

Mary Magdalene Apostle Catholic Community

“A new way to be Roman Catholic”

- Making Catholicism relevant
- Restoring women’s ordination
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Easter Vigil Liturgy

The Lighting and Blessing of the New Fire

[We gather outside in the patio.]

The Lighting and Blessing of the Paschal Candle

[Our candles are lit from the Paschal Candle. The Choir sings: "If you will, if you will, if you will, if you will, you can become all flame, become all flame, become all flame. You can become all flame, become all flame."]

The Singing of the Exsultet

God dwells in you [R] *And also with you.*
Lift up your hearts. [R] *We lift up our hearts.*
Let us give thanks to Holy Mystery.
[R] *It is right to give God thanks and praise.*

Procession into the Sanctuary

[The Paschal Candle is carried into the church. We sing the response at each of the three pauses.] Christ, our Light. [R] Thanks be to God.

[Before entering the church, please extinguish your candles, and place them in one of the candle baskets before entering the church.]

Liturgy of the Word

Opening Prayer

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.

Readings Celebrating Creation, Liberation, Wisdom, and Prophecy

[R] *Alleluia, sing forever! alleluia, sing forever!*
How good to sing God's praise! How wonderful is our God!

Gloria *[Sung with bells ringing]*

[R] *Glory! Glory to God! Glory, in the highest!*
Glory! Glory to God! Glory to God Most High.

O God, Holy One, Almighty God Creator, We worship You, we give You thanks, We praise You for Your glory!

**[R] Glory! Glory to God! Glory, in the highest!
Glory! Glory to God! Glory to God Most High.**

O, Jesus Christ, Holy Child of our God Holy Lamb of God,
You take away the sin of the world. **[R]**

You alone are the Holy One, You alone our God. You alone are the
Most High God, With the Spirit in the glory of God! **[R]**

New Testament Reading

**[R] Alleluia, sing forever! alleluia, sing forever!
How good to sing God's praise! How wonderful is our God!**

[Moment of Silence]

Gospel Acclamation [Sung]

**Alleluia, alleluia! We listen to the word of God.
Alleluia, alleluia! We proclaim the gospel of our God!**

Gospel

A Reading from the Gospel according to Matthew.

[R] Glory to You, O God.

The Gospel of the Resurrection.

**[R] Alleluia, sing forever! alleluia, sing forever!
How good to sing God's praise! How wonderful is our God!**

Homily

[Moment of Silence]

Blessing of the Water

Sprinkling of the Assembly and Litany of the Saints

Renewal of Baptismal Promises

[Please stand.] [R] I do.

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Presentation of the Gifts

Offertory Song – All Creatures of Our God

St. Francis of Assisi/Lasst Uns Erfreuen

All creatures your Creator bless! Lift up your voice with joyfulness
Alleluia! Alleluia! Thou burning sun with golden beam; Thou silver
moon with softer gleam,

[R] Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Allelu – ia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong, ye clouds that sail in heaven along,
O sing ye! Alleluia! Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice, ye lights of
evening, find a voice! **[R]**

Thou flowing water, pure and clear, make music for in thy God to hear,
Alleluia! Alleluia! Thou fire so masterful and bright, that givest us
both warmth and light, **[R]**

Thou fertile earth, that day by day unfoldest blessings on your way,
O sing ye! Alleluia! The flowers and fruits that in thee grow, let them
God's glory also show! **[R]**

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 Over the Gifts

Eucharistic Prayer

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 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 as we say:

Sanctus [Sung] by Michael Tompkins
*Wholly, wholly, holy God. God of wonder God of awe.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory! Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed are all who come in the name of 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 in the valley of darkness, for being present to us despite evil and fear, 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 mean 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, Steadfast 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] Michael Tompkins
*We remember you. We remember you.
Jesus whose love lives and dies 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 the body of Christ.

Voice 6 Be with those who are sick and those who suffer. Be with all who have died. We offer You our own 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 [Sung] Michael Tompkins
*We eat this bread; we drink this cup. We share as one body of Christ.
We give our thanks; we give our thanks. Amen, amen, amen!*

The Prayer of Jesus [Sung] Music - Kosits/Words - Unknown
*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.*

The Sign of Peace

Lamb of God [Sung]

Michael Tompkins

Lamb of God, you call us to live in expectant hope.

Lamb of God, you call us to witness to your love.

Lamb of God, you call us to work;

For peace and justice in our world.

Grant us peace. Grant us peace. Grant us peace.

Presider

This is the Risen One, who calls us to share in this Eucharist.

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

Communion Songs

"I am the Bread of Life"

Sr. Suzanne Toolan

1. I am the bread of life. You who come to me shall not hunger; you who believe in me shall not thirst. No one can come to me unless the Holy beckons. [R]

*And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up,
and I will raise you up on the last day.*

2. The bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world, and if you eat of this bread, you shall live forever, you shall live forever. [R]

3. Unless you eat of this living and holy bread, and drink of this blood, and drink of this blood, you shall not have life within you. [R]

4. I am the Resurrection, I am the life. If you believe in me, even though you die, you shall have life within you. [R]

5. Yes, I believe, that you are the Christ, the Holy One of God, who has come into the world. [R]

"We Will Rise Again"

David Haas

Like a shepherd I will feed you; I will gather you with care.

I will lead you and hold you, Close to my heart.

*We will run and not grow weary, For our God will be our strength,
And we will fly like the eagle, We will rise again.*

I am strength to the weary; To the weak I am new life.
Though the young may grow weary, I will be their hope.

*We will run and not grow weary, For our God will be our strength,
And we will fly like the eagle, We will rise again.*

Lift up your eyes, and see who made the stars.

I lead you, and I know you, I call you each by name. [R]

Fear not, I am with you; I am your God.

I will strengthen you and help you; Uphold you with my hand. [R]

[Moment of Silence]

Prayer after Communion

Closing Blessing

Closing Song – Jesus Christ is Risen Today

Charles Wesley

Jesus Christ is risen today Alleluia

All creation, join to say Alleluia

Raise your joys and triumphs high Alleluia

Sing, O heavens, O earth reply Alleluia

Love restores and makes us One Alleluia

One with earth, sky, sea, and Sun Alleluia

Death did not forbid Christ rise Alleluia

Nothing is lost in paradise Alleluia

Hymns of praise then let us sing Alleluia

Where, O death, is now your sting Alleluia

Jesus died, and showed Love's way, Alleluia

Where, your victory, O grave Alleluia

Hail, the God of all Creation Alleluia

Praise to You by all be given Alleluia

Every atom every, every soul Alleluia

Reveals that Christ is risen now. Alleluia

Closing Procession

[All are invited to continue our Easter celebration at the reception in the Garden Room.]

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