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 ~ 33rd Sunday

Fall Worship Aid
November 15, 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. 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 time at MMACC. Candidate statements along with a ballot were sent out last week via email. They are also in the bulletin. If you'd like to vote in-person, please pick up a paper ballot this evening at the welcome table, fill it out, and give your ballot to Sally Koch, our Tech Assistant. We will close the polls tomorrow night, Monday at midnight.
- Once again MMACC will sponsor a Christmas Gift Project for an orphanage in Tijuana Mexico, sponsored by *Corazon de Vida*. Carol Kramer will launch this project starting this upcoming week, on November 17. More information will be sent by email and be in next week's bulletin.
- The Western Service Workers Association offers "ways to give" this season. Please see Joseph Jeffers' email to the community for more information.
- Amadeo Rhea invites the community to potluck Thanksgiving Celebrations at his home in Jacumba on Thanksgiving Day 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.
- A reminder that if you would like something in the bulletin and/or in the verbal Sunday announcements please contact Nancy or write to admin@mmacc.org.
- 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. 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: "Come and Find the Quiet Center" *Murray*

Come and find the quiet center in the crowded life we lead,
Find the room for hope to enter, find the frame where we are freed.
Clear the chaos and the clutter, clear our eyes that we can see,
All the things that really matter, be at peace and simply be.

Silence is a friend who claims us, cools the heat and slows the pace,
God it is who speaks and names us, knows our being, touches base.
Making space within our thinking, lifting shades to show the sun.
Raising courage when we're shrinking, finding scope for faith begun.

In the Spirit let us travel, open to each other's pain.
Let our loves and fears unravel, celebrate the space we gain.
There's a place for deepest dreaming, there's a time for heart to care,
In the Spirit's lively scheming there is always room to spare!

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

Holy One, Speak to us in this hour of prayer. Expand our thoughts, stretch our hearts, rest our souls, and nourish us. Reveal to us the gifts we have and the gift that we are so that we may go out into the world sharing, and multiplying, our talents, we pray… Awe pray… ***Amen.***

First Reading *Joshua 2:1-18, 12-14a*

A Reading from the Book of Joshua

Joshua, son of Nun, secretly sent out two spies saying, "Go! Scout out the land, especially Jericho."

When the two reached Jericho, they entered the house of an innkeeper, a prostitute, whose name was Rahab. They spent the night there.

Jericho's ruler was told, "Some Israelites have come here tonight to search out the land." The ruler of Jericho sent officials to Rahab with this order for her: "Bring out the visitors who have entered your house, for they have come to spy out the whole land." But the woman had taken the two spies and hid them.

She said to the officials, "True, those you speak of came to me, but I did not know from where they came. When it was time to close the gate at dark, they went out. Where they went, I do not know. Pursue them quickly, for you can overtake them."

She had, however, brought them up to her roof and hidden them with the stalks of flax that she had laid out there. The officials, however, went in pursuit of the spies in the direction of the fords of Jordan. As soon as they had gone out, night fell, and the gate was shut.

The spies had not yet settled down to sleep when Rahab, still awake, came up to them on the roof... She said, "Now then, since I have dealt kindly with you, vow to me by your God that you in turn will deal kindly with my family. Give me an unmistakable sign of good faith that you will spare my mother and my father, my sisters and brothers, their children and all who belong to them, and deliver us from death."

The two answered: "We pledge our lives for yours."

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

Psalm *Ps 120:1-6, Merrill adapted*

Our Psalm Response is: *Peace is within you.*
R: Peace is within you.

Blessed are you who reverence the Beloved, who walk in Love's way!
You radiate an inner joy and peace where'er you go.
Compassion draws you to the gates of those in need.
R: Peace is within you.

Families and friends gather upon your doorstep.
Children run to greet you with open arms.
Yes, blessed are you who reverence the Beloved!
R: Peace is within you.

Strangers feel at home in your home, nourished by your presence.
The oppressed are comforted by your support.
Blessed indeed are you who reverence the Beloved!
Peace is within you!
R: Peace is within you.

Second Reading *1 Thess 5:1-6*

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

Now, beloved, about times and dates we do not need to write to you, for you know very well that the Day of God is coming like a thief in the night. While people are saying, "Peace has come! Safety is ours!" then sudden disaster will come upon them, like labor pains for a pregnant woman.
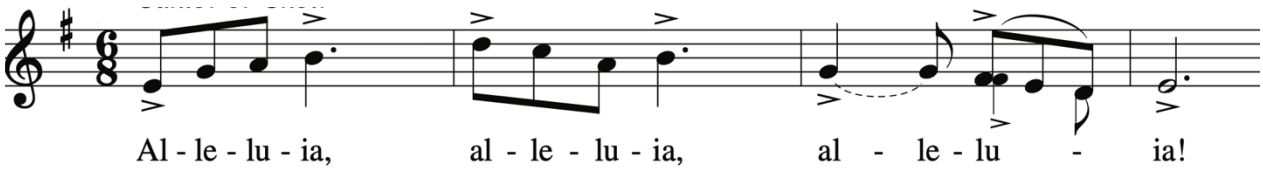
They will not escape.

But you, beloved, are not unaware. The Day of God will not overtake you like a thief. You are awake, alert, and ready. We do not live in fear or ignorance. So then, let us not sleep as the rest do, but let us rather be sober and awake.

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~ Moment of Silence ~

Gospel Acclamation *Mass of Light*



Gospel *Mt 25:14-30*

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

Jesus continued to teach the disciples:
The kin-dom of heaven is like a wealthy landowner who was going on a journey and called in three workers, entrusting some funds to them. The first was given five talents, the second two talents, and the third one talent, according to each one's ability. (A talent was worth more than 15 years of a laborer's wages.) The landowner then went away.

Immediately the worker who received the five talents invested it and made another five. In the same way, the worker who received the two talents doubled that figure. But the worker who received one talent instead went off and dug a hole in the ground and buried the money.

After a long absence, the traveler returned home and settled accounts with the workers. The one who had received five talents came forward bringing the additional five, saying, "You entrusted me with five talents; here are five more."

The landowner said, "Well done! You are a good and faithful worker. Since you were dependable in a small matter, I will put in you in charge of larger affairs. Come, share my joy!"

The one who had received two talents then stepped forward with the additional two, saying, "You entrusted me with two talents; here are two more."

The landowner said to this one, "Well done! You too are a good and faithful worker. Since you were dependable in a small matter, I will put you in charge of larger affairs. Come, share my joy!"

Finally, the one who had received one talent stepped forward and said to the landowner, "Knowing your ruthlessness - you who reap where you did not sow and gather where you did not scatter - and fearing your wrath, I went off and buried your talent in the ground. Here is your money back."

The landowner exclaimed, "You lout! So, you know that I reap where I do not sow and gather where I do not scatter, do you? Should you not then have put my money in the bank so that I could have got it back with interest on my return? Now then," the landowner said to assistants, "take the talent from this one, and give it to the one with ten talents."

"For to all those who have, more will be given and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. So, throw this so-called worker into obscurity, where there will weeping and gnashing of teeth."

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

Homily *Nancy Corran*

Prayers of the People 11-15-2026 *33rd Sunday in Orderly Time*

"You are awake, alert, and ready. … So then, let us not sleep as the rest do, but let us rather be sober and awake." Knowing that our world urgently needs us to pursue compassion, love, and peace even in the face of fear, let us pray for all that we and all creation need.

Our response: *We do not live in fear or ignorance.*
All: We do not live in fear or ignorance.

That like Rahab we provide safety for those whose lives are in danger from governments and authorities … we pray …
All: We do not live in fear or ignorance.

For our priests Suzie and Nancy, for our Bishop Jane, and for all Roman Catholic Womenpriests, who are taking Gospel risks in order to return to God double or more the gifts given to them … we pray …
All: We do not live in fear or ignorance.

In memory eternal of the Jesuit martyrs of El Salvador of 1989 and their companions Elba and Celina Ramos, who used their talents as risk-takers for the Good News and for God's people … we pray …
All: We do not live in fear or ignorance.

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 do not live in fear or ignorance.

In honor of Transgender Awareness Week and the Transgender Day of Remembrance, we call to mind all those who have suffered or died as a result of their gender or gender identity status. In solidarity with God's unlimited love and embrace of the entire human family, beyond gender … we pray …
All: We do not live in fear or ignorance.

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 do not live in fear or ignorance.

For those who use our fear or laziness to compromise our commitment to compassion and service … we pray as Jesus said we should …
All: We do not live in fear or ignorance.

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 do not live in fear or ignorance.

[After all petitions have been spoken:]
We lift up <u>all</u> 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 do not live in fear or ignorance.

Concluding Prayer of the People:
Compassionate One, You awaken us. As we heard in our Psalm, draw us "to the gates of those in need" - without fear. And when we are in need at Your doorstep, gather us in to You. Heal us with Your very presence. And may our presence, our gifts and our talents, light up the world with healing and joy, we pray…. Amen.
*We pray…**Amen***.

Offertory Song: "You Are My All in All" *Jernigan*

O, Loving God, Holy is Your name.
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You are our strength when we are weak,
You are the treasure that we seek,
You are our all in all.
In every soul we seek Your face, always relying on
Your grace, You are our all in all. ***(R)***

Bearing a cross and human pain, we share your cup
and rise again, You are my all in all.
When we fall down still you are there, present in joy
and in despair, You are our all in all. ***(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

*In this meal, we recognize the Christ ever coming into the world; that even today is a day of God. These gifts of bread and wine, broken and shared, become our bodies, our blood. May they embolden us to share our gifts for the good of all, we pray…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*

Jesus Christ is the Bread of Life, The Spirit refreshes with Living Water.

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: "Go Light Your World" *Rice*

There is a candle in ev'ry soul; some brightly burning, some dark and cold.
There is a Spirit, who brings a fire, ignites a candle and makes a home.

So carry your candle, run to the darkness,
Seek out the hopeless, the tired and torn
Hold out your candle for all to see it.
Take your candle and go light your world.
Take your candle and go light your world.

Frustrated sibling, see how they've tried; to light their own candle some other way.
See now your sister, she's been robbed and lied to,
Still holds a candle without a flame. ***R***

For we are family whose hearts are blazing,
So let's raise our candles and light up the sky
Praying for all people, we're a new Creation, Make us a beacon for all to see. ***R***

Prayer after Communion

At this table, Holy Love, we have been fed. And we thank you. Help us to receive the good gifts You have given us, and then give them away, knowing it is the only way they will multiply. Help us trust that when we share our gifts, the world is blessed, and it is how we enter Your joy. We pray in Jesus' name, ***Amen.***

Closing Blessing

With Rahab, may we act quickly and wisely when called upon to do so...
With the Psalmist, may we radiate inner joy and inner peace...
With Paul, may we not grow complacent waiting for God...
And may we be bold in using, sharing, and so multiplying, the gifts entrusted to us...
Let the church say... ***Amen.***

Sending Forth

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

Closing Song: "Let us Talents and Tongues Employ" *Kaan*

Let us talents and tongues employ reaching out with a shout of joy:
Bread is broken, the wine is poured; Christ is spoken and seen and heard.
R: Jesus lives again; earth can breathe again.
Pass the Word around: loaves abound!

Christ is able to make us one, at the table he sets the tone;
Teaching people to live to bless; love in word and in deed express. ***(R)***

Jesus calls us in, sends us out; bearing fruit in world of doubt,
Gives us love to tell, bread to share; God - Immanuel - everywhere! ***(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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