



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 ~ 30th Sunday

**Fall Worship Aid
October 25, 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. 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. 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 to 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: "Holy Ground"

Beatty

This is holy ground. We're standing on holy ground.
Our God is present and where God is, is holy.
This is holy ground. We're standing on holy ground.
For our God is present, and where God is, is ho-ly.

These are holy hands. God's given us holy hands.
God works through these hands and so these hands are holy.
These are holy hands. God's given us holy hands.
God works through these hands, and so these hands are ho-ly.

These are holy hearts. God's given us holy hearts.
God loves through these hearts and so these hearts are holy.
These are holy hearts. God's give us holy hearts.
For God loves through these hearts, and so these hearts are ho-ly.

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, we call to mind times, this past week, we forgot the **heart** of what we were doing... times we forget the heart in all we do...*

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 Presence, ever-present,
Scripture invites us to survey the evolution of our faith, revealing humanity's struggling
attempts to be in relationship with You, one another, and all creation throughout time and
space. Attune our ears to Your voice among many voices. Delight us when Your timeless
wisdom breaks through in Scripture, in history, and in our lives, we pray... **Amen.***

First Reading

Ex 22:20-22, 24-26

A Reading from the Book of Exodus 22:20-22, 24-26

Thus says the Holy One:

"You shall not molest or oppress an alien,
for you were once aliens yourselves in the land of Egypt.
You shall not wrong any widow or orphan.
If ever you wrong them, and they cry out to me,
I will surely hear their cry.

"If you lend money to one of your poor neighbors among My people,
you shall not act like an extortioner toward them by demanding interest from them.
If you take your neighbor's cloak as a pledge, you shall return it before sunset;
for this cloak of your neighbor's
is the only covering your neighbor has to stay warm.
What else has your neighbor to sleep in?
If your neighbor cries out to me, I will hear their voice.
For, I your God, am compassionate."

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

Psalm

Ps 18:2-3a; 3b-4; 47+51, Nan Merrill's rendition, with edits

The psalm response is: *You redeem our fears through Love.*

R. You redeem our fears through Love.

We abandon ourselves to You, O Living Presence,
our strength, our rock, our refuge, our liberator.

R. You redeem our fears through Love.

Blessed One, the bedrock, the foundation of my Life;
Just One, Tower of strength, Source of Truth and Goodness;
We call upon You, Heart of our Hearts.

We sing praises to Your Holy Name, to Your many names!
Fear no longer holds us.

R. You redeem our fears through Love.

The Most High, the Loving One, lives!
Blessed be our rock!
Exalted be the Heart of our hearts....
You redeem our fears through Love.
Through love, You bestow the gifts of peace, gratitude, and assurance.
May all peoples live in Your truth, in the land of peace forever.
R. You redeem our fears through Love.

Second Reading

Rom 12:14-21

A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans 12:14-21

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty. Rather, associate with those deemed of low estate. Do not let your conceit lead you to think you are wise. Do not repay anyone evil for evil; rather take thought for what is noble and honest in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.

Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the judgment of God. For it is written, "The reckoning is mine, and I will repay, says our God." No: If your enemies are hungry, feed them. If they are thirsty, give them something to drink. For by doing this, "You will heap burning coals on their heads," as is written [in the Book of Proverbs].

Beloved, do not be overcome by evil but overcome evil with good.

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

Thanks be to God.

~ Moment of Silence ~

Gospel Acclamation

Mass of Light



Gospel

Mt 22:34-40

God is with you.

And also with you.

A Reading from the Gospel attributed to Matthew

Glory to you, O God.

When some Pharisees heard how Jesus had silenced the Sadducees in debate, they got together. One of them, an expert in the Law, tested Jesus: "Teacher, which command in God's Law is the greatest?"

Jesus replied, "'Love your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' (Dt. 6:4-5) This is the first and greatest commandment. The second is: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' (Lev. 19-18) Everything in the Law and the Prophets hangs on these two commandments."

The Gospel of God.

Praise to you, Jesus the Christ.

Homily

Nancy Corran

Prayers of the People 10-25-2026

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"You shall not molest or oppress an alien, for you were once aliens yourselves ..." In opposition to all human attempts to exclude and oppress those who are "not like us," let us ask for strength and courage, and for all that we and all creation need.

Our response: Living Presence, bring your people together.

All: Living Presence, bring your people together.

That in this time of intense political division we remain true to the commandment to "Love your neighbor as yourself" ... we pray ...

All: Living Presence, bring your people together.

That as Paul teaches, we feed our enemies when they are hungry and give them something to drink when they are thirsty... we pray ...

All: Living Presence, bring your people together.

As we just heard, 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: Living Presence, bring your people together.

That as the days grow shorter, we look to the fertile darkness for the signs of the reconciling work God is doing among us, and open our hearts to the radiating warmth of the Presence ... we pray ...

All: Living Presence, bring your people together.

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: Living Presence, bring your people together.

For those who oppose and exclude us, and for those whom we have oppressed and excluded throughout the centuries ... we pray as Jesus said we should ...

All: Living Presence, bring your people together.

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: Living Presence, bring your people together.

[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: Living Presence, bring your people together.

Concluding Prayer of the People:

*From our holy hearts to Your Sacred Heart, we send our prayers. We trust that the heart of the words we utter and the thoughts we offer, become part of the Cosmos, part of the web of life, part of our participation in the healing of our, and all Creation's, needs, we pray... **Amen.***

Offertory Song: "Gift of Love"

Trupia

Gift of love, dawning bright, pierces through endless strife:
God of life, sharing might,
all creation holding, Earth and sky enfolding. **(R)**

***Gift of love, love, love. Gift of love, love, love.
Glory be, God, to You, God of life and mercy.***

Then God spoke, called us nigh: "Choose to live or to die."
Love to give or deny,
life and love now blending; Love is life unending. **(R)**

Jesus came on the earth, Gift of love, humble birth;
Shared our life, gave us worth;
calling forth, inviting, Spirit now uniting. **(R)**

'Twas for love Jesus died; once foretold, now fulfilled;
Love so great, was not stilled!
Beams of love he lifted, and with life was gifted. **(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

In Scripture we hear stories of faith. Around the table we share our stories of faith. In breaking this bread - in our brokenness - may we experience You, O Holy Love, breaking through. In sharing this wine, pour Your Spirit into our hearts, reminding us of our radical oneness. We give thanks for this table, gift of love, and 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

***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 Songs:

We Come to Your Feast *(Michael Joncas)*

We place upon your table a festive cloth tonight;
The weaving of our stories, the fabric of our lives;
The dreams of those before us, the ancient hopeful cries,
The promise of our future: Our needing and our nurture
Lie here before our eyes.

***We come to Your feast, we come to Your feast:
The young and the old, the frightened, the bold,
The greatest and the least. We come to Your feast,
We come to Your feast with the fruit of our lands
And the work of our hands, we come to Your feast.***

We place upon your table a cup of wine, and bread;
The gift of sun and vineyard, the grain by which we're fed;
We come to taste the presence the One on whom we feed,
To strengthen and connect us, to challenge and confirm us,
To love in word and deed. **(R)**

We gather 'round Your table, we pause within our quest,
We stand beside our neighbors, we name the stranger "guest."
The feast is spread before us; You bid us come and dine:
In blessing we'll uncover, in sharing we'll discover
Your substance and Your sign. **(R)**

Love, Let Your Face Shine on Us *(Kathleen MacAller)*

Love, let your face shine on us.
Love, let your face shine, shine on us.
Love, let your face shine on us.

Prayer after Communion

*God of All and God of All Times, this evening we have heard ancient texts made new. We have partaken of an ancient ritual meal, made new each time we come to the table. When we encounter contexts radically different from our own, may Holy Curiosity be our guide. When we discover wisdom that spans peoples, time, and space, may we rejoice in Holy Communion. And in all things, may Love lead us on. In the name of Jesus, who embodied wisdom, crossed borders, broke bread with different peoples, died in the name of love, and rises still, making all things new, we pray, **Amen.***

Closing Blessing

Please stand as able, in body or spirit, and raise a hand that we might both give and receive blessing.

*May Love be your safe-keeping and protection.
May Love awaken you to radical empathy.
May Love rise to greet you when you least expect it.
And may Love be Your peace and lead you into joy.*

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

Sending Forth

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

Closing Song: "Lead Me God" *(rendered in 1st person plural)* Becker

Blessed are the poor in spirit, longing for their God,
for God's coming kin-dom shall be theirs.
Blessed are the sorrowing, for they shall be consoled,
and the meek shall come to rule the world.

***Lead us, God, lead us on by the light of truth
to seek and to find the narrow way.
Be our way; be our truth; be our life, O God, and lead us, God, today.***

Blest are they who through their lifetime sow the seeds of peace,
all will call them children of their God.
Blest are you, though persecuted in your holy life,
for in heaven, great is your reward.

***Lead us, God, lead us on by the light of truth
to seek and to find the narrow way.
Be our way; be our truth; be our life, O God, and lead us, God, today. x2***

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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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