

# Mary Magdalene Apostle Catholic Community

*“A new way to be Roman Catholic”*

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



## Holy Thursday Liturgy

### OPENING RITE

#### **Opening Song – *All Are Welcome* by Marty Haugen**

Let us build a house where all can dwell and all can safely live.  
A place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.  
Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of  
grace; Here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

*All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.*

Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and  
stone to heal and strengthen, serve and teach and live the Word  
they’ve known. Here the outcast and the stranger bear the image of  
God’s grace. Let us bring an end to fear and danger: **(R)**

Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions  
heard. And loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within  
the Word. Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and  
songs of grace. Let this house proclaim from floor to rafter: **(R)**

#### **Kyrie**

God, we fail You when we do not eat the bread you offer.

**[R] *God, have mercy.***

Jesus the Christ, we fail you when we do not share our bread with  
those in need.

**[R] *Jesus the Christ, have mercy.***

God, we fail You when we forget that Your word is the bread of life.

**[R] *God, have mercy.***

May the God who feeds us, forgive our lack of gratitude, our  
gluttony and greed, and help us to live with justice and generosity,  
in the church and in the world. **[R] *Amen.***

#### **Opening Prayer**

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### **First Reading**

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

**Psalm 83** *Words by Nan Merrill; Music by Ann Hidalgo*

[R] *Let the refining fire of your love,  
reach the hidden places within open hearts.  
Forgive us, and let the deep regret of our souls  
rise up as contrite off'rings.*

### **Second Reading**

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

*[Moment of Silence]*

**Gospel Acclamation - Taize** *[Sung and Bells rung]*

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

*Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu - ia. (2x)*

### **Gospel Reading**

The Gospel according to John. [R] *Glory to You, O God.*

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

### **Homily**

### **Ritual Foot Washing**

*The Basin and the Towel* by Michael Card

*How Beautiful* by Twila Paris

**Offertory Song – “The Servant Song”** by Richard Gillard

Will you let me be your servant? Let me be as Christ to you; Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too.

We are pilgrims on a journey, we are trav'lers on the road; We are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.

I will weep when you are weeping; when you laugh I'll laugh with you. I will share your joy and sorrow 'til we've seen this journey through.

### **Presentation of the Gifts**

## 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, friends, that this bread and wine enlarge who we are that we might serve one another in the fullness of life.

[R] *Transform us, O God who feeds us.*

### **Prayer Over the Gifts**

### COMMUNION

#### **Eucharistic Prayer**

God dwells in you.

[R] *And also in You.*

Come to the table with thankful hearts.

[R] *Our hearts filled with love, we give God thanks  
and praise.*

### **Voice 1**

God of Creation, Life-giving God, You are the Source of all that is. We revel in Your creation and its goodness. We ask You to renew our hearts with confidence in the ultimate goodness of human kind together with all creation we exclaim our praise of You, saying:

Sanctus *[Recited]*

*Holy, Holy, Holy God,*

*God who feeds us, God of Life.*

*Heaven and earth are full of Your Glory.*

*Hosanna in the highest.*

*Blessed are all who come in Your name.*

*Hosanna in the highest.*

### **Voice 2**

God, how wonderful is Your holiness manifest in the sacred beauty of Your created world. Fill us with awareness of Your presence in each of us gathered here, in our families and friends, in all people everywhere, and in all Your creation.

### **Voice 3**

Through countless generations our ancestors have celebrated Your creative powers and honored You. You created Jesus, and sent him to feed us the message of Your nurturing love. When we rejected him, and put him to death, You created him anew through his resurrection.

*[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:

*Jesus' life is bread for the world*

*Jesus' death is bread for the world.*

*Jesus' resurrection is bread for the world.*

### **Voice 4**

God, let all who share this bread and wine be healed of alienation from Your creation and its goodness. We remember all who shared in the creation of each of us. We remember all those we have helped to create.

### **Voice 5**

We remember Your church and its leaders. We ask You to create it anew. We remember all those who have worked to preserve and to proclaim the goodness of all You have made.

### **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,*

*all glory and honor be Yours,*

*forever and ever. Amen.*

### **The Prayer of Jesus - author unknown**

*Loving God, in whom is heaven,*

*may Your name be honored everywhere.*

*May Your kin-dom come.*

*May 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**

#### **Lamb of God**

*Lamb of God, you call us to serve you by feeding others.*

*Lamb of God, you call us to share in the bread of life.*

*Lamb of God, you call us to be bread for the world.*

*Grant us peace.*

**Presider**

We are God's holy creation.

This is God's bread for God's holy people.

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

**Communion Songs**

*"Come to the Table" by Michael Card*

*"Supper of Our God" by Laurence Rosania*

*As we gather, all are one, here in bread and wine;*

*Here our God prepares the feast divine.*

*Bread of love is broken now, cup of life is poured:*

*Come, share the supper of our God.*

This is the bread of God feeding hungry hearts,  
Giving life to us, to all the world. **(R)**

"I am the living spring of eternal life; You that drink from me  
shall not thirst again". **(R)**

"I am the bread of life giving life to you; You that eat this bread  
shall never die." **(R)**

"All those who feed on me have their life in me, as I have my life  
in the living God." **(R)**

All praise to you, O Christ, present in this feast,  
In this bread we share in one life, one God. **(R)**

**CLOSING RITE****Prayer after Communion****Ritual of Stripping of the Altar**

*[Please remain seated in silence. After the altar is bare you may  
leave in silence or choose to remain a while.]*

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