

**Eucharist in Celebration of
Dignity/San Diego's 40th Anniversary
(1972–2012)**

and

**The Feast of St. Mary Magdalene,
Apostle to the Apostles**



Sunday, July 22, 2012, 6 p.m.

**The San Diego LGBT Community Center
3909 Centre Street, San Diego, CA 92103**

A word from the President of Dignity/San Diego

For several years now, a number of progressive Catholic organizations: Dignity/San Diego, Call to Action, Mary Magdalene Apostle Catholic Community, and Catholic Worker, have cooperated on an annual celebration of the Feast of Mary Magdalene, Apostle to the Apostles. The focus of this celebration has been the gifts and power of women as fully equal partners in the life and ministry of the Church. We joyfully re-emphasize that theme today, the actual feast day of Mary Magdalene in the Church calendar.

This year is also the 40th anniversary of the founding of Dignity/San Diego as one of the first chapters of DignityUSA. Dignity began in San Diego in 1969 when an Augustinian priest, Father Patrick Nidorf, formed a support group for gay Catholics. The support group rapidly gained in popularity. After a few months, Fr. Pat began conducting meetings in Los Angeles. Archbishop Manning learned of the group and ordered Father Pat to stop his work in that city. Instead of folding, the support group organized itself into the first official chapter of Dignity, and in the next several years, the idea spread like wildfire around the country. In 1972, Pat McArron formed a chapter of Dignity in San Diego.

Last year, when we began thinking about an appropriate way to celebrate Dignity/San Diego's 40th anniversary, for various reasons there was little enthusiasm for the traditional dinner-dance format, even though in past years we have put on some very successful events of that type. As 2012 arrived and began to flow by, we realized that LGBT Pride weekend would be an excellent time to hold an anniversary celebration, since we could expect members of other Dignity chapters to be in town for the festivities, and we could invite them to join us. Our *forte* as a chapter has always been worship. Then we noticed that the Feast of Mary Magdalene also falls during that weekend—and the idea of a joint celebration was born!

At first it was not clear that a single celebration would be able coherently and comfortably to accommodate such a diversity of themes. However, to my great joy and relief, our friends at Mary Magdalene Apostle enthusiastically embraced the idea. Their response has confirmed for me the rightness of one of DignityUSA's recent strategic priorities, which is for local Dignity chapters to build alliances with other progressive groups to draw attention to the need for specific changes in Church and society. For the "isms" that we deal with are all related to each other—sexism, heterosexism, clericalism, to name a few—and it is only by concerted action that any of our groups can hope to have a transformative impact.

In Jamie Manson, we were fortunate to find the perfect guest speaker for this celebration. An "out" lesbian, a member of Dignity/New York, and a strong proponent of women's equality and of a greater voice for lay people in the Church, Jamie's life experience and professional activities speak to all of our concerns and symbolize their ultimate interdependence. I hope that our celebration this evening will energize us for even greater feats of cooperation as our God brings a renewed Church into being for the 21st century.

Yours in the peace and joy of Christ,

Jamie Manson, homilist

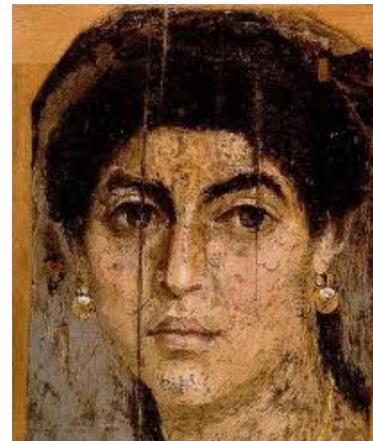
Jamie L. Manson received her Master of Divinity degree from Yale Divinity School where she studied Catholic theology and sexual ethics with Margaret Farley. Her weekly column, *Grace on the Margins*, appears in the *National Catholic Reporter*. Her writing has earned her a first prize Catholic Press Association award for Best Column/Regular Commentary in 2010. In January 2011, her essay on St. Joseph's Hospital in Phoenix, AZ, was highlighted by Nicholas Kristof in his *New York Times* op-ed column.



Jamie is the former editor in chief of the Yale magazine *Reflections*. As a lay minister, she has served two Manhattan churches in the roles of director of faith formation and as director of social justice ministries. In both churches she worked extensively with New York City's homeless and poor populations. A frequent speaker and retreat leader, she is a regular homilist for the New York City chapter of DignityUSA, and has served on the board of the Women's Ordination Conference.

Previous Guest Homilists for this celebration:

- 2000 Anajean Kopkowski
- 2001 Jane Emerson*
- 2002 Rosemary Johnson
- 2003 Jane Via
- 2004 Linda Rieder*
- 2005 Evi Quinn
- 2006 Gloria Espeseth
- 2007 Nancy Corran
- 2008 Lynn Neu
- 2009 Gertrude Nelson
- 2010 Jackie Davis
- 2011 Oliva Espin



* Deceased

Thank you to all who helped in any way with this celebration:

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Parking Assistance:	Mike Crowley
Ushers:	Theoni Harrisburg, Tim Kirkpatrick, Allie Kirkpatrick, Dick Mauro
Presiders:	Jane Via, John Crepeau, & the Community of Believers
Eucharistic Ministers:	Mike Crowley, Rebecca Crowley, Carol Spong, Bridget Wilson, Michael Zlocki, Bertha Popeney
Music Minister:	Ray Little
Musicians:	Philip Butzen, Will Harris
Cantors:	Brian Kelly, Dane Ripellino
Readers:	Pat McArron, Jackie Davis
Gospel & Homily:	Jamie Manson
Prayer of the Faithful:	Oliva Espin
Offertory Procession:	Raul Fernandez, Ginny Vanderway, Ned McMahon, Ron LaFleur
Sacristans:	Joseph Olmos, Ron LaFleur, Diane Langworthy
Dinner Hosts:	Al Notargiacomo, Suzanne Vattuone

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Dignity/SD Liaisons to The Center*

Please join us for a potluck dinner immediately following the liturgy.

Please pick up your chair and carry it over to the dining area!

Entrance Hymn: *Sing a New Church* (to the tune of "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing")

Summoned by the God who made us,
rich in our diversity,
Gathered in the name of Jesus,
richer still in unity.

Refrain:

Let us bring the gifts that differ
and, in splendid, varied ways,
sing a new church into being,
one in faith and love and praise.

Radiant risen from the water,
robed in holiness and light,
male and female in God's image,
male and female, God's delight.

(Refrain)

Trust the goodness of creation;
trust the Spirit strong within.
Dare to dream the vision promised,
sprung from seed of what has been.

(Refrain)

Bring the hopes of every nation;
bring the art of every race.
Weave a song of peace and justice;
let it sound through time and space.

(Refrain)

Draw together at one table,
all the human family;
shape a circle ever wider
and a people ever free.

Greeting

Presider 1 We gather in the name of God the Creator of All, God the Word made Flesh,
and God the Spirit of Life. ***(All) Amen!***

Presider 2 The grace of Jesus the Christ, the love of God, and the peace of the Holy Spirit
be with us all. ***(All) Amen!***

Kyrie

P1 As we gather to celebrate the feast of Mary Magdalene, Apostle to the Apostles, and
the 40th Anniversary of Dignity/San Diego, we pause to reflect on how we have failed
to respond to the call of Jesus to participate fully in the kin-dom of God.

P1 God of all, we fail you when we do not embrace the wholeness of the world you made
or that of our sisters and brothers. ***(All) God of all, we seek forgiveness.***

P2 Jesus the Christ, we fail you when we serve only ourselves and not the world and the
communities to which we belong. ***(All) Jesus the Christ, we seek forgiveness.***

P1 God of love, we fail you when we make no room in our lives for your transforming
grace. ***(All) God of love, we seek forgiveness.***

P2 Holy One, forgive our self-righteousness, our self-serving rules, which keep us “inside” and others “outside” your church. Open our minds to embrace equality and justice through expansive faith, ministry, and worship. Give us the love and courage of Mary Magdalene and the founders and sustainers of Dignity/San Diego to challenge our church to live in accord with your revelation in Jesus, your Christ. **(All) Amen!**

Opening Prayer

P1 Loving God, we thank you for sending your Spirit upon Jesus the Christ and upon all who follow Jesus in the way of the Cross. Jesus challenged the powers of his time by lifting up women, the poor, and the marginalized. Jesus crossed boundaries to touch those who thirsted for the joy and hungered for the strength that only your loving and powerful Spirit can provide. Give us that strength and joy as we strive to follow Jesus in the way of humility, openness, and service. We ask this in Jesus’ name. (All) Amen!

Blessing of Children

Our blessing song for you, we sing from our hearts.
We thank our God for you, for the gift that you are.
And we pray now that the seed of God’s love may grow in your heart,
And as you grow, may you always know how precious you are
In the eyes of our God, in the eyes of our God.

The Word

First Reading: Numbers 11:16-17, 24-29

Pat McArron

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 85

Dane Ripellino & Brian Kelly

Response:



R. God, let us see your kind - ness, and grant us your sal - va - tion.

Second Reading: Ephesians 2:8–22

Jackie Davis

Sequence Hymn: Envía Tu Espíritu (next page)

Refrain

*En - ví-a tu Es-pí-ri - tu, en - ví-a tu Es-pí-ri - tu, en - ví-a tu Es-pí-ri - tu, se-a re-no - va - da la faz de la tie - rra. Se-a re-no - va - da la faz de la tie - rra.

Verses

1. Spir - it of the liv - ing God, burn in our hearts,
 3. Breath of life and ho - li - ness, heal ev-'ry wound,
 1. and make us a peo - ple of hope and com-pas - sion.
 3. and lead us be-yond ev-'ry sin that di-vides us.

to Refrain

Gospel Acclamation

Refrain

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel Reading: John 4:5–29, 39–42

A reading from the Gospel according to John.

[R] Glory to you, O God.

(after the reading:)

The Gospel of our God.

[R] Glory to you, Jesus the Christ.

Prayers of the Faithful

Oliva Espin

To each invocation by the Intercessor ("we pray to you, O God"), the congregation responds: "**Loving God, hear our prayer.**"

Offering

Money offerings made by check will go to the designated payee, and offerings in cash will go to Dignity/San Diego to cover the special expenses for this celebration.

Anthem: Litany of the Saints (Becker)

Brian Kelly and Dane Ripellino

Response: Pray for us / All you holy men and women, pray for us.

During the singing of the Litany, representatives of all participating organizations will bring forward decorations for the altar and the community's gifts for the Eucharist.

Preparation of Bread and Wine

P1 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. (All) Blessed be God forever!

P2 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. (All) Blessed be God forever!

P1 Pray, friends, that sharing this bread and this wine will enlarge our hearts, our souls, and our very selves, to welcome God more fully.

(All) *May God accept these gifts from your hands, for the praise and glory of God's name, for our good, and the good of the whole people of God! Amen!*

Prayer Over the Gifts

P2 Loving Creator, we bring gifts of bread and wine to share. As we share this one loaf and this one cup, make us one in you, your body and blood, in and for the world, that the world might live. We pray in Jesus' name. (All) Amen!

The Table

P1 God dwells in you.

(All) *And also in you.*

P2 Come to the table with thankful hearts. *(All) We open our hearts to God and to one another.*

(The following portions of the Eucharistic Prayer are recited by the congregation, alternating between the left and the right sides, as seen from the congregation's point of view.)

(Left side together) Blessed are you, God of all Creation! From the beginning of all things, you create wonder, beauty, and unending life. Glorious are you, Creator of both Light and Darkness, who give us eyes to see and ears to hear. Holy are you, Faithful One, who give us hearts with which to love. Tender are you, God of new life, who call us to be your family.

(Right side together) Though we stumble, you bend to 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 walk in darkness. It is with reverence and joy that we join with all creation in this endless hymn ...

The musical score is written on five staves in a single system. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly One, God of pow'r and might. Heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san-na, ho - san-na on high. Bless-ed are all who come in the name of Our God. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high-est. Ho-san-na, ho-san-na on high.

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(Left) God of All, how wonderful is Your presence in this holy place, in each of us, in this community and in all Your creation! In baptism, Your Spirit brought us into life as a

mother births her child. Fill us with reverence for all creation. Fill us with the hunger to live as Jesus lived. Fill us with the spirit of Your truth and Your longing for peace. Make us a people of equality.

(Right) Through countless generations Your people honored You. These generations now call us to You: Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebekah, Jacob, Leah and Rachel. Into your people, in the fullness of time, you sent your Word from all eternity to be born as a child to Mary of Nazareth. In silence and obscurity, the family of young Jesus nurtured him to become the prophet, teacher, and healer the Creator had destined him to become.

(Left) As a teacher, Jesus invited all to believe that they are equal children of a Loving Creator. As a healer, Jesus freed from suffering those afflicted with diseases of body, mind, and spirit. As a prophet, he challenged all to live for the kin-dom of justice and love. For this he was put to death, but by God's power he overcame death and prepared for us a place in the New Jerusalem, the city of peace.

(Please extend your hand, palm up, toward the bread and wine.)

P1 And so, God of love, we praise you through Jesus—the Word who brings healing and wholeness—the hand you stretch out to us in our weakness—the way that leads to your peace.

P2 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 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 which is given up for you. When you break bread together, remember me."

[Pause]

(All) In the same way, Jesus took the cup filled with wine. He gave You thanks, and gave the cup to his friends, saying: "Take this all of you and drink. This is my blood, the new covenant of God-with-you. When you drink from this cup, remember me."

P1 Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

When we eat this bread of life, when we drink of this ho-ly cup, we pro-

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claim your death, O Christ till you come a-gain. till you come a-gain.

(Right) O God, “we remember, we celebrate, we believe.” We rejoice in Your spirit, the soul of all creation, the source of all life. Fill our hearts with Your spirit and its extravagant inclusiveness. Fill us with the Mystery that You are. Make us Your messengers in our time. Speak to the world through us.

(Left) We pray for our church and its leaders that we—and they—speak authentically in Your name and humbly about You. We pray for our country and its leaders, that they embrace the values of freedom, equality, and justice for the common good of all people.

(Right) We pray for ourselves, for our families and friends. We pray for all people who are lost and who are in need. We pray for all who have died. We pray especially for all people who suffer from violence and war. We pray for peace in Your world.

(Left) As Jesus brought all types of people together, bring us together and make us one. Gather together women, men and children of every race, language, religion and way of life to share in Your one, eternal banquet. May the bread and wine we are about to share in hope of that final and everlasting feast, inspire us to work towards that vision here and now.

(All) Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory are yours, almighty Creator, forever and ever!

Bob Dufford, SJ

A - men, al - le - lu - ia, for - ev - er and
ev - er, for - ev - er, al - le - lu - ia, for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Prayer of Jesus (based on Luke 11:2–5 by John Philip Newell) (*recited by all*)

Ground of all being, Mother of Life,
Father of the Universe,
Your name is sacred, beyond speaking.
May we know your presence.
May your longings be our longings
in heart and in action.
May there be food for the human family
today and for the whole earth

Forgive us the falseness of what we
have done
as we forgive those who are untrue
to us.
Do not forsake us in the time of conflict
but lead us into new beginnings.
For the light of life, the vitality of life,
and the glory of life

community.

are yours, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Sign of Peace

P1 May the peace of God be always with you. *(All) And also with you.*

P2 Let us offer each other a sign of peace.
(The people greet each other in the name of Jesus.)

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you call us_ to live in ex-pect - ant hope.

Lamb of God, you call us_ to wit - ness to your love.

Lamb_ of God, you call us_ to work

for peace and jus - - - tice in our_ world.

peace. Grant us peace.

P1 Happy are all who are called to this supper.

(All) When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we are fed by your steadfast love,
O God.

(Come to Communion by way of the center aisle and return by the side aisles. The metal chalices will have consecrated wine and the blue, ceramic chalices will have consecrated grape juice. Gluten-free bread will be in a small glass bowl on each paten.)

Communion Hymn: *The Summons*

1. Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?

- Will you let my love be shown? Will you let my name be known?
Will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?
2. Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?
 3. Will you let those blinded see if I but call your name?
Will you set those captive free and never be the same?
Will you kiss those deemed unclean, and do such as this unseen
and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?
 4. Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found to reshape this world around,
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?
 5. God, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In your company I'll go, where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

Prayer after Communion

P1 Holy God, Spirit of Love and Life, we all struggle to become the just and loving people you have created us to be. We are grateful for this opportunity to come together, to break bread, and support our individual and collective efforts to be apostles of peace and justice. We are grateful for the ongoing witness of Dignity to LGBT Catholics, the wider Church, and the world. We are grateful for Mary Magdalene's example of service and commitment to Jesus and her role as apostle to the apostles. May her prayers and those of our Dignity sisters and brothers who have gone before us help us to overcome fear and indifference and to speak the truth boldly to power. We offer this prayer with grateful hearts in Jesus' name. (All) Amen!

(Announcements)

Blessing and Dismissal

- P2** May God raise up women and LGBT people to full equality in the life and ministry of the church! Let the church say ... *(All) Amen!*
- P1** May all women and men be living symbols of God's steadfast love and compassion in the world. Let the church say ... *(All) Amen!*
- P2** May we who have shared at this table live God's vision of justice and peace for all people. Let the church say ... *(All) Amen!*

P1 And may the grace of our God, Creator, Redeemer, and Holy Spirit, be with us all and those we love, now and forever! *(All) Amen!*

P2 The Mass is ended. Let us go forth rejoicing in the power of the Spirit, to love and serve our God by loving and serving one another. *(All) Thanks be to God.*

Closing Hymn: *City of God*

Awake from your slumber! / Arise from your sleep!
A new day is dawning / for all those who weep.
The people in darkness / have seen a great light.
The God of our longing / has conquered the night. **(R)**

***Let us build a city of God. May our tears be turned into dancing!
For our God, our light and our love, has turned the night into day!***

We are sons of the morning; we are daughters of day.
The One who has loved us has brightened our way.
The God of all kindness has called us to be
a light for all people to set their hearts free. **(R)**

God is light; ***guiding us through the darkness.***
Let us walk in the light, ***God's*** children, one and all. **(R)**