

January 1, 2008 Liturgy

Liturgy of Mary Magdalene Apostle Catholic Community

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Opening Song – O Come All Ye Faithful

Kyrie

God of Love, we long for your presence within our lives.

[R] *Birth us anew in Your Love.*

Emmanuel, we gather to hear the Good News that your love casts out all fear.

[R] *Birth us anew in Your Love.*

Spirit of God, we pray that Your love shine in our hearts and radiate through us to the world.

[R] *Birth us anew in Your Love.*

Gloria – Angels We Have Heard on High

Opening Prayer

First Reading

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

Psalm 67

Second Reading

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

Gospel Acclamation – Gloria in Excelsis Deo [2x]

Gospel

A reading from the Gospel according to...

Glory to You, O God.

The Gospel of our God.

Praise to you Jesus the Christ.

Homily

Prayer of the Faithful

Offertory Song – Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

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. *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, friends, that sharing this bread and wine will enlarge our hearts and our souls to welcome and share with others more fully. *Transform us, O God, we pray.*

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 God of Love, we give You thanks for Mary, the Mother of Jesus. We give thanks that she listened to Your Word in her heart and that she gave birth to Your Word in the flesh. Draw us near to You and to Mary as we gather in this Eucharist to give You unending praise:

Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy God, God of Spirit and 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 1 God of Light, let the clarity of Your vision for the world take hold of us. Birth us anew. Pour out Your love on us and all creation. We turn to You in trust and thanksgiving.

Voice 2 God of Hope, we rejoice in Jesus' birth. In Jesus, we see the fullness of human possibility: to make You, O God, visible in our lives. In Jesus, we see You, Your Creative Word, the Breath of Life and Wisdom, come to expression in human form.

Voice 3 God of Peace, 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 sacred presence in all people and all creation.

Presider And so God of 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:
*In Jesus, God was born into the world.
In Jesus' death, God was revealed in the world.
In Jesus' resurrection, God's presence is renewed in the world.*

Voice 4 God of Life, we celebrate the birth of Jesus, Your Messiah. We share the wonder and love of his mother Mary, who gave herself wholeheartedly to be the instrument of Your love. Teach us also to be instruments of Your love and life for the world.

Voice 5 God of Peace, we remember in prayer our leaders. Remember Your people gathered here, and Your people everywhere throughout the world. Remember all who seek You with a sincere heart. Remember all who have died, whose faith is known to You alone. In Your goodness, may we experience Your life-giving presence in the company of all Your holy ones.

Presider God of Joy, we are mindful of Your call to live generously and faithfully. We accept responsibility to be bearers of forgiveness, tolerance, and understanding. We commit ourselves to allow Your Spirit of generous love that took flesh in Jesus, to take root in our lives. We offer this commitment as our New Year's gift to our family, our friends, and our community. In Your presence, we sing Your glory with Jesus through whom Your goodness flows.

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.

[See the song sheet if the "Amen" is sung] *Amen.*

The Prayer of Jesus

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

May the peace of God be with you always. *And also with you.* Let us offer each other a sign of peace.

[See the song sheet if the "Lamb of God" is sung]

*Lamb of God, you call us to wait in expectant hope.
Lamb of God, you call us to witness to your joy.
Lamb of God, you call us to wonder at God made human. Grant us peace.*

Presider

We are the womb of God, called to birth God in creation.
We are happy and blessed to share in this celebration.

Communion Song – Silent Night

Closing Prayer

Closing Blessing

Closing Song – Let There Be Peace on Earth