

Mary Magdalene Apostle Catholic Community

“A new way to be Roman Catholic”

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



*We are the temple of the living God.
2 Corinthians 6: 16*

**Worship Aid & Eucharistic Prayer
Ordinary Time IV**

Opening Rite

Opening Song

Kyrie - Knowing God's Mercy

God of Love, we fail to hear You when we confuse religious values with the status quo.

[R] *God of Love, we seek forgiveness.*

Jesus the Christ, we fail to follow you when we fail to live inclusively.

[R] *Jesus the Christ, we seek forgiveness.*

God of All, we fail You when we allow the church to exclude those Jesus included.

[R] *God of All, we seek forgiveness.*

Inclusive One, forgive our self-righteous, self-serving rules, which keep us “inside” and others “outside” the church. Give us the courage to challenge our church to live in accord with Your revelation in Jesus, Your Christ. **Amen.**

Opening Prayer

Blessing of Children [Sung]

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

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

Psalm

Second Reading

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

[Moment of Silence]

Gospel Acclamation (Music and lyrics by Michael Tompkins)

Alleluia, alleluia! We listen to the word of God.

Alleluia, alleluia! We proclaim the gospel of our God!

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]

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

Offertory Song

Liturgy of the Eucharist

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

[R] *Transform us, O God, we pray.*

Prayer with our 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

Inclusive One, we stand in awe and wonder of You and Your universe! We marvel at the vast diversity of life You have created. In silence we marvel at the complexity and intricacy of matter. We marvel that matter matters to You. We marvel that You dwell in matter. We delight in the unity You weave from diversity.

Voice 1

We barely grasp the miracle of matter made human. When people of different genders, races and cultures come together and work together for peace and the welfare of all, we know Your Spirit is in our midst. Overwhelmed by gratitude and amazed by Your effusive love, we join with all creation saying:

Sanctus

Wholly, wholly, holy God, God of all that is.

Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed are all who come in the name of God.

Hosanna in the highest.

Voice 2

God of All, how wonderful is Your presence in this holy place, in each of us, in this community and in all Your creation! You have 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.

Voice 3

Through countless generations Your people honored You. These generations now call us to You: Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebekkah, Jacob, Leah and Rachel. Among Your people, You blessed Jesus of Nazareth and revealed Yourself anew in his life and his death.

Voice 4

Jesus embraced all people who responded to him: children, women and men, rich and poor, healthy and sick. In doing so, he became Your Message, Your revelation to us, calling us to inclusive community, to community that reaches out, to a community of equals and a community of servants. Jesus challenged the religious culture of his time. For this he paid the ultimate price. He calls us to challenge the religious culture of our time.

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

Presider

And so God, the One who is Love, we praise You through Jesus - the Word that brings healing and wholeness - the hand You stretch out to us in our weakness - the way that leads to Your peace. 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]

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."

Presider

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Jesus welcomed all who sought him.

For this inclusive love, he died.

He comes again when we live as he lived and die as he died.

Voice 5

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.

Voice 6

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 abandon partisan rhetoric and work selflessly for the common good of all. 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.

Voice 7

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.

Great Amen

*[Recited] Through Christ may all creation be one.
With Christ, may all divisions be healed.
In the unity of Your holy Spirit,
may all glory and honor be Yours, forever and ever.*

(Music and lyrics by 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!*

Our Prayer with Jesus

(Music by Rus Kosits; Author Unknown)

*Loving God in whom is heaven;
May your name be honored everywhere.
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 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

*Lamb of God, you call us to wholeness in loving, inclusive
community.
Lamb of God, you call us to gather with and serve all people
deemed outcasts and sinners.
Lamb of God, you call us to take Your feast to the world.
Grant us peace.*

Presider

We are the body and blood of Christ, the presence of God in the world.
[R] *We are happy and blessed to share in this meal.*

Communion Song

[Moment of Silence]

Prayer after Communion

Sending

Closing Blessing

Closing Song