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 ~ 32nd Sunday

Fall Worship Aid
November 8, 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. For those on Zoom, please feel free to introduce yourselves on chat. After our liturgy concludes, we invite you to stay online for some social time. 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.]
We'd also like to welcome any visitors with us today.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- It's Election Season at MMACC. A Slate of candidate statements will be sent out this week via email. Shortly thereafter, you will receive an online ballot. If you need to vote in-person, please write your vote to the administrator's email: admin@mmacc.org
- **The Centering Prayer Group is hosting an In-Person Retreat on the GLC Campus on Tuesday, November 10, 2026 from 9:30 am - 3:00 pm.** The theme is "Carrying Hope Together," and the retreat will include periods of Centering Prayer, Contemplative Harp, time to journal, Bodily Prayer, Lectio Divina, a Ritual regarding Hope, and Community Sharing. All at MMACC are welcome to attend. See the bulletin for a schedule of the day's activities. For questions and to RSVP, contact Diane Langworthy. We apologize that we are not able to provide this retreat on zoom.
- Amadeo Rhea invites the community to potluck Thanksgiving Celebrations at his home in Jacumba on Sat Nov 14 and Thanksgiving Day, both at noon sharp. Contact Amadeo whose number is in the directory. More information is also in the bulletin.
- Jackie Davis is making her unique hand-made greeting cards available to the community for a $2.00 donation, or any donated amount above that. 100% of the money from the donation will be given to support an organization providing basic needs of detainees at the Otay Mesa Detention facility. Cards will be available on Sundays at church. Online members can contact Jackie directly. More information has been sent my email.
- Please see our bulletin for other community news and announcements.
- Donations to MMACC are appreciated. In-person donations can be placed in the basket on the welcome table.

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

Opening Song: "Glory and Praise to You, God" *Schutte*

Glory and praise to You, God, who alone gives life to our days.
Many are the blessings You bear to those who trust in Your ways.

In God's Wisdom, God strengthens us like gold that's tested in fire.
Though the presence of evil lives, our God is present here. ***R***

Every moment of every day, our God is caring for us.
Always ready to hear our prayers and welcome those now lost. ***R***

We beloved and heirs of God, who built the valleys and plains.
Praise the wonders our God has done in every heart that sings. ***R***

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 consider those times we have forgotten our responsibility to hold our leaders accountable…

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 One, as we gather to hear the woes and the wisdom of our spiritual ancestors, open our hearts to our responsibilities, heal our sense of powerlessness in our church and in our world, and inspire us to exercise the oversight of our leaders to which Jesus called us. Give us the ongoing strength to make the necessary efforts, we pray… ***Amen.***

First Reading *Wisdom 6:12-16*

A Reading from the Book of Wisdom

Wisdom is brilliant.
She never fades.
She is readily perceived by those who love Her.
By those who seek Her, She is found.
She anticipates those who desire Her
by making Herself known first.

The one who rises early to seek Her
will not be disappointed.
She will be found waiting at the door.

To fix one's thoughts on Her
is to invite full understanding.
One who keeps vigil on Her account
will soon be free from care.
She Herself searches everywhere
for those who are open to Her,
graciously appearing to them on their ways,
meeting them in every thought.

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

Psalm *Ps 63:2; 3-4; 5-6; 7+9+ 8*

The Psalm Response is: *Your Love is Life.*
R: Your Love is Life.

O God, You are my God.
It is You I seek!
For You my body yearns,
for You my soul thirsts
in a land parched, lifeless, and without water.
R: Your Love is Life.

I look to You in the sanctuary,
to behold Your glory, the power of Your beauty.
Your love is better than life.
My lips will ever praise You.
R: Your Love is Life.

I will bless You as long as I live!
I will lift up my hands, calling on Your Name!
My soul shall be sated as with choice food.
With singing lips my mouth will praise you.
R: Your Love is Life.

Upon my bed, I remember You.
I think of You through the watches of the night.
I cling fast to You. You uphold me.
You are indeed my Refuge.
In the shadow of Your wings, I shout for joy.
R: Your Love is Life.

Second Reading *1 Thess 3:6, 9-12*

A Reading from Paul's 1st Letter to the Thessalonians

Just now, Timothy has returned to us from you, bringing us the good news of your faith and love, and that you always think kindly of us and long to see us as we long to see you!

What thanksgiving, then, can we render to God for you, for all the joy we feel on your account before our God? Night and day, we pray beyond measure to see you in person, to supply whatever your faith is wanting.

May God, our Loving Creator, and Jesus the Christ, clear the way for us to come to you. And may God make your love increase and abound for one another and for all, just as ours does for you.

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

~ Moment of Silence ~

Gospel Acclamation *Mass of Light*



Gospel *Mt 23:1-39*

God is with you.
And also with you.
A Reading from the Gospel attributed to Matthew
Glory to you, O God.

A Reading from the Gospel attributed to Matthew 23:1-39

Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples: "The teachers of the Law and the Pharisees sit on Moses' chair. Therefore, hear whatever they teach you, and practice it; but do not do as they do, for they do not practice what they teach. They tie up heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lace them up on the shoulders of others; but they themselves are unwilling to lift so much as a finger to help others with their load.

They do all their deeds to draw attention to themselves: they widen the bands bound to their hands and foreheads, and they lengthen the tassels on their hems. They love to have the places of honor at banquets and the best seats in the synagogues. They love greetings of honor in the marketplaces. And they love to have people call them "Rabbi".

If you are my disciple, do not call yourself "Rabbi", for you have but one teacher, and you are all equally sisters, brothers, siblings. Call no one on earth your "Mother" or "Father"; for you have only one Mother, one Father – our God in heaven. Nor shall my disciples call themselves by authoritative names, for you have one authority, the Messiah. Rather, the greatest among you shall be your servant. All who exalt themselves will be humbled, and all who humble themselves will be exalted.

Jesus addressed some religious leaders who opposed him, teaching them:
Woe to you, teachers of the law and religious leaders! You hypocrites! You shut the door of heaven in people's faces. You yourselves do not enter, nor will you let those enter who are trying to.

Woe to you, teachers of the Law and religious leaders! You hypocrites! For you cross sea and land to make a single convert, but you make the new convert twice as much a child of Gehenna as yourselves.

Woe to you, Blind Guides! You say, "Whoever swears by the sanctuary is bound by nothing, but whoever swears by the gold of the sanctuary is bound by the oath." You blind fools! Which is greater, the gold or the sanctuary that has made the gold sacred? And you say "Whoever swears by the altar is bound by nothing, but whoever swears by the gift that they place on the altar is bound by the oath." How blind you are! Which is greater, the gift or the altar that makes the gift sacred? Whoever swears by the altar, swears by it and by everything on it! Whoever swears by the sanctuary, swears by it and by the One who dwells in it! And whoever swears by heaven, swears by the hand of God, by the One who made the heavens.

Woe to you, legal experts and Pharisees who collude with one another! You hypocrites! You pay your tithe of mint and dill and cumin, but have neglected the weightier matters of the Law – justice, mercy, and good faith. It is these you ought to have practiced while not neglecting the others. You blind guides, straining out gnats and swallowing camels!

Woe to you, legalistic lawyers and the religious self-righteous! You hypocrites! You clean the outside of the cup and bowl, while the inside is full of plunder and self-indulgence. Blind teachers! Clean first the inside of the cup and dish, then the outside will be clean also.

Woe to you, religious apologists and rulers! You hypocrites! You are like the tombs you try to whitewash and hide, which appear handsome on the outside, but inside are full of the bones of the dead and corruption. In just the same way, from the outside you look upright, but inside you are full of hypocrisy, disintegration, and lawlessness.

Woe to you, who say you uphold the law and lead the faithful! You are hypocrites! You build the ornate sepulchers of the prophets and decorate the tombs of the saints, saying 'If we had lived in the days of our ancestors, we would not have taken part with them in shedding the blood of the prophets.' You thus testify against yourselves that you ***are*** descendants who benefit richly from those who did murder the prophets. Finish off, then, the work your ancestors began. You snakes, a viper's brood, how can you escape being condemned to Gehenna?

Therefore, I send you other prophets, sages, and lawyers. Some you will kill and crucify. Some you will flog in your synagogues and hound from town to town. And so upon leaders like you will come all the righteous blood shed on earth, from the blood of the upright Abel to the blood of Zechariah whom you murdered between the sanctuary and the altar. Truly I tell you, all these things will come upon this generation.

Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills prophets and stones those who are sent to you! How many times have I longed to gather your children together as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings. But you refused! See! Your house is left to you, desolate. You will not see me again until you say, "Blessed is the one who comes in the Name of God."

The Gospel of God.
Praise to you, Jesus the Christ.

Homily *+Jane Via*

Prayers of the People 11-08-2026 *32nd Sunday in Orderly Time*

"May God make your love increase and abound for one another and for all …" Knowing that our country and our world urgently need us to engage with one another in love, compassion, and peace, let us pray for all that we and all creation need.

Our response: You are indeed our Refuge.
All: You are indeed our Refuge.

That we never neglect the weightier matters of the Law – justice, mercy, and good faith … we pray …
All: You are indeed our Refuge.

That we live in our church and in our society in such a way that Jesus's woes never need to be proclaimed to us again … we pray …
All: You are indeed our Refuge.

For all those, living and dead, who are serving or have served in the armed forces, that their service may mean greater peace, dignity, freedom, and well-being for all of humanity … we pray …
All: You are indeed our Refuge.

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 indeed our Refuge.

In solidarity with our Hindu, Jain, and Sikh siblings, who are celebrating Diwali this weekend, that together we treasure the light, and so come ever closer to God whom we encounter in both light and darkness … we pray …
All: You are indeed our Refuge.

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 indeed our Refuge.

For the times we have failed to be catholic, universal, inclusive and loving … we pray as Jesus said we should …
All: You are indeed our Refuge.

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 indeed our Refuge.

[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 ...

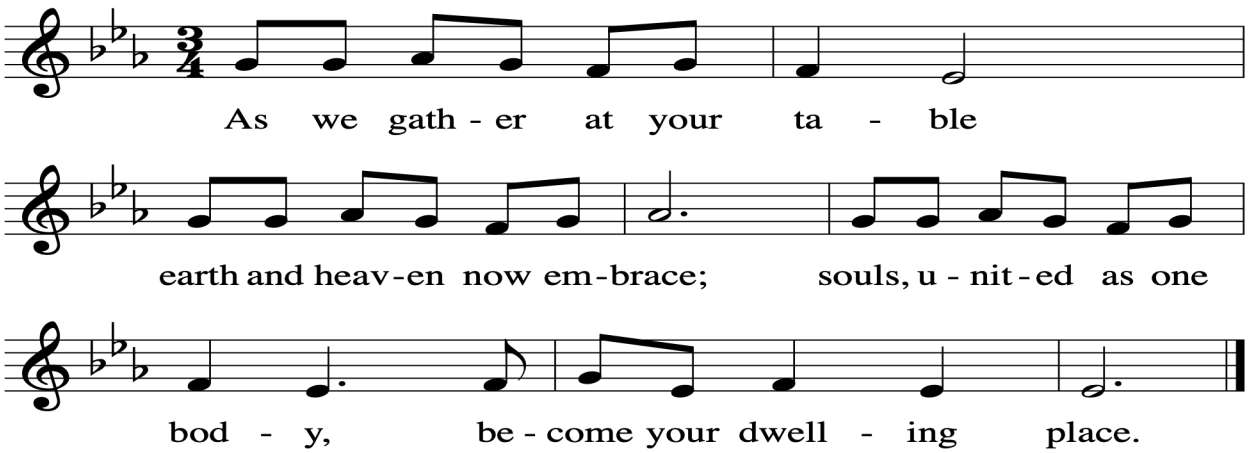
All: You are indeed our Refuge.

Concluding Prayer of the People:

*Holy Mystery, we share our collective hopes and dreams in these prayers. Never let us forget that our prayer, collective and individual, can participate in shaping the evolutionary trajectory of life. We pray...**Amen**.*

Offertory Song: "As We Gather at Your Table" *Alonso*

Refrain:



Life and death now joined together, Saints and angels gathered 'round. In this feast you join creation, to show where love is found. ***R.***

Through our joy and through our sorrow, through our laughter and our tears. You draw near to feed your people. And calm our every fear. ***R.***

Lead us onward from this table. Eyes on heaven, fixed on grace.
Let us be your body broken. Reflections of your face. ***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 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

*Holy Love, our presence, our attention to Your Wisdom and Your Word, unfolding in the words of our spiritual ancestors, our efforts to open our hearts ever wider are symbolized in these simple gifts of bread and wine. May our ritual meal uplift Your holy heart even as it nurtures our spirits, , 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 Song: "May We Cling to Wisdom" *Warner*

May we cling to wisdom, for She will protect us;
And if we cherish her, She will keep us safe.

Take heed my children and listen to my words,
And all your years shall be rich and filled with joy.
For I have taught you in ways of wisdom, and paths of honesty. ***(R)***

More than all else, set a guard upon your heart,
Since here is found the well-spring of your soul!
Upon your journey, let wisdom grace you with steadfast vision. ***(R)***

So may you treasure the things I have to say.
These words of truth shall lead you all to life!
Pray for perception, hold fast to wisdom, do not forget **Her**! ***(R)***

Prayer after Communion

Holy Wisdom , Enter our minds, our hearts, and our souls. Always call us to You. Make us always attentive to Your call for full understanding. Call us to the limits of our humanity. Awaken us again and again, to love from hate; to kindness from indifference or cruelty; to humility from uninformed arrogance. Be our relentless guide, despite ourselves. We pray… ***Amen.***

Milestone Birthday Blessing for Mary Hay

Closing Blessing

Bless all newly elected and previously elected lawmakers with a willingness to work together for the common good. Bless our continued prayers that our leaders, both secular and religious, serve all those they are meant to serve. And in the words of St. Augustine:

*"Blessed are your saints, O God, who have traveled over the tempestuous sea of this life and have made the harbor of peace. Watch over us who are still on a dangerous voyage. Frail is our vessel, and the ocean is wide; but as in Your compassion you have set our course, so pilot the vessel of our lives toward the everlasting shore of peace and bring us at the last to the quiet haven of our heart's desire." We pray in Jesus the Christ, and the Church says…****Amen.***

Sending Forth

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

Closing Song: "Light Dawns on a Weary World" *Bringle*

Light dawns on a weary world when eyes begin to see all people's dignity. Light dawns on a weary world: the promised day of justice comes.

The trees shall clap their hands; the dry lands, gush with springs;
the hills and mountains shall break forth with singing!
We shall go out in joy, and be led forth in peace,
as all the world in wonder echoes shalom.

Love grows in a weary world when hungry hearts find bread and children's dreams are fed. Love grows in a weary world: the promised feast of plenty comes. ***R***

Hope blooms in a weary world when creatures, once forlorn, find wilderness reborn. Hope blooms in a weary world: the promised green of Eden comes. ***R***

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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.](http://www.mmacc.org/donate)

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