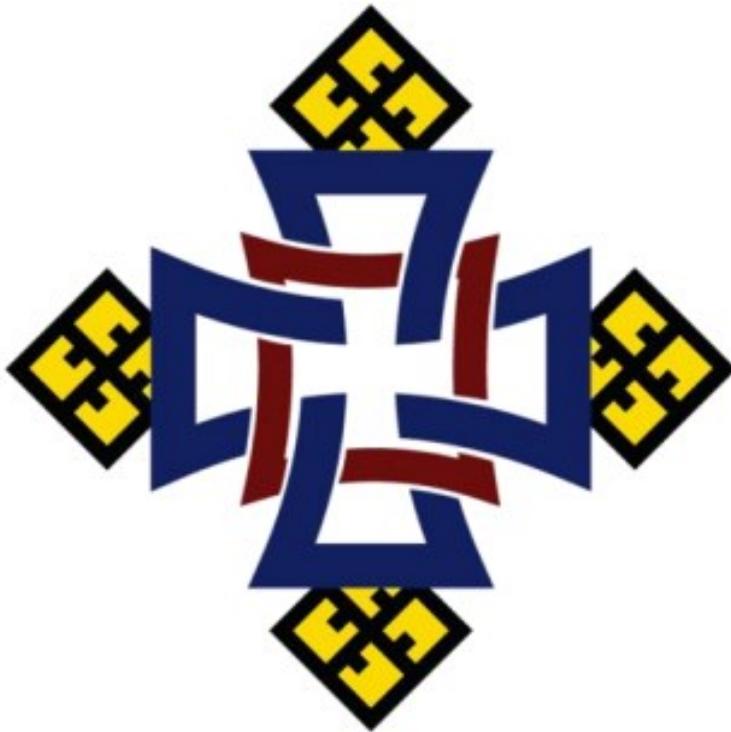


Holy Communion
The First Sunday in Lent
March 9, 2025
10.30 am



St. Mary Magdalene Anglican Church

Diocese of New Westminster

Located on the unceded land of the Musqueam,
Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh nations

Welcome!

This liturgy is an offering we create together. In song and silence, in story and prayer, in sacred meal, everyone is welcome to participate. Children are welcome in our gathering—we understand their need to move and play.

If you are new here or visiting, please sign our guest book and stay after worship for refreshments and conversation.

If you would like to request prayers, please write the names of those to be remembered in the book on the small table in the prayer corner.

To support the work of the church financially, please place your offering in the wooden offering plate by the door. Tax receipts are available—ask the greeter.

Communion is in both kinds (bread and wine). All are welcome at the table, and no one is required to take communion. Participants are welcome to consume only bread.

Thank you for joining us today!

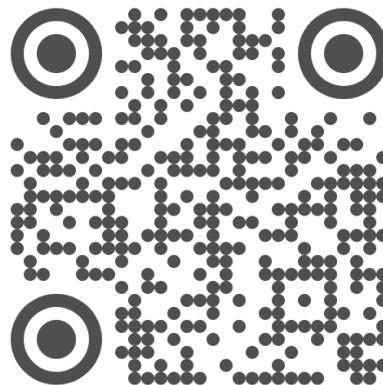
Support This Place of Transformation

Thank you for supporting this community. With your help, we continue to be a place where we welcome all to walk together as we learn to walk in God's way. Here's how you can give:

Traditional: Cash or a cheque in the plate. Regular donors get envelopes to ensure tax receipts.

Interac: Transfer funds to office@stmarymags.ca Indicate "donation" in the memo line.

Online: This QR code will take you to the Canada Helps page on our website.



We issue tax receipts for donations of \$20 or more.

Thank you.

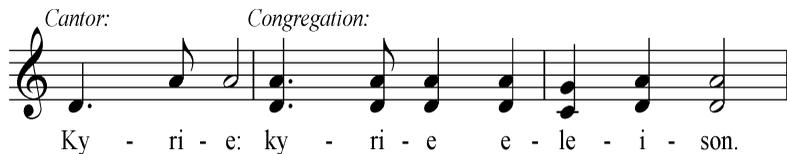
The Gathering of the Community

Our liturgy begins with the sound of a bell followed by a period of silence. You are invited to be still and enter into a prayerful space.

Presider: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, one God
who forgives all our sin

All: **whose compassion endures forever. Amen**

Cantor: *Congregation:*



Ky - ri - e: ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

Presider: Eternal Spirit, Living God, you know the secrets of our hearts. (pause)

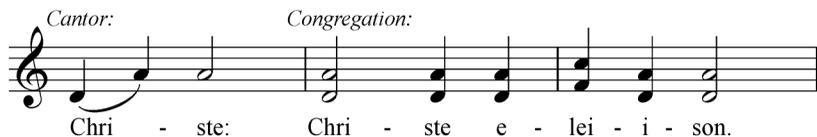
Cantor: *Congregation:*



Ky - ri - e: ky - ri - e e - le - i - son

Presider: We recognize our brokenness. (pause)

Cantor: *Congregation:*



Chri - ste: Chri - ste e - lei - i - son.

Presider: We trust in your merciful love. (pause)

“Kyrie eleison” is an ancient Greek response meaning “Lord, have mercy.”

Prayer of the Day

Presider: God of the wilderness,

All: **your Spirit leads us to face the truth,
unprotected and exposed:**

in our times of trial

help us to resist the worship of empty power,

so that we may find our true food

in Jesus Christ, the broken bread. Amen.

Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009), alt.

Proclamation of the Word

First Reading

Reader: A reading from the book of Deuteronomy
(Deuteronomy 26.1-11)

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Silence is kept.

Psalm 91.1-2, 9-16

¹ Those who dwell in the shelter of the Most High,
abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

² **They shall say to the Lord, “You are our refuge and our
stronghold, our God in whom we put our trust.”**

⁹ Because you have made the Lord your refuge,
and the Most High your habitation,

¹⁰ **there shall no evil happen to you,
neither shall any plague come near your dwelling.**

¹¹ For the angels of God shall have charge over you,
to keep you in all your ways.

¹² **They shall bear you in their hands,
lest you dash your foot against a stone.**

¹³ You shall tread upon the lion and adder;
you shall trample the young lion and the serpent under your feet.

¹⁴ **“Because they are bound to me in love,
therefore will I deliver them; I will protect them,
because they know my name.**

¹⁵ They shall call upon me,
and I will answer them;
I am with them in trouble;
I will rescue them and bring them to honour.

¹⁶ **With long life will I satisfy them,
and show them my salvation.”**

Second Reading

Reader: A reading from the Paul's letter to the Romans
(Romans 10.8b-13)

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Silence is kept.

Song When We Are Tested

1 When we are test - ed and wres - tle a - lone,
2 When in the des - ert we cry for re - lief,
3 When we are tempt - ed to bar - ter our souls,
4 When we have strug - gled and searched through the night,

fam - ished for bread when the world of - fers stone,
plead - ing for paths marked by cer - tain be - lief,
trad - ing the truth for the power to con - trol,
sort - ing and sift - ing the wrong from the right,

nour - ish us, God, by your word and your way,
lift us to love you be - yond sign and test,
teach us to wor - ship and praise on - ly you,
Sav - ior, sur - round us with cir - cles of care,

food that sus - tains us by night and by day.
trust - ing your pres - ence, our on - ly true rest.
seek - ing your will in the work that we do.
an - gels of heal - ing, of hope, and of prayer.

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Take us by the hand and lead us, lead us through the
 de - sert sands, bring us liv - ing wa - ter,
 Ho - ly Spir - it, come.

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Affirmation of Faith

Presider: Let us declare our faith in God.
All: **We believe in God,
 from whom every family
 in heaven and on earth is named.
 We believe in God the Son,
 who lives in our hearts through faith,
 and fills us with his love.
 We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
 who strengthens us
 with power from on high.
 We believe in one God;
 the holy and undivided Trinity. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Please stand or sit as you prefer for prayer.

In the wider Anglican Communion we pray for The Anglican Church in Canada and for our companion diocese the Episcopal Diocese of Northern Philippines, and for our companion mission of St. Mary's, Tetep-an.

From our Diocese we pray for people and clergy of The Deanery of Kingsway; St. David, Delta; The Ecclesiastical Province of British Columbia and the Yukon. We pray for our partner ministry Urban Aboriginal Ministry and for Steven Seegerts, Coordinating Minister. We pray for our sponsored refugee family, Naser, Maryam, Amirali, Samina, Fatemeh Zahra, and for their family sponsor, Jila.

We pray for friends and family who are in care, sick or in need, including Meg Dean, Paul Fraser, Vicki Anderson, Peter Gilpin, Herb Huestis, Jean Senior, Ann Halfnights, Jandyra Walker, and Kristine Bougie.

We pray for those who have died and those who mourn.

The Peace

Presider: The peace of God be with you all.

All: **And also with you**

We share the peace of God with one another with a gesture of greeting.

The Celebration of the Eucharist

To make a financial offering, please place it in the offering plate by the door.

Song #175 Forty Days and Forty Nights

1. Forty days and forty nights
you were fasting in the wild;
forty days and forty nights
tempted, and yet undefiled:

2. burning heat throughout the day,
bitter cold when light has fled,
prowling beasts around your way,
stones your pillow, earth your bed.

3. Shall not we your trials share,
learn your discipline of will,
and with you by fast and prayer
wrestle with the powers of hell?

4. So if Satan, pressing hard,
soul and body would destroy:
Christ who conquered, be our guard;
give to us the victor's joy.

5. Saviour, may we hear your voice --
keep us constant at your side;
and with you we shall rejoice
at the eternal Eastertide.

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Music: Melody: Martin Herbst; harm. William Henry Monk

Prayer over the gifts

Presider: God our provider,

All: **you have not fed us with bread alone,
but with words of grace and life.**

**Bless us and these your gifts,
which we receive from your bounty,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayer

Presider: May God be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them up to God.**

Presider: Let us give thanks to God, our Creator.

All: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Presider: Eternal God, Source of all being,
we give you thanks and praise for your faithful love.
You call us into friendship with you and one another
to be your holy people, a sign of your presence in the world.
When those we trust betray us, unfailingly you remain with us.
When we injure others, you confront us in your love
and call us to the paths of righteousness.

You stand with the weak, and those, broken and alone,
whom you have always welcomed home,
making the first last, and the last first.

Therefore we raise our voices with angels and archangels,
forever praising you and singing:

The musical notation consists of three staves. The first staff is divided into two parts: 'Cantor:' and 'Congregation:'. The lyrics are: 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly One: Ho - ly God of Hosts!'. The second staff has the lyrics: 'Hea - ven and earth are full of your'. The third staff has the lyrics: 'glo - ry! Ho - san - na in the high - est.'.

Cantor:



Blessed are those who come bear - ing God.

Congregation:



Ho - san - na in the high - est!

Presider:

Blessed are you, O Holy One:
 when Hagar was driven into the wilderness you followed her and gave her hope. When Joseph was sold into bondage, you turned malice to your people's good. When you called Israel out of slavery, you brought them through the wilderness into the promised land. When your people were taken into exile you wept with them by the river of Babylon and carried them home. When colonists claimed this land, driving out the nations you had placed here you stood with them in their exile.

All:



Have mer - cy on us, O God.

Presider:

At the right time you sent your Anointed One to stand with the poor, the outcast, and the oppressed. Jesus touched lepers and the sick, and healed them.

He accepted water from a woman of Samaria and offered her the water of new life. Christ knew the desolation of the cross and opened the way for all humanity into the redemption of your reconciling love.

On the night he was betrayed, Jesus, at supper with his friends, took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, gave it to them, and said, "Take and eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Loving and Holy One, recalling Christ's death and resurrection, we offer you these gifts, longing for the bread of tomorrow and the wine of the age to come. Therefore we proclaim our hope:

All:

Dying, you destroyed our death.

Rising, you restored our life.

Lord Je - sus, come in glo - ry!

Presider: Pour out your Spirit on these gifts
that through them you may sustain us
in our hunger for your peace.
We hold before you all whose lives are marked by suffering,
our sisters and brothers.
When we are broken and cast aside, embrace us in your love.

All:

Have mer - cy on us, O God.

Presider: Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours,
O Source of all life, now and for ever.

All:



A - men.

The Lord's Prayer

Presider : As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,

All: **Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Presider: We break this bread,
All: **communion in Christ's body once broken.**

Presider: Let your Church be the wheat
which bears its fruit in dying.

All: **If we have died with him,
we shall live with him:
if we hold firm,
we shall reign with him.**

Communion

Presider: The gifts of God for the people of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Please remain at your places. The consecrated bread and wine will be brought around to all who wish. Everyone is welcome at the table.

Sending Out of the Disciples

Prayer after Communion

Presider: Compassionate God,

All: you have fed us with the bread of heaven.

**Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage;
may our fasting be hunger for justice; our alms, a making of peace;
and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts;
through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. Amen.**

Doxology

Presider Glory to God,

All: whose power, working in us,
can do infinitely more
than we can ask or imagine.

**Glory to God from generation to generation,
in the Church and in Christ Jesus,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Blessing

Song #179 Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery

1. Tree of Life and awesome mystery,
in your death we are reborn;
though you die in all of history,
still you rise with every morn,
still you rise with every morn.

2. Seed that dies to rise in glory,
may we see ourselves in you;
if we learn to live your story
we may die to rise anew,
we may die to rise anew.

3. We remember truth once spoken,
love passed on through act and word;
every person lost and broken
wears the body of our Lord,
wears the body of our Lord.

4. Gentle Jesus, mighty Spirit,
come inflame our hearts anew.
We may all your joy inherit
if we bear the cross with you,
if we bear the cross with you.

5. Christ, you lead and we shall follow,
stumbling through our steps may be;
one with you in joy and sorrow,
we the river, you the sea,
we the river, you the sea.

6b From the dawning of creation
you have loved us as your own;
stay with us through all temptation,
make us turn to you alone,
make us turn to you alone.

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Dismissal

Presider:

Go in peace, the beloved of God.

All:

Thanks be to God.

Please stay for coffee, tea, treats and conversation!

Coming up at St. Mary Mags

Weds, March 12	12 noon	Centering Prayer
	12:30 pm	Holy Communion
Fri, March 14	12.00 pm	Drum Circle

Right Here and Around the Diocese

Jesus and the Mystic Poets is a Lenten study by our very own Kim Seary. It invites individual or groups to connect verses from each Sunday's gospel with poems from Christian mystics through the ages. **Join a group on Wednesdays** after Centering Prayer and Communion, or **take a copy home** for personal prayer and reflection. We will meet March 5, 12, 19, 26, April 2, 9, and 16.

Prayers for the Lenten Journey. Start Lent with a quiet day at the beautiful VanDusen botanical gardens as we explore four different prayer practices that engage various parts of our minds, hearts, and bodies. Participants will also have access to the gardens at VanDusen. Cost is \$10, with free admission for anyone for whom cost is a barrier. A light lunch will be provided. To register, go to our website and look under News.

Next Sunday's Readings

March 16, 2025

Genesis 15.1-12, 17-18; Psalm 27; Philippians 3.17-4.1; Luke 13.31-35

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