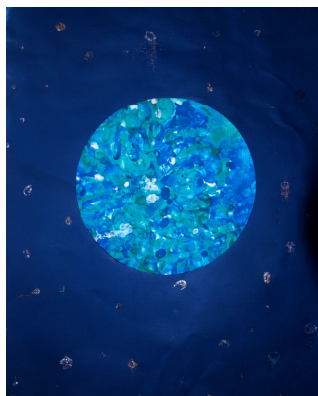


# Mary Magdalene Apostle Catholic Community



*“A new way to be Roman Catholic”*

- Making Catholicism relevant
- Restoring women’s ordination
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*Guide our feet in a path of peace.*

**Worship Aid & Eucharistic Prayer  
Advent Season 2011**

## Advent Candle Lighting with Opening Song

### Kyrie

Silent One, we have not always silenced the noise within to know  
You in ourselves.

**[R] *Open us to You.***

Jesus the Christ, we have not always nurtured peace in our hearts, our  
homes, our world and the cosmos.

**[R] *Guide our feet in a path of peace.***

Holy Mystery, we have sometimes feared Your mysterious presence  
within us, failing to be Life for the world.

**[R] *Help us embody Your presence.***

May the God who speaks to us silently, forgive our reluctance to  
hold the mystery of Life, and empower us to be bearers of good  
tidings in troubled times. ***Amen.***

### Opening Prayer

**Blessing of the Children [Sung]**

### First Reading

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

**Psalm [R] *Guide our feet in a path of peace.***

### Second Reading

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

**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

### Profession of Faith

*(by Sister Joan Chittister, OSB; edited version)*

*We believe in God who made us all  
and whose divinity infuses life with the sacred.  
We believe in the multiple revelations of God,  
alive in every human heart, expressed in every culture,  
found in all the wisdoms of the world.*

*We believe in Jesus, the Christ,  
who leads us to the fullness of humanity,  
to what we are meant to become.  
Through Christ, we become new people,  
called beyond the consequences of our brokenness,  
lifted to the fullness of life.*

*We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the breath of God on earth,  
who keeps the Christ vision present  
to souls yet in darkness,  
gives light to hearts now blind,  
infuses energy into spirits yet weary,  
isolated, searching and confused.  
We believe in God who is life.*

*Amen to courage, to hope, to spirit of truth, to nature,  
to happiness, to wholeness,  
to the partnership of women and men in God's plan,  
to the Christ who calls us  
beyond the boundaries of ourselves, to forgiveness,  
and to everything that stretches our hearts  
to the dimensions of God.  
In all of this, we can surely believe, as God does.*

### Prayer of the Faithful

## Presentation of the Gifts & Offertory Song

### 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.

*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 that our offering moves us into Mystery.  
*Make us aware of Your presence in our midst.*

### Prayer Over the Gifts

### 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

Mysterious One, we give You thanks that You are present in darkness and speak silently in the silence, that You are peace in the midst of chaos. Draw us near to You. Offer us strength and endurance as we journey through the seasons of change and the seasons of life.

### Voice 1

Let the clarity of Your vision for the cosmos take hold of us. Dwell within us that we might birth Your future with hope and peace. Pour out Your love in us and all creation. Guide our feet in a path of peace. In trust and thanksgiving, we enter You, Great Mystery, as we sing our song of unending praise:

**Sanctus** *[Sung]*

**Holy, holy, holy God, God of silence, God of peace,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed are all who come in the name of Our God.**

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

**Voice 2**

Holy God, there is one crying in the wilderness who brings good news of Your long expected Messiah, the one who will guide our feet in a path of peace. We know You are the strength and consolation of all Your people, our hope and Source of our healing. Through Your Messiah, you will hush our souls.

**Voice 3**

We acknowledge Your birth in a human child, born of a woman called Mary, in a town called Bethlehem. We know this birth is a sign to us and to all the world of Your divine presence in all people and all creation.

**Voice 4**

We look to You to help us do great deeds: to scatter the proud; to cast down the mighty from their “thrones”; to lift the lowly; to fill those hungry with good things; to usher in an age of peace. We await You, O God, in expectant joy.

**Voice 5**

In the life of Jesus, You were present in a unique way. Through him, You scattered the proud, cast down the mighty, lifted the lowly, fed those who were hungry; and made manifest a path of peace. Through him, Your holy love becomes fully manifest

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

**Presider**

And so, Mysterious One, Silent Speaker in our hearts, we praise You through the Cosmic Christ, the one ever coming into our world. 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. 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:

***In Jesus’ birth, God is born into the world.***

***In Jesus’ death, God is revealed in the world.***

***In Jesus’ resurrection, God’s peace is renewed in the world.***

**Voice 6**

Holy Love, as we celebrate now, we remember the birth of Jesus, Your Messiah. We know You loved him and You love us. We know he loved us, even to his death. His life and his death are a parable, teaching us to pour out our lives for others and for all creation.

**Voice 7**

We remember all religious leaders everywhere. We ask You to remember all of us gathered here. Remember all those everywhere who are Your people. Remember all those who seek You, and all who are lost.

## **Voice 8**

Remember all who have died and entered the peace of Your eternal embrace. In Your goodness, grant to us the experience of Your life-giving presence in the company of all the saints.

## **Presider**

God of darkness, God of light, in the cold, bring true warmth to our lives and renewal to our land. May the darkness nourish us and the light strengthen us. Come to Your people who wait in expectant hope, that we might become a people of peace. Gather us to share in Your one, eternal banquet with all Your saints and with Jesus, through whom Your goodness and blessing flow. Then, in Your presence, we shall sing Your glory with all creation.

## **Great Amen**

*Through Christ, may all creation unfold;  
With Christ, may all creation be one;  
In Christ, may all divisions be healed;  
In the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
may all glory and honor be Yours, forever and ever.*

*[Sung] Amen, Amen, Amen. (2x)*

## **The Prayer of Jesus [Sung]**

*Author Unknown*

*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 power that comes from love  
which is Your glory, forever and ever. Amen.*

## **The Sign of 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]**

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

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

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

*Grant us peace.*

## **Presider**

We are bearers of the Mystery, called to birth the mystery of God in creation.

**[R] *We enter the silence and the mystery in this celebration. Guide our feet on a path to peace.***

## **Communion Song**

## **Prayer after Communion**

## **Closing Blessing**

## **Closing Song**