

Mary Magdalene Apostle Catholic Community



“A new way to be Roman Catholic”

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



Having risen in the morning of the first day of the week, Jesus appeared first to Mary of Magdala.

Mark 16:9

Easter Season

Opening

Opening Song

Knowing God's Mercy

Living God, we often forget Your Presence among us.

[R] *Help us to experience Your Presence.*

Jesus, Risen Christ, we often close our minds and hearts to Your living Word.

[R] *Help us to receive Your Word.*

Living God, we often forget to be Your presence to others.

[R] *Help us to live Your Gospel.*

May Jesus, the Risen Christ, renew us to live in the freedom of God. May we live our lives with trust, joy, and compassion, shared with all we meet. **Amen.**

Gloria [Sung]

Opening Prayer

Blessing of Children [Sung]

The Word

First Reading

The Word of our God. **[R]** *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm

Second Reading

The Word of our God. **[R]** *Thanks be to God.*

[Moment of Silence]

Gospel Acclamation [Sung]

Gospel

God is with you. **[R]** *And also with you.*

A reading from the Gospel according to ...

[R] *Glory to You, O God.*

The Gospel of our God. **[R]** *Praise to you, Jesus the Christ.*

Homily

[Moment of Silence]

Prayer of the Faithful

Offertory Song

Our Eucharist

Preparation of the Bread and 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.

[R] *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.

[R] *Blessed be God forever.*

Pray that our offering is one that God desires.

[R] *We are gathered in Your name.*

Be with us in our midst.

Prayer with our Gifts

God dwells in you.

[R] *And also in You.*

Come to the table with thankful hearts.

[R] *We open our hearts to God and to one another.*

Presider

Blessed are You, God of Resurrection. From the beginning of all things, You create new life. Wonderful are You, Holy One, Who gives us eyes to see, and ears to hear. Holy are You, Faithful One, who gives us hearts with which to love. Tender are You, God of new life, who calls us to be Your servants.

Voice 1

Though we stumble, You pick us up. When we lose our way, You do not abandon us. Again and again, You call us back to You, raising us up to new life. Your promise of resurrection is food for our souls, an infusion of hope, a voice speaking in our hearts, a lamp for our feet when we cannot see our way. It is with reverence and joy that we join with all creation as we sing:

Sanctus *[Sung]*

Booth

Holy, Holy, Holy. O God, our God, Spirit and Life.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest

Blessed are all who come in the name of our God

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest

Presider

We thank You, Steadfast One, for the wonder of Your world, for its essential life-unfolding process in which we participate. We thank You for life that transcends death.

Voice 2

We thank You, holy, living God, for gifts of time and energy, for family support and the encouragement of friends. We thank You for insight and courage, for hope and new beginnings and the strength to carry on when life is hard.

Voice 3

We thank You, tender and nurturing God, for walking with us on the path of life, for being present to us despite evil, adversity and fear. We thank You for making us partners in Your enterprise of love.

Voice 4

We thank You for the gift of Jesus, Your Anointed, who shows us Who-You-Are, and who we are, and what You want us to become.

And we remember the gift that Jesus gave, how he gathered with his friends on the night before he died, to share a final, Passover meal.

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

Presider

And so, Resurrecting One, we praise You through Jesus. 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. We remember that...

All:

...on the night before Jesus died, 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. 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, "Take this all of you and drink. This is my blood. Do this in memory of me."

Presider Let us proclaim the mystery of faith: *[Sung]* Tompkins

*We remember you. We remember you.
Jesus whose love lives in us, rising in our hearts.*

Voice 5

Let Your Spirit also come upon all leaders secular and religious. Let Your spirit of *peace* come upon those who claim political power. Let Your spirit of *creativity and openness* come upon those who claim religious authority. Catch all of them by surprise. Fill their hearts with a longing for equality and justice. Imbue them with the joy of divine diversity. Bestow on them the wealth of humble service to others. Make them faithful servants of the body of Christ.

Voice 6

Be with those who are sick and those who suffer. Be with all who have died. Be with us in our struggling attempts to be Your faithful daughters and sons. Be with us as we seek to do Your work. With the help of Jesus, strengthen us to live lives that bring You honor and glory:

Great Amen *[Recited]*

Through Christ, with Christ and in Christ, forever and ever.

[Sung]

Booth

Amen, Amen, A-men. Amen, Amen, A-men.

The Prayer of Jesus *[Sung]*

Kosits

The prayer often called the "Our Father" has been translated and rendered in many ways over the last 2,000 years. MMAACC uses this contemporary version

*Loving God in whom is heaven,
may your name be honored ev'rywhere.
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 The Peace

May the peace of God be always with you.

[R] *And also with you.*

Let us offer each other a sign of peace.

Lamb of God *[Sung]*

Stephan

*Lamb of God, You call us to freedom in Your Spirit.
Come to us, come to us anew.
Lamb of God, You call us to service in Your Spirit.
Come to us, come to us anew.
Lamb of God, You call us to wisdom in Your Spirit.
Grant us, grant us peace.*

Presider

This is the Bread of the Resurrection, the Wine of New Life.
We are happy and blessed to be called to this supper.

[R] *When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we are raised up into new life.*

Communion Song

[Moment of Silence]

Prayer after Communion

Closing

Blessing**Going Forth****Closing Song**