Mary Magdalene Apostle Catholic Community



"Miraculous Draught of Fishes" by John Reilly

Mass of Thanksgiving, a Harvest Celebration
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Welcome

We gather in gratitude… for the goodness of Earth; for all things beautiful and awesome, creatures great and small; for seen and unseen splendors. For human life; for talking and moving and thinking together; for common hopes and hardships shared from birth until our dying.

Opening Song "Table of Plenty" *Schutte*

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

O come and sit at my table, Where saints and sinners are friends.
I wait to welcome the lost and lonely, To share the cup of my love. ***(R)***

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

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

KYRIE - Knowing God's Loving Kindness

Loving God, we live in a culture of plenty but do not share enough.
Grant us a generous spirit.

Jesus the Christ, we forget your example of thanksgiving, especially in difficult times.
Teach us the mystery of giving thanks in all circumstances.

Loving God, we bring You gifts to the altar when we are not reconciled with one another.
Forgive us as we forgive others.

ALL: ***May the God who harvests goodness from our souls, have compassion for us, and nurture our capacity for good.***

Opening Prayer

Gracious God, Earth is filled with abundant goodness. You entrust its riches to our care. Help us to treasure Your trust. Reveal within us a gratitude that comes not from abundance of possessions, but richness of heart. Make it the substance of our feast. We ask this through Jesus the Christ… ***Amen.***

First Reading: *Nehemiah 12:27-43, edited and abbreviated*

A Reading from the Book of Nehemiah

At the dedication of Jerusalem, the Levites were sent for, wherever they lived, to come celebrate the dedication with rejoicing, thanksgivings, singing, cymbals, harps and lyres. The choir of the singers gathered from the surrounding towns and villages, hamlets and farms – for the singers had built themselves settlements all around the city.

The governor brought the leaders of Judah up onto the city's wall and appointed two great choirs that gave thanks and went into procession. One made its way along the top of the wall to the right, followed by half the leaders of Judah. With them were the young priests with trumpets, and the musicians who used the musical instruments of David, - a soul who loved God. The scribe, Ezra, walked at their head. Once they reached the Fountain Gate, they went straight up by the stairs of the City of David and continued upon the top of the wall above until they stretched to the Water Gate on the east.

The other choir made its way to the left. I, along with half the leaders, the priests with trumpets, and the musicians with harp, lyre, and cymbals, followed them along the top of the wall from tower to tower as far as the Sheep Gate, and they stretched along the wall as far as the Gate of the Guard. The two musical throngs had walked toward the east.

Both choirs that gave thanks then took their place in the House of God. And the singers sang with Jezrahiah as their leader. For in the days of David, there had been a leader of the singers and there were songs of praise and thanksgiving to God.

All the people offered great feasts to God and shared them with each other that day and rejoiced. God had given them good cause for rejoicing with great joy; the women and children also rejoiced. The joy of Jerusalem was heard from far away.

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

Psalm 136:1-9, 11-14, 16, 21-26

The Psalm response is*: God's love endures forever.*
R: God's love endures forever.

Give thanks to God! God is good!
Give thanks to the God of gods!
Give thanks to the Servant of servants,
the Leader of leaders!
R: God's love endures forever.

God alone does great wonders!
Who in Wisdom made the heavens;
Who laid dry land upon the waters.
R: God's love endures forever.

God made the great lights:
sun to brighten the day,
and the moon and stars to shine in the night!
R: God's love endures forever.

God delivered the people from their oppressors.
With a strong arm and an outstretched hand,
God divided the Sea in two,
leading the people through the waters;
and then through a parched desert!
R: God's love endures forever.

God brought low mighty oppressors,
and gave those forgotten a home,
an orphaned people a heritage.
R: God's love endures forever.

God gives bread to all living creatures.
It is God who remembers us in our humble estate,
and frees us from our foes.
O give thanks to the God of the Cosmos!
R: God's love endures forever!

Second Reading: *1 Thess 5:16-19, 21b; Col 3:15-17*

A Reading from the Letters to the Thessalonians and the Colossians

Rejoice always! Pray without ceasing. Give thanks in all circumstances. For this is the desire of God for you revealed in Jesus the Christ. Do not quench the spirit… hold on to what is good.

Let the peace of God reign in your hearts, the same peace into which you were all called together in one body. And be thankful. Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly. Teach and encourage each other in all wisdom. With gratitude in your hearts, sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever good you do, in word or in deed, do in the name of Jesus the Christ, giving thanks to our Loving God.

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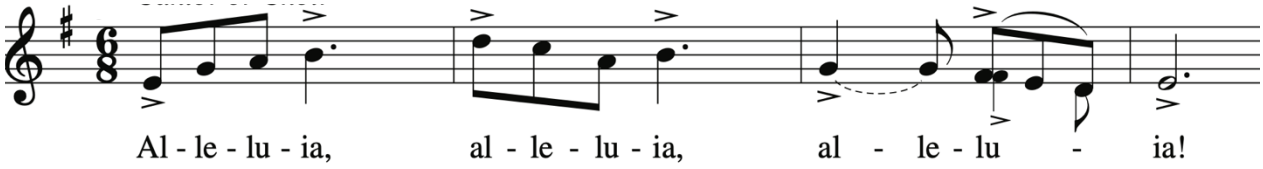
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation *Mass of Light*



Gospel: *John 21:1-14, with abbreviation*

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

After the resurrection, Jesus revealed himself to his disciples at the Sea of Tiberias.

Several disciples were there together... Simon Peter said to them, "I'm going fishing." They said to him, "We'll come with you." So, they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. When it was already dawn, Jesus was standing on the shore, but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus.

Jesus said to them, "Children, have you caught anything to eat?" They answered: "No."

So, he said to them, "Cast the net over the opposite side of the boat and you will find something." So, they cast it and were not able to pull it in because of the number of fish.

The disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It's the Rabbi!" When Simon Peter realized who it was, he tucked in his garment, for he was lightly clad, and jumped into the sea. The other disciples came in the boat, for they were not far from shore, only about a hundred yards, dragging the net with the fish. When they climbed out on shore, they saw a charcoal fire with fish on it and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish you just caught." [They] dragged the net ashore full of one hundred fifty-three large fish. Even though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come, have breakfast." None of the disciples dared to ask the Rabbi, "Who are you?"; because they realized who it was.

Jesus then took the bread and gave it to them, and in the same way, the fish.

This was now third time Jesus was revealed to his disciples after being raised from the dead.

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

Homily & Sharing of Gratitude

After a brief reflection, you will be invited to share your gratitude and to voice any other petitions on your hearts this day before we enter into a time of communal prayer.

Prayers of the People

Eucharist is the Greek word for Thanksgiving; Thanksgiving is the English word for Eucharist. And so, today let us come to God with thanksgiving.

Our response: Holy one, we give you thanks.
All: ***Holy One, we give You thanks.***

For the good world; for things great and small, beautiful and awesome; for seen and unseen splendors.
All: ***Holy One, we give You thanks.***

For human life; for talking and moving and thinking together; for common hopes and hardships shared from birth until our dying. For work to do and strength to work; for exchanges of good humor and encouragement.
All: ***Holy One, we give You thanks.***

For the young; for their high hopes; for their irreverence toward worn-out values; for their search for freedom; for their solemn vows.
All: ***Holy One, we give You thanks.***

For growing up and growing old; for wisdom deepened by experience; for rest in leisure; and for time made precious by its passing.
All: ***Holy One, we give You thanks.***

For our indigenous people of this land, who built nations and cultures; who thrived and prospered here long before the coming of strangers who took their lives, their homes, their lands, and their freedoms, sacrificing them to the rise of new nations.
All: ***Holy One, we give You thanks.***

For the wealth of this land; for the minerals in the earth; for the plants and water, sand, animals on the earth; for the birds, the clouds and rain; for the sun and moon in the sky and the gifts they gave to people that enabled the rise of new economies.
All: ***Holy One, we give You thanks.***

For the many foods, coaxed from the heart of Mother Earth; for the skills learned to develop foods that now belong to the world: potatoes, corn, beans, squash, peanuts, tomatoes, peppers, coffee, cocoa, sugar and many more.
All: ***Holy One, we give You thanks.***

For the medicines first discovered by native people, now known to the world: quinine, ipecac, iodine, curare, petroleum jelly, witch hazel and others; for the healing skills of all peoples. For sage, sweet grass and cedar that give spiritual healing by the power of their meaning.
All: ***Holy One, we give You thanks.***

For the strength and beauty of diverse Native cultures; for the traditions that give structure and meaning; that gave them the courage and faith to endure; may we always remember and respect those whose land we are on.
All: ***Holy One, we give You thanks.***

We also lift up *all* those living with illness, injury, loss, and suffering, those who have gone home to God, 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: ***Holy One, we give You thanks.***

Concluding Prayer:
*Source of Goodness, We scatter our prayers, like seeds, into the universe, trusting the harvest. Sow seeds of new life in the bare fields of our lives. We give thanks that all things come to fruition in You, and we pray…**Amen***

Offertory Song – "Eat this Bread" *Taizé*

Eat this bread, drink this cup,
come to me and never be hungry.
Eat this bread, drink this cup,
trust in me and you will not thirst. x3

Our Eucharist

Blessed are You, God of all creation. In the earth was the seed, in the seed was the shoot, in the shoot was the stalk, in the stalk was the grain, in the grain was the bread, and life was in the bread; and the bread will be for us the Body of Christ.
[R] ***Blessed be God forever***.

Blessed are You, God of all creation. In the earth was the seed, in the seed was the vine, in the vine was the grape, in the grape was the wine, and life was in the wine; and the wine will be our spiritual drink.
[R] ***Blessed be God forever.***

Pray, friends, that our work, our play, our worship and our very lives be pleasing to God, Source of Life.
[R] ***Accept our gifts for the good of all.***

Prayer with our Gifts

In this meal, we know our reciprocity with earth, with one another, and the reciprocity between life and death. May this table, and all tables gathered round today, remind us of our interdependence, ***and*** *our ultimate oneness. May we glimpse, and taste, what has been called "Your one unending banquet", we pray…*

Eucharistic Prayer

God dwells in you.
And also in you.
Come to the table with thankful hearts.
We lift our hearts to God and to one another.

Presider
God of Abundant Life, Creation is Your song. The heavens ring out. Waters roar. Winds below, and whisper. Green pastures ripple in the wind. Trees bear fruit and clap their hands.

Voice 1
Crafted in Your image, You satisfy us with a land that is bountiful and Your grace. We join creation's chorus throughout time and sing out in gratitude:

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 2
How marvelous is Your presence in all Creation, including in us! Fill us with awe and wonder. Open our hearts to know Your presence in all who love and serve You, and in those who don't. Help us to work together to build Your kin-dom on Earth.

Voice 3
You sent us Jesus in whom Your fullness was pleased to dwell. You sent him to show us the way of faith, hope, and love. When we rejected him, and put him to death, You raised him up to be a new and living "Temple", Your holy presence throughout the Cosmos.

[Please extend your hand toward the bread and wine.]

Presider
Holy God of All, Your Spirit of Love come upon this bread and wine and us. As we remember Jesus, let this bread and wine become Your tangible presence in and among us. We remember that:

ALL…on the night Jesus was betrayed, while at supper with his friends, he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread and gave it to them saying: "Take this, all of you and eat. This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

[Pause]

In the same way, Jesus took the cup filled with wine. After giving thanks, he gave the cup to his friends, saying: "Take this all of you and drink. This cup is the new covenant in my blood, the cup of love. As often as you drink this cup, do so in remembrance 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 4

Be with all leaders everywhere, secular and religious. Be with all who seek You with a sincere heart. Be with all who suffer. Be with all whose faith is known to You alone. Remember all who have gone before us into cosmic splendor. In Your goodness, grant us the joy of Your presence in the company of all the saints, for it is…

Through Christ, with Christ and in Christ,
in the unity of Sohpia Spirit,
all glory and honor are Yours, forever and ever.

Great Amen *Adina Meyer, RCWP*

Amen, Amen, Amen; Amen, Amen, Amen!

Prayer of Jesus *Kosits*

Throughout the millennia, the prayer of Jesus, often called the "Our Father," has been translated and rendered in many, different ways. Today, we offer this contemporary sung version.

Loving God, in whom is heaven,
may Your name be honored everywhere.
May Your kin-dom come, may your heart's desire,
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.
And keep us from all... anxiety and fear.
For You reign in the pow'r of 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 – 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.

This is God's holy bread for God's holy people.
We are blessed to share in this communion.

This is God's table, not ours. All are truly welcome here. Christ is present whenever and wherever we are. May all who share in this communion be united in the Body of Christ that knows no bounds.

Communion Songs:

"Give Thanks" *Smith*
Give thanks with a grateful heart
Give thanks to the Holy One
Give thanks because God's given
holy bread and wine.

And now, let it be that all are blessed
let us all bless whom we meet
because of love that dwells within our hearts.

"Ubi Caritas" *Taizé*
Ubi caritas, et a-mor. Ubi caritas, Deus ibi est.

Live in charity and steadfast love, live in charity; God will dwell in you.

Prayer After Communion

God who is Love, we are grateful. Like seeds in the earth, we have been nourished in this hour of prayer. Send us forth to be a harvest of plenty, especially where there is want. Wherever we are and whatever we do, let our cups overflow with gratitude, we pray...

Closing Blessing

This thanksgiving, may we not only give thanks, but have the courage to choose thanks.
Let the church say... ***Amen.***

Heighten our gratitude for the earth from which our food comes; for water that sustains us; for the air we breathe; for love that heals us.
Let the church say… ***Amen.***

Awaken us to Your sacred generosity in the unfolding work of creation, in all creatures (including us), in the gifts of life everywhere.
Let the church say… ***Amen.***

And may we, each of us, know the mystery of thanksgiving and the blessings of a grateful heart.
Let the church say… ***Amen.***

Sending Forth

This Eucharist has ended.
The Feast of Thanksgiving is begun.
Thanks be to God.

Closing Song – "Hallelujah is Our Song" *Sarah Hart*

What hope we have, even in the longest night,
for the dawn will always come.
We will not fear, for we know the sun will rise.
Hallelujah is our song.

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Christ is risen over all.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah is our song.

What peace we have, even in this wounded world,
where the battle rages on.
We will not fear, for we know who heals our souls.
Hallelujah is our song. ***(R)***

What joy we have, for the stone is rolled away,
And the tomb holds nothing now
No sting of death, no power over fear or grave,
Hallelujah is our song. ***(R)***

We are grateful you joined us in worship.
May the joy of gratitude - of thanskgiving - be yours.