

# Mary Magdalene Apostle Catholic Community



“A new way to be Roman Catholic”

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

**For those newly out**  
WE CELEBRATE YOU!

**For those who paved the way**  
WE THANK YOU!

**For those still not ready**  
WE ARE HERE FOR YOU!

**For those told otherwise**  
YOU WERE MADE IN GOD'S IMAGE!

**For those who offer guidance**  
WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR YOUR LIGHT!

**For those whom we have lost**  
WE REMEMBER YOU!

**For all who are LGBTQIA+**  
YOU ARE SEEN, LOVED, AND VALUED.

**Worship Aid & Eucharistic Prayer**

**Coming Out Sunday 2019**

**Opening Song: *For All the Children***

*Lohman*

God, we gather as your people to raise our song above,  
and we dare to claim the promise of Your love,  
though the day may not yet be here, we trust it soon will be,  
when your children will be free.

*O, may our hearts and minds be open,  
fling the church doors open wide.  
May there be room enough for everyone inside.  
For in God there is a welcome, in God we all belong.  
May that welcome be our song.*

Oh, we pray for all the young lives cut short by fear and shame  
so afraid of who they are and whom they love.  
May the message now be banished that Your love is for the few,  
may their faith in You renew. **R**

God, we’re working for the future when children far and wide  
can live their lives with dignity and pride.  
As they grow in strength and stature,  
may they join us hand in hand, as against all hate we stand. **R**

**Welcome**

**Knowing God's *Hesed*, God's Loving-Kindness**

Creator God, we long to become more aware of Your presence  
in our lives and our world.

***Help us to honor You.***

Word of God, we long to participate in Your ongoing  
incarnation in our evolving world.

***Help us to love You.***

Spirit of God, we long to live in deeper unity and communion  
with You in all the diversity of creation.

***Help us to reverence You.***

Holy One, we ask forgiveness for our lack of attention to the signs of Your love and life within us and all around us. Help us to honor, love, and reverence Your presence in us and in all creation. *Amen.*

### Opening Prayer

### First Reading – “Coming Out” by Prof. Amy Ko

**Psalm Response** [spoken] *Psalm 98*  
*Shout with joy to God, all the earth*

### Second Reading – Acts 16:11-15

[moment of silence]

**Gospel Acclamation** *Mass for a New World* *Haas*  
*Alleluia, alleluia! (5x)*

### Gospel Reading – Luke 17:11-19

Our God is with you. *And also with you.*  
A reading from the Gospel attributed to Luke.  
*Glory to You, O God.*

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

### Homily

[moment of silence]

**Litany** (adapted from Scott Haldeman’s *Coming Out Prayers – UCC Worship Ways*)

One: Blessed be God who calls us out of our tombs of fear, who bids us live in with yet more spirit, in yet more truth, Who surely did not bring us this far to leave us.

**All: *Blessed be God forever.***

One: Holy One, as we bless your name, bless us. Sustain all those who risk speaking truth despite the risk, Witnesses to Your love and hope and mercy.

**All: *Blessed are those who “come out!”***

One: Temper the hearts of those who receive “coming out” stories, that their disappointment may become honor, that confusion and shame may become empathy and support, all according to your great mercy.

**All: *Blessed are those who have ears to hear, whose hearts are open, to those who “come out!”***

One: Embrace those who cannot “come out” Because jobs or housing might be lost, Because of fear of rejection from those they hold dear, Because of hostility and threats of violence, Because they might lose family, children, security or shelter.

**All: *Blessed are those who cannot “come out!” May they one day be free!***

One: Encourage those who are weary of “coming out,” Stand by them, nourish their tired spirits, Sustain them in the long journey towards truth and justice.

**All: *Blessed are those who keep “coming out!”***

One: Build up this community in acceptance, faithfulness, forbearance, solidarity, and love, make us sisters, brothers, and siblings, make us one Body, that we might serve neighbors, strangers – even our enemies – in your name.

**All: *Blessed are we, the Body of Christ, to love and serve!***

## **Prayers of the Faithful Response**

*Holy One, help us embrace everyone, as You do.*

### **Offertory Song – Will the Circle Be Unbroken?**      *Alonso*

Will the circle be unbroken? Will the pow'r of death prevail?  
Will the voices seeking justice be rejected and grow frail?  
Will revenge replace forgiveness?  
Will our pride replace God's peace?  
Will the innocents be victims, and the violence increase?

Will the words our God has spoken be revised or be ignored?  
Will the love that made and formed us  
be rejected for the sword?  
Will the God who cries "Forgiveness is the only way to peace"  
Be blocked out by cries of anger?  
Will the fighting ever cease?

Here the body blessed and broken,  
and the blood of Christ outpoured  
is the only food of freedom for the servants of our God.  
Here the stories shared at table, call us all to peaceful ways  
Show us Christ in all creation, show us love's the only way.

### **Presentation of the Gifts**

#### **Preparation of the Bread & Wine**

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.*

Pray, friends, that sharing this bread and wine will enlarge our  
hearts, our minds, our souls – our very selves – to welcome and  
share with others more fully.

*Transform us, O God, we pray.*

### **Prayer Over the Gifts**

#### **Our 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**

Holy One, from the beginning You created us in Your image, a  
reflection of what is holy, each, in our own way, a glimpse of  
You. We praise the works of your creative hand that fill our life  
with beauty. Every flower that blooms, every animal that  
delights, every body of water that sustains our life - all part of  
your good works. Therefore we celebrate You, joining our  
voices with the wind and the streams, the animals and flowers,  
the living and the dead, the stars and the planets and all the  
company of Creation, who forever sing their unending hymn to  
proclaim the glory of Your Holy Name:

**Sanctus**    *[Sung] Mass for a New World*      *Haas*

*Holy, Holy, Holy God, God of all.*

*Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.*

*Hosanna in the highest.*

*Blessed are all, blessed are all who come in the name of our  
God.*

*Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.*

### **Voice 1**

Source of all being, you call us to be ourselves. You call us to live in love, seeking Your justice for all those who are marginalized. We give thanks for those throughout history who have affirmed Your loving presence and challenged Your people to give witness. We give thanks for those who continue to witness to Your presence in lives characterized by love, mercy, compassion, generosity and forgiveness.

### **Voice 2**

We thank you for Jesus, who loved greatly, taught clearly, and proclaimed Your gospel courageously. He set people free from images, ideas and religious practices that bound them in fear and a false sense of separation from You. In Jesus, we see Your Spirit challenging us to make Your presence on earth more visible.

*[please extend your hand, palm up, toward the bread and wine]*

### **Presider**

And so, Steadfast One, we recognize Your Spirit alive and at work in this bread and wine, and in us. We open ourselves to Your Spirit who sanctifies and transforms these gifts to become You in us, the body and blood of Christ, as we now fulfill your command of love. We remember that...

**All:** *... on the night before Jesus was killed by those who feared him, he sat at table with his friends, sharing in the feast of Passover, which is the celebration of the liberation of God's people. Jesus took the bread, and after he had given thanks and blessed it, he broke it saying, "This is my work and my life, for you and with you. Do this in memory of me."*

*[Pause]*

*In the same way, Jesus took the cup filled with wine. He said the blessing, gave the cup to his friends, and said, "This is the cup of the new covenant. It is the cup of justice and peace poured out for all. Take this all of you and drink. Do this in memory of me."*

**Presider** Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

*[Sung] Mass for a New World*

*Haas*

**When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup  
we proclaim your death, Je-sus,  
until you come again, until you come again.**

### **Voice 3**

We celebrate the memory of Jesus' death and resurrection. We embrace the possibility of reconciliation, justice and peace. Fill us with the Spirit of Jesus through the sharing of this meal. Take away all that divides us. Open our hearts to be accepting of all. Keep us in communion with one another and with all people throughout the world. Through Your Spirit make us a sign of unity, a model of equality and justice, and instruments of Your peace.

### **Presider**

Bless us with wisdom, courage, and resolve, as we re-commit ourselves to Your reign of justice, love, peace, and freedom. Gather together people of every gender, race, language, religion and way of life to share in Your vision of persistent hope and inclusive love. In Your presence, we give You glory with all creation and with Jesus through whom Your goodness flows.

### **Great Amen**

***In the name of God, Source of Life,  
In the name of Jesus, Source of Hope,  
In the name of the Spirit, Source of Blessing,  
We offer our prayer of praise, This day and forever.***

*[Sung] Mass for a New World*  
**Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. [2x]**

Haas

**Our Prayer with Jesus [Recited]**

*The prayer often called the "Our Father" has been translated and rendered in many ways over the last 2,000 years. This evening we will use this contemporary version adapted from a version written by the Rev. Yolanda Norton*

***Loving God, who is Speaker, Word, and Breath,  
You are present throughout the cosmos and within us,  
we call upon Your names.  
Your wisdom come.***

***The desire of Your heart be done,  
in all the spaces in which you dwell.***

***Give us each day sustenance and perseverance.***

***Remind us of our limits***

***As we give grace to the limits of others.***

***Separate us from the temptation of empire,  
and deliver us into community.***

***For You are the dwelling place within us,  
the empowerment around us, and the celebration among us,  
now and forever. Amen.***

**Sign of Peace**

May the peace of God be with you. ***And also with you.***

Let us offer each other a sign of peace.

**Lamb of God [Sung] Mass for a New World** Haas

***Lamb of God, you call us to the Gospel of Hope,  
O Lamb of God.***

***Lamb of God, you call us to the Gospel of Love,  
O Lamb of God.***

***Lamb of God, you call us to the Gospel of Peace,  
Grant us peace.***

**Presider**

We are the body of Christ, called to serve with freedom and trust.

***We are happy and blessed to share in this service.***

**Presider**

These are the gifts of God for the people of God. Here at Mary Magdalene, we believe that all are welcome at the table, for this is God's table. So whoever you are, wherever you are on your journey, know that you are welcome to partake of the gluten free bread, the red wine or the white grape juice. Let us come, for God's table is ready.

**Communion Song - Bread of Life**

Cooney

***I myself am the bread of life.***

***You and I are the bread of life.***

***Taken and blessed, broken and shared by Christ,  
that the world might live.***

This bread is spirit, gift of the maker's love,  
and we who share it, know that we can be one:  
a living sign of God in Christ. **R**

Here is God's kin-dom, given to us as food.  
This is our body, this is our blood:  
a living sign of God in Christ. **R**

Lives broken open, stories shared aloud,  
become a banquet, a shelter for the world:  
a living sign of God in Christ. **R**

**Prayer after Communion**

## **Closing Blessing & Sending Forth**

Go out to “come out!”

Tell the world who you are.

Tell the world how much you love God!

Tell the world how much God loves you! Let the church say... ***Amen!***

Tell the world that we – LGBTQ folk, LGBTQ Christians, LGBTQ allies, friends, and co-conspirators – are here and they had better get used to it! Let the church say... ***Amen!***

As we go forth to speak truth and work for justice, let us rest in the knowledge that God goes with us, ahead of us to clear the way, beside us to sustain us when the road is rough, and behind us to pick us up when we are weary.

We do not walk alone. Let the church say... ***Amen!***

Go in peace with courage! ***Thanks be to God.***

## **Closing Song – *Canticle of the Turning*      Cooney**

My soul cries out with a joyful shout  
that the God of my heart is great,  
and my spirit sings of the wondrous things  
that you bring to the ones who wait.  
You fixed your sight on your servant’s plight,  
and my weakness you did not spurn,  
so from east to west shall my name be blessed.  
Could the world be about to turn?

***Refrain: My heart shall sing of the day you bring.  
Let the fires of your justice burn.  
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near,  
and the world is about to turn.***

Though I am small, my God, my all,  
you work great things in me,  
and your mercy will last from the depths of the past  
to the end of the age to be.  
Your very name puts the proud to shame,  
and to those who would for you yearn,  
you will show your might, put the strong to flight,  
for the world is about to turn. **(R)**

From the halls of power to the fortress tower,  
not a stone will be left on stone.  
Let the King beware for your justice tears  
Ev’ry tyrant from their throne.  
The hungry poor shall weep no more,  
for the food they can never earn:  
There are tables spread, ev’ry mouth be fed,  
for the world is about to turn. **(R)**

Though the nations rage from age to age,  
we remember who holds us fast:  
God’s mercy must deliver us  
from the conqueror’s crushing grasp.  
This saving word that our forebears heard  
is the promise which holds us bound,  
‘til the spear and rod can be crushed by God,  
who is turning the world around. **(R)**

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