights, we come here to counter the feeling of helplessness as we encounter You. We come here seeking hope. Scripture gives us images of a divine future, a rich banquet, enduring peace and joy. If we find solace knowing that - in God - "all will be well", may it also incite and inspire us to promote justice and peace now in the many places where all is not well. In Jesus' name we pray...Amen.

First Reading

Is 25:6-10a

A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah 25:6-10a

On this mountain, the God of All will prepare for you
a banquet of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,
fine food filled with marrow, fine wines strained clear.

On this mountain,
God will lift the veil of those who mourn, the shroud that is cast over all peoples.
For God will destroy death for ever.

God will wipe away tears from every cheek,
and take away indignity from all the earth.
For God has spoken.

On that day it will be said: "This is our God!
This is the One for whom we have waited!
This is the One in whom we put our hope!
This is our God who completes our joy and makes us whole.
We rejoice! We exult in this unending feast! The hand of God rests on this mountain!"

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

Psalm

Ps 23, Merrill; Refrain, Haugen (both rendered in the 1st person plural)

Our Psalm Response will be sung:
R: Shepherd us O God, beyond our wants, beyond our fears, from death into life.

O Beloved, You are our shepherd! We shall not want.
You bring us to green pastures for rest,
You lead us beside still waters, renewing our spirits.
You restore our souls.
You lead us in the path of goodness to follow Love's way.
R: Shepherd us O God, beyond our wants, beyond our fears, from death into life.

Even though we walk through the valley of the shadow and of death,
We are not afraid. For You are ever with us.
Your rod and Your staff guide us.
They give us strength and comfort.

R: Shepherd us O God, beyond our wants, beyond our fears, from death into life.

You prepare a table before us in the presence of all our fears.
You bless us with oil. Our cup overflows.
Surely goodness and mercy will follow us
all the days of our lives; and we shall dwell in the heart of the Beloved forever.

R: Shepherd us O God, beyond our wants, beyond our fears, from death into life.

Second Reading

Phil 4:12-14, 18-19, 21-22

A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Philippians

Beloved, I know how to live in humble circumstances.
I also know how to live in abundance.
In every circumstance, and in all things,
I have learned the secret
of being well fed and of going hungry,
of living in abundance and of being in need.
I can do all things in the Christ who strengthens me.
Yet it was kind of you to share in my distress...

I have received full payment - indeed to overflowing! I am amply supplied because of what I received from you through Epaphroditus, "a fragrant aroma," an acceptable gift pleasing to God. My God will fully supply whatever *you* need according to the riches of God's glory in Christ Jesus.

Greet all God's people in Christ Jesus. The believers who are with me send you their greetings; all the holy ones send you their greetings, especially those of Caesar's household.

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

God is with you.

And also with you.

A Reading from the Gospel attributed to Matthew

Glory to you, O God.

While teaching at the Temple, Jesus spoke again in parables, saying:

The kin-dom of heaven is like a ruler who prepared a wedding feast for the family heir; but when the ruler sent out servants to summon the invited guests, they wouldn't come. The ruler sent more servants, saying, "Tell those who have been invited: 'I have prepared this feast for you. My oxen and fattened cattle have been butchered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding banquet.'"

But they took no notice and went off, one to his field, another to her business. The rest seized the servants, attacked them brutally and killed them. The ruler was enraged and sent an army who destroyed the murderers and burned their city.

Then the ruler said to the servants, "The wedding feast is ready, but those I invited do not deserve the honor. Go to the street corners and invite to the banquet everyone you find." The servants went out into the streets and gathered all the people they could find, the bad as well as the good, until the wedding hall was filled with guests.

But the ruler came in to see the guests and noticed one person there who was not wearing wedding clothes and asked, "My friend, how did you get in without wedding clothes?" No answer came, - only silence. Then the ruler told the company gathered, "Tie this one up hand and foot, and throw the imposter outside where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

Many are called, but few are chosen.

The Gospel of God.

Praise to you, Jesus the Christ.

Homily

Nancy Corran

Prayers of the People 10-11-2026

28th Sunday in the Orderly Course of Time

"God will lift the veil of those who mourn, the shroud that is cast over all peoples. For God will destroy death forever." In the hope that is conveyed by this ancient message, let us ask for all that we and all creation need.

Our response: We are not afraid, for You are ever with us.

All: We are not afraid, for You are ever with us.

That we, like Paul, learn the secret of living in abundance and of being in need ... we pray ...

All: We are not afraid, for You are ever with us.

In recognition of National Coming Out day today, that all of us who have had the experience of coming out, who are struggling with that challenge, or who stand as allies, may find acceptance, joy, and strength of voice... we pray ...

All: We are not afraid, for You are ever with us.

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: We are not afraid, for You are ever with us.

Send us Your Spirit, Holy One, so that we will know in our bones that our name, like God's, is Love ... we pray ...

All: We are not afraid, for You are ever with us.

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: We are not afraid, for You are ever with us.

For those who have turned down the invitation to the wedding feast ... we pray as Jesus said we should ...

All: We are not afraid, for You are ever with us.

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: We are not afraid, for You are ever with us.

[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: We are not afraid, for You are ever with us.

Concluding Prayer of the People: Holy Love, with Paul, help us to learn the "secret of being well fed and of going hungry, of living in abundance and being in need". Fill our cups to overflowing. Help us to share with others in their distress. Help us to recognize You in our distress. May our practice of gratitude and our moments of joy carry our healing, prophetic movements to completion, we pray...

Offertory Song: "How Great Thou Art"

Tune: Swedish Folk Melody

Lyrics: Adapted from Boberg (orig. Swedish), Johnson & Hine (translators)

O God, my God, when I survey the wonder
Of nature's beau-ty wrought by words divine;
How Wisdom weaves, the strands of life together,
All the world, fed by Your love sublime.

***Then sings my soul, in endless praise to Thee
How great Thou art, How great Thou art! (repeat)***

When scripture tells, the stories of Your blessing,
So freely shed, proclaiming human worth.
With bread and wine, a holy meal preparing,
You nurture us, to yield Your love on earth.
***Then sings my soul, in endless praise to Thee
How great Thou art, How great Thou art! (repeat)***

And when at last, the mists of time dispersing,
You will reveal, what we but dimly see.
With trumpet call, our great rebirth announcing,
We'll know Your joy, and deep serenity.
***Then sings my soul, in endless praise to Thee
How great Thou art, How great Thou art! (repeat)***

~ 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

written by Jane Via with minor edit

*Holy One, God of All, we bring these gifts of bread and wine, gifts as old as human recognition
of the Sacred, to Your Table. We welcome the spiritual sustenance they provide and the taste
of Your Kin-dom they signify. May this feast embolden us to live as Jesus lived and – if
necessary – to die for Your kin-dom as he did, we pray...Amen.*

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 [Sung]

Adina Meyer, RCWP

Holy, Holy! The universe shines with your glory!

Hosanna! Hosanna, hosanna to our God!

Blessed are all who come in the Name of our God most high!

Hosanna, hosanna 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



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/ 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: "Table of Plenty"

Schutte

***Come to the feast of heaven and earth! Come to the table of plenty!
God will provide for all that we need, Here at the table of plenty.***

O come and sit at my table, where saints and sinners are friends.

I wait to welcome the lost and lonely, to share the cup of my love. **(R)**

O Come and eat without money; Come to drink without price.

My feast of gladness will feed your spirit, with faith and fullness of life. **(R)**

My bread will ever sustain you, through days of sorrow and woe.
My wine will flow like a sea of gladness, to flood the depths of your soul. **(R)**

Your fields will flower in fullness; Your homes will flourish in peace.
For I, the giver of home and harvest, will send my rain on the soil. **(R)**

Prayer after Communion

Holy One, you prepared a table before us, a "feast of gladness". We have broken bread together and shared the cup of love. We have been well fed. We have seen "our God face-to-face." As we go forth, may our experience of God's divine care anoint us to extend God's loving care to others, we pray...Amen.

Closing Blessing

*On this Coming Out Day, may we work to create ever-widening spaces where all can be "who they are", explore "who they are", and grow more into "who they are", without fear...
Let the church say... **Amen.***

*May we never cease to seek the face of God in new ways and new places...
Let the church say... **Amen.***

*May we remember the Sacred in the bread and drink we share each day...
Let the church say... **Amen.***

*And may we, today and always, "walk with each other,
as siblings and neighbors united in love!"
Let the church say... **Amen.***

Sending Forth

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

Closing Song: "We are Called"

Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of our God!
We are called to be light for each other,
to live in the freedom of the city of God!

***We are called to act with justice; we are called to love tenderly.
We are called to serve one another; to walk humbly with God.***

Come! Open your heart! Show compassion to all those in fear!
We are called to be hope for the hopeless,
so all hatred and blindness will be no more! **(R)**

Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be one!
God will reign, and we'll walk with each other,
as siblings and neighbors united in love! **(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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