

# Mary Magdalene Apostle Catholic Community

*“A new way to be Roman Catholic”*

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



*Take Heart and Receive*

**Worship Aid  
Lent**

## Opening Song

**Knowing God's Loving-Kindness** [Sung] *Haas*

You were sent to heal the contrite of heart.  
Kyrie, Kyrie, Kyrie eleison.

**[R] Kyrie, Kyrie, Kyrie eleison.**

You came to call us all.  
Christe, Christe, Christe eleison.

**[R] Christe, Christe, Christe eleison.**

When we seek for easy answers that don't satisfy our heart's desire  
for You. Kyrie, Kyrie, Kyrie eleison.

**[R] Kyrie, Kyrie, Kyrie eleison.**

## Opening Prayer

**Blessing of the Children** [Sung] *Guilmartin*

*Bless, please bless, bless these children  
Bless the children ev'rywhere, hear our prayer.  
Bless their minds, bless their hearts, bring them peace.  
Peace.....bring us peace.*

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### **First Reading**

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

**Psalm** [See song sheet]

### **Second Reading**

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

[Moment of Silence]

**Gospel Acclamation** [Sung] *Booth*

*Glory to you, Word of God, Jesus the Christ. x2*

## **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**

## **Presentation of the Gifts & Offertory Song**

### **OUR EUCHARIST**

#### **Preparation of the Bread and Wine**

Blessed are You, God of all creation. In the earth was the seed, in the seed was the shoot, in the shoot was the stalk, in the stalk was the grain, in the grain was the bread, and life was in the bread; and the bread will be for us the Body of Christ.

[R] *Blessed be God forever.*

Blessed are You, God of all creation. In the earth was the seed, in the seed was the vine, in the vine was the grape, in the grape was the wine, and life was in the wine; and the wine will be our spiritual drink.

[R] *Blessed be God forever.*

Pray that our offering is one that God desires.

[R] *We gather in Your name.*

*Be with us in our midst.*

## **Prayer With the 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**

Divine Creator, we gather to give You thanks and to express our love for You, for all people, for all the earth and for the cosmos. You have revealed Yourself in the past. We ask You to reveal Yourself to us now.

## **Voice 1**

Ancient of Days, we long to experience Your Love for us. We reflect on the mystery that You use our times of want to bring us more fully into Your Love. Awaken within us a deeper response to You, as we raise our voices in communion with Your people throughout the ages:

**Sanctus** [Sung]

*Booth*

*Holy, Holy, Holy*

*Oh 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*

## **Voice 2**

In times of loneliness, fear and despair we can forget that You are Love. Reassure us that we are not alone; that Your divine energy is within us and around us, even when we falter. Help us to be present to one another. Help us to be Your presence in the world.

## **Voice 3**

We thank You for family and friends, for those who inspire us and give us hope. We thank You for the wonders of Creation that speak Your word of life. Bless, strengthen and console all who are suffering in any way. Keep those who have gone before us in the life and peace of Your Presence.

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

**Presider**

And so, God who is Love, 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, 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:

*When we eat this bread, and drink this cup, we experience Your love and presence in us and all creation.*

**Voice 4**

We thank You especially for the gift of Jesus. In his living, You show us how to live. In his dying, You show us the depths of Your love. In his rising, You show us how to love fearlessly. By sending Your spirit, You open the way to new life for all.

**Voice 5**

Awaken the minds and hearts of leaders in the church and in our world. Bring forth Your Spirit within them. Let them act without fear, self-interest, or greed. Lead them and us to transform Your church. Lead them and us to bring Your justice to all who suffer and Your peace to all places where war and violence rule.

**Voice 6**

Reconcile us to one another. Reconcile us with all peoples and nations throughout our world. Reconcile us with all Creation. Move us to work for peace, justice and harmony.

**Presider**

Open our minds and hearts to the Mystery within. Help us to recognize our common journey to You. Help us to recognize our union with You, each other and all creation. Restore us, restore our communities, restore our church, restore our world.

**Great Amen** *[Recited]*

*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]*

*Booth*

*Amen, amen, amen. Amen, amen, amen.*

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

*Wilhelmly*

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

*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 Hope. O Lamb of God.*

*Lamb of God, you call us to the gospel of Love. O Lamb of God.*

*Lamb of God, you call us to the gospel of Peace. O Lamb of God.*

*Grant us peace.*

## **Presider**

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

**We are blessed to share in this meal.**

This is God's holy bread for God's holy people. Take and receive.

## **Communion Song**

*[Moment of Silence]*

## **Prayer after Communion**

## **Closing Blessing**

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