



Mary Magdalene Apostle Catholic Community

- *Making Catholicism relevant*
- *Restoring women's ordination*
- *Living the change we envision*



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

Ordinary Time II ~ FALL

**Worship Aid
October 18, 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. Jane Via is our homilist and in-person presider. Nancy Corran is our online 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

- It's election season at MMACC. Whether you attend in-person or online, please consider serving or inviting another community member to serve. The CLC meets once a month on zoom. If you are interested in volunteering your time to serve on this vital committee please contact any member of the CLC. **The deadline to apply is October 31** with elections in early November.
- 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 few years. We will continue to meet at 5pm. If you have any questions, contact any member of the CLC.
- **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.
- Amadeo invites all to Thanksgiving celebrations at his Jacumba home. The celebrations will be on **Saturday, November 14 and Thursday, November 26, Thanksgiving Day**. They are both potluck and they are both at **12pm sharp**. Please come to whichever celebration fits your schedule. For more information contact Amadeo whose number is in our directory. Information is also in the bulletin.

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: "Enter, Rejoice, and Come In!"

Ruspini

Enter, rejoice, and come in. Enter, rejoice, and come in.
Tonight will be a joyful night; enter, rejoice, and come in.

Open your ears to the song. Open your ears to the song.
Tonight will be a joyful night; enter, rejoice, and come in.

Open your hearts ev'ryone. Open your hearts ev'ryone.
Tonight will be a joyful night; enter, rejoice, and come in.

Don't be afraid of some change Don't be afraid of some change.
Tonight will be a joyful night; enter, rejoice, and come in.

Enter, rejoice, and come in. Enter rejoice and come in.
Tonight will be a joyful night; enter, rejoice, and come in.

Sign of the Cross & Greeting

And 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 Holy Spirit who unsettles and inspires us.... **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...

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

Cosmic spirit of holiness and life, we come into Your Presence with joy in our hearts, even as we mourn the many collective crises we face. May this shared "time out" from our worry and anxiety give us the energy and strength we need to go forward and act conscientiously. In Jesus' name we pray...Amen.

First Reading

Is 45:1, 4-8

A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah

This is what God says to the Anointed One, to Cyrus:

"It is I who grasp your hand to lead. It is I who will humble nations before you. I will loosen the loins of tyrants, disarming them. I will throw open all their doors so that even city gates cannot be shut.

"For the sake of Leah, Rachel and Jacob, my servants, and for the sake of my chosen people; for them, I have called you by name, conferring on you a title of honor, even though you do not know me. I am God, and there is no other. Apart from Me there is no god.

"It is I who strengthen you, though you do not know Me. In all places where sunrays reach, in all lands that darkness envelops, people will know there is none besides Me. I am God, and there is no other. I form light and create darkness. I make wounds and create woe. I bring seasons of plenty and author what you call disaster. I, God, do all these things.

"So, let justice descend, O heavens, like morning mist. Let the clouds drop it down, like gentle rain. Let the earth open and healing bud forth. Let justice spring up. I, your God, have created all this!"

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

Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Ps 96:1, 11-12, 2-10a, 13bc (from The Message by Eugene Peterson, adapted)

Our Psalm Response is: Shout out good news through all the earth!

R: Shout out good news through all the earth!

Sing God something new!

Sing Earth and all living things!

Let's hear it from Sky,

with Earth joining in, and thunderous applause from Sea.

Let Wilderness turn cartwheels!

Animals, come dance!

Put every tree of the forest in the choir!

R: Shout out good news through all the earth!

And you! Shout out good news through all the earth!

Radiate God's glory for those in hidden places!

Share God's wonders with one and all!

For God is great, yes! A thousand Hallelujahs!

R: Shout out good news through all the earth!

God's terrible beauty makes other gods bow.

The gods of power and wealth are in tatters and rags.

But God made the universe from which royal splendor radiates.

A powerful beauty in all is God's signature.

R: Shout out good news through all the earth!

Everyone, join in the great shout, in awe before the beauty,
in awe before the immensity.

On bent knee or head raised high, everyone worship!

Spread the Word! God's reign is near!

In the resounding echoes of the spheres,

in the smallest whisper of justice: God is here.

R: Shout out good news through all the earth!

Second Reading

1 Thess 1:1-5ab

A Reading from Paul's 1st Letter to the Thessalonians 1:1-5ab

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy to the church of the Thessalonians in God our Creator and through our Servant-Leader Jesus the Christ. Grace to you! And peace!

In the presence of God, we give thanks always, for all of you, remembering you unceasingly in our prayers, calling to mind your work of faith, your labor of love and your endurance in hope of Jesus the Christ. We know, beloved of God, how you were chosen. For our gospel did not come to you in word alone, but also in power and in the holy Spirit and with much conviction.

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~ Moment of Silence ~

Gospel Acclamation

Mass of Light



Gospel

Mt 20:17-28

God is with you.

And also with you.

A Reading from the Gospel attributed to Matthew

Glory to you, O God.

While Jesus was going up to Jerusalem, he took twelve disciples aside and said to them on the way: "We are going up to Jerusalem, and the Chosen One will be handed over to the head priests and the lawyers. They will condemn him to death and will hand him over to the people to be mocked, flogged, and crucified; and on the third day he will be raised."

Then the mother of the sons of Zebedee came to Jesus with her two sons, paying homage before him. Jesus said, "What do you wish?" She said to Jesus, "Promise that these two sons of mine may sit, one at your right hand and the other at your left, when you enter your reign." Jesus answered, "You don't know what you are asking." He asked her sons: "Are you able to drink the cup that I am about to drink?" They replied, "We are." He said to them, "You will indeed drink my cup; but to sit at my right hand and at my left, is not mine to grant. My Loving God has prepared it for those who are chosen."

When the other 10 disciples heard this, they were angry with the two brothers. But Jesus called them to them and said: "You know that the gentiles have rulers who lord over them, and their great leaders make their authority felt. It shall not be so with you. Whoever wishes to be first among you must be your servant, just as the Chosen One was born not to be served, but to serve, and to give life for life."

The Gospel of God.

Praise to you, Jesus the Christ.

Homily

+ Jane Via

Prayers of the People 10-18-2026

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"So let justice descend, O heavens, like morning mist. Let the clouds drop it down, like gentle rain. ... Let justice spring up." In the face of all the violence and injustice in so many places throughout the world, let us ask for all that we and all creation need.

Our response: You are God, and there is no other.

All: You are God, and there is no other.

That with Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy we seek Divine grace and peace so sorely needed in the world today ... we pray ...

All: You are God, and there is no other.

That we recommit ourselves to the mission of serving rather than being served... we pray ...
All: You are God, and there is no other.

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 God, and there is no other.

That the Holy Spirit catch all God's churches by surprise, as we walk together and listen to each other's stories ... we pray ...
All: You are God, and there is no other.

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 God, and there is no other.

For governmental leaders and all those who cannot envision a path forward other than meeting violence with violence ... we pray as Jesus said we should ...
All: You are God, and there is no other.

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 God, and there is no other.

[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 God, and there is no other.

Concluding Prayer of the People:

*Source of life and joy, we bring the songs of our hearts as offerings to Your Cosmic Symphony. May the music of our lives always be in harmony with Your Divine Reality. We pray... **Amen.***

Offertory Song: "Here is Bread"

Kendrick

Here is bread, here is wine; Christ is in us, Christ is in us.
Break the bread, taste the wine; Christ is in us here.

***In this bread there is healing, in this cup is life forever.
In this moment, by the Spirit, Christ is in us here.***

Here is grace, here is peace; Christ is in us, Christ is in us.
Know the grace, find the peace; feast on Jesus here. **(R)**

Here we are, joined in one; Christ is in us, Christ is in us.
We'll proclaim ev'rywhere; Jesus present here. **(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

*Creating, nourishing Sacred Spirit, we give thanks for the spiritual abundance of these
simple gifts: one loaf shared; one wine shared among us. It is a spiritual feast, one that
fills our hearts and minds. May the gifts they nourish within us enable us to share your
Presence with all we meet even with those dedicated to the destruction of what we love
most, 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:*

***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



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

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

*Jesus Christ, You call us to the gospel of hope, O Jesus the Christ.
Jesus Christ, You call us to the gospel of love, O Jesus the Christ.
Jesus 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: "Alleluia"

Traditional

***Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.***

You are Holy.....

Christ is risen...

Christ is here now...

Prayer after Communion

*Sacred Spirit of all that is, we give thanks for the gift of sharing faith, of praying and singing together, and for the spontaneous joy that springs from them. Poet Wendell Berry wrote: "Be joyful, though you have considered all the facts." With Your Divine Presence among us, and with the support and encouragement of one another, may we always find joy within, we pray...**Amen.***

Closing Blessing

Our closing blessing tonight comes from Peter Lautz:

*"May a palpable tenderness
Emanate from ancient silence
To nourish and bless you
Through all your wandering
And your beautiful mistakes
Towards this primal pool
Of thirst-slaking well (of joy)."¹*

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

¹ The words (of joy) replace Lautz' original words "of water", in order to end the service on an explicitly joyful note.

Sending Forth

Our mass has ended. Our service continues.

Thanks be to God.

Closing Song: "You Shall Go Out with Joy"

Rubin

You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace;
The mountains and the hills will break forth before you;
There'll be shouts of joy, and all the trees of the field will clap, will clap their hands;

And all the trees of the field will clap their hands;
The trees of the field will clap their hands;
The trees of the field will clap their hands while you go out with joy.

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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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