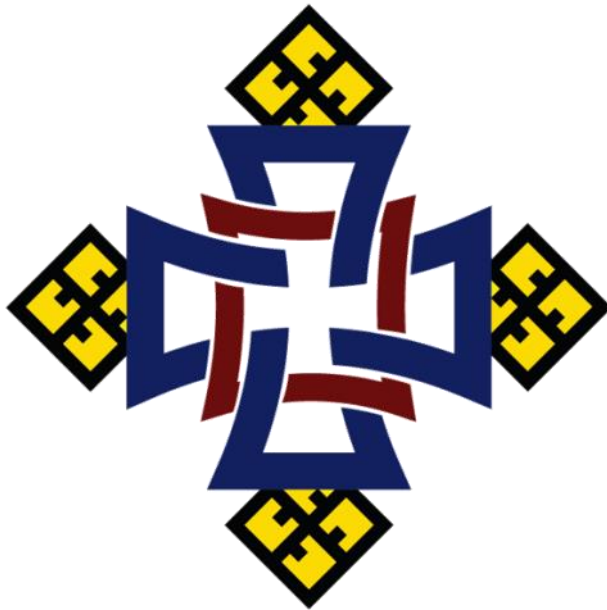


Holy Eucharist
Second Sunday in Lent
February 25, 2024
10.30 am



St. Mary Magdalene Anglican Church
Diocese of New Westminster

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:*



bell

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:*



bell

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

Presider: We recognize our brokenness. (*pause*)

Cantor: *Congregation:*



bell

Ky - ri - e: ky - ri - e e - le - 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 Sarah and Abraham,

All: **long ago you embraced your people in covenant
and promised them your blessing.
Strengthen us in faith, so that,
with your followers in every age,
we may proclaim our deliverance
in Jesus Christ to generations yet unborn. Amen.**

Proclamation of the Word

First Reading

Reader: A reading from the book of Genesis
(Genesis 17.1-7, 15-16)

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 22

²² I will declare your name to my kindred; *
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.

²³ Praise the Lord, you that fear God; *
**stand in awe of God, O offspring of Israel;
all you of Jacob's line, give glory.**

²⁴ For God does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;
neither turns away from them; *
when they cry to the Lord, they are heard.

²⁵ My praise is of God in the great assembly; *
**I will perform my vows in the presence of those
who worship the Lord.**

²⁶ The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
and those who seek the Lord shall give praise: *
"May your heart live for ever!"

²⁷ All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, *
and all the families of the nations shall bow before God.

²⁸ For sovereignty belongs to the Lord, *
who rules over the nations.

²⁹ To God alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; *
all who go down to the dust fall before God.

³⁰ My soul shall live for God; my descendants shall serve God; *
they shall be known as the Lord's for ever

Second Reading

Reader: A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans
(Romans 4.13-25)

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Song

#412 O God, Beyond All Face and Form

1. O God, beyond all face and form,
you willed it that creation's night
should blaze, and chaos still its storm,
and birth a universe of light.
All things below, all things above
are formed of your eternal love.

2. The glory of the galaxies,
the beauty of a baby's hand,
the thundering of the restless seas,
the glory of the forest's stand-
all things below, all things above
are formed of your eternal love.

3. You gave our race both form and name,
and love for us was your intent;
then to a woman's womb love came,
and on a cross was wholly spent.
All things below, all things above
are formed of this incarnate love.

4. Of this great love all loves are born,
of self, of neighbour, and of earth.
By love shall night be turned to morn,
and death shall never conquer birth.
All things below, all things above
are formed of God's eternal love.

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Gospel Reading

Reader: May God be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Reader: The Holy Gospel of Jesus according to Mark
(Mark 8. 31-38)

All: **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

All: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Homily

Following the homily today, we will sit in silence.

The Reverend Tasha Carrothers

Song

#347 The God of Abraham Praise

1. The God of Abraham praise
who reigns enthroned above;
Ancient of everlasting Days, and God of love;
Jehovah, great I AM!
By earth and heaven confessed;
I bow and bless the sacred name forever blest.

2. The great I AM has sworn;
I on this oath depend.
I shall, on eagle wings upborne, to heaven ascent.
I shall behold God's face;
I shall God's power adore,
and sing the wonders of God's grace for evermore.

3. The goodly land I see
with peace and plenty blest;
A land of sacred liberty, and endless rest.
There milk and honey flow,
and oil and wine abound,
and trees of life forever grow with mercy crowned.

4. Triumphant hosts on high
give thanks eternally
and "Holy, holy, holy" cry, "great Trinity!"
Hail Abraham's God and ours!
One mighty hymn we raise:
All power and majesty be yours and endless praise!

Daniel ben Judah, trans. Thomas Olivers. Music: Hebrew melody,
adapted by Thomas Olivers and Meyer Lyon © Hope Publishing Co

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.

Leader In the wider Anglican Communion we pray for the Anglican Church of Tanzania 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 the Archdeacons: Kevin Hunt (Burrard), Stephanie Shepard (Granville), Andrew Halladay (Lougheed), Stephen Muir (Capilano), Luisito Engnan (Fraser), Ruth Monette (Westminster), Peggy Trendell-Jensen, and Philippa Pride, (Vancouver); the Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada, the Indigenous Archbishop and the General Synod Staff.

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, John Lamble, the Blair family, Philippa Pride, Sean Lynn, Bryan Rivers, and Jean Senior.

We pray for those who have died and those who mourn. We pray for Bill and for his partner Angela.

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 as it is passed around.

Song #177 A Spendthrift Lover is The Lord

1. A spendthrift lover is the Lord
who never counts the cost
or asks if heaven can afford
to woo a world that's lost.
Our lover tosses coins of gold
across the midnight skies
and stokes the sun against the cold
to warm us when we rise.

2. Still more is spent in blood and tears
to win the human heart,
to overcome the violent fears
that drive the world apart.
Behold the bruised and thorn-crowned face
of one who bears our scars
and empties out the wealth of grace
that's hinted by the stars.

3. How shall we love this heart-strong God
who gives us everything,
whose ways to us are strange and odd;
what can we give or bring?
Acceptance of the matchless gift
is gift enough to give.
The very act will shake and shift
the way we love and live.

Text: Thomas H Troeger Music: Alred V Fedak
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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.**

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:

Cantor: *Congregation:*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly One: Ho - ly God of Hosts!
Hea - ven and earth are full of your
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:

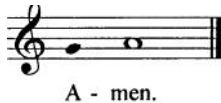


Have mer - cy on us, O God.

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, and no one is required to take communion. You are welcome to consume only bread or only wine.

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

All: **Glory to God, 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

The Grace of God is Like A Road

The grace of God is like a road that
The voice of God is like the wind, it
The strength of God is like a stone; it
The love of God is like a stream; it
The peace of God is like a friend who

draws the heart from its first home - We
comes and goes, and comes a - gain We
firms the will of soul and bone; Still
fills and feeds our deep - est dreams It
sees us through the jour - ney's end The

long to go, but we hate to leave:
read the signs in the bend-ing trees:
soul and bone grow worn and weak:
finds a thirst and leaves a spring:
road is long and the talk is sweet:

Announcements

Dismissal

Leader: Go in peace, the Beloved of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Next Sunday's Readings

March 3, 2024

Exodus 20:1-17; Psalm 19; 1 Corinthians 1:18-25; John 2:13-22;



This week at St. Mary Mags

Deconstructing Scripture and mid-week Holy Communion are cancelled.

Wednesday, February 28 12 noon Centering Prayer

Friday, March 1 12 noon Drum Circle

Announcements

Today, February 25: We are holding the Vestry meeting (Annual General Meeting) after church. Please come to this important meeting, which will last about 90 minutes.

Sign up to help on Sunday mornings. It's the best way to get to know others and learn more about how we do church here. Do you like reading? Are you curious about what the liturgical assistant does? Maybe you love the idea of doing the washing up? We could use more greeters in particular.

Lenten Devotional. Pick up a free copy in the front hall of the beautiful and simple Lenten devotional *The Poetry of Lent* from the Salt Project. Journey through Lent in the company of beloved poet Mary Olive.

Small group gathering for Lent. Gather with others for the last four weeks of Lent to share our reflections on the week's theme from *The Poetry of Lent*. Wednesdays, March 6 to 27, from 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm.

Vicar's reading week. Tasha is away on a short study leave from Monday, February 26, returning on Monday, March 4. Please welcome the Rev. Rob James, who is taking the service on March 3.

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