

Thanksgiving Liturgy

Liturgy of Mary Magdalene Apostle Catholic Community
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Opening Song

Kyrie

O God, we live in a culture of plenty, but do not share enough. [R] *Make us as generous as You.*

Jesus the Christ, we forget your teaching on the importance of gratitude. [R] *Make us as grateful as you.*

O God, we have not reconciled with our sisters and brothers yet we offer you gifts at the altar.

[R] *Make us forgiving like You.*

May the God who harvests good from the soil of our souls, have mercy on us, forgive us, and nurture our capacity for good, we pray. *Amen.*

Opening Prayer

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.*

Gospel Acclamation

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

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 a 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 life 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 the 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

Preparation of the Bread and Wine

Blessed are you, O 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, O 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 our work, our play, our worship and our very lives be acceptable to God, our Source of Life.

Accept our gifts for the good of all.

Prayer with our 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.

Voice 1

O God of love, we give You thanks. We give thanks that You reveal Yourself to us, in Your prophets, in Jesus, through Your saints, and through Your word. You form us in our mothers' wombs. You dedicate and appoint us. You are the Source of faith and hope and love. United with all who love You, we sing our song of unending praise:

Sanctus

Holy, holy, holy, God of Spirit, God of Life. 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

O God, how wonderful is Your presence! Fill us with awe of Your presence in all who know and love and serve You. Help us to work together to build Your kingdom on earth.

Voice 3

You gave us Jesus as a model of faith, hope and love and sent him as Your messenger. When we rejected him, and put him to death, You raised him up to be a new and living "temple" in which You now dwell.

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

Presider

And so God of 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 of Love alive and at work in this bread, wine and grape juice, and in us. We open ourselves to Your Spirit of Love 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 bread is me. Remember me when you break bread together."

[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 wine is me. Remember me when you drink it together."

Presider

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim your resurrection. Jesus, come in glory.

Voice 4

O God, we ask You to remember all religious leaders everywhere. Remember all those who seek You with a sincere heart. Remember those who have died in the peace of Christ. Remember all the dead, whose faith is known to You alone. In Your goodness, grant to us, Your servants, the experience of Your life-giving presence in the company of Mary and all the saints, for it is...

Great Amen

Through Christ, with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, O God, 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 kingdom 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 generous giving. Lamb of God, you call us to grateful living. Lamb of God, you call us to joyful thanksgiving. Grant us peace.

Presider

This is God's holy bread for God's holy people. All are welcome at this table.

We are happy and blessed to share in this celebration.

Communion Song

Prayer after Communion

Closing Blessing

Closing Song