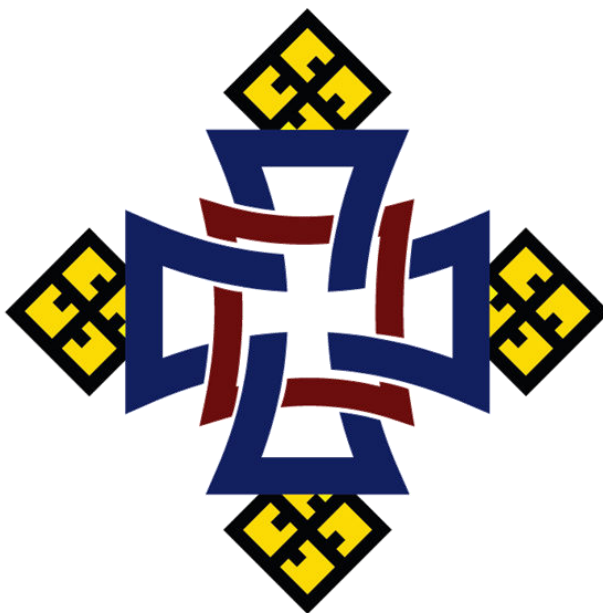


Holy Eucharist
The Eighteenth Sunday of Pentecost
The Season of Creation
September 22, 2024



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.

Liturgy Notes: Season of Creation

As followers of Christ from around the globe, we share a common call to care for creation. Each year for five weeks ending with the Feast of St. Francis, with the support of the World Council of Churches, Christians around the world unite in prayer and action to protect our common home.

The greeting, which integrates a land acknowledgement, is taken from the liturgy at our diocese's 2023 Synod.

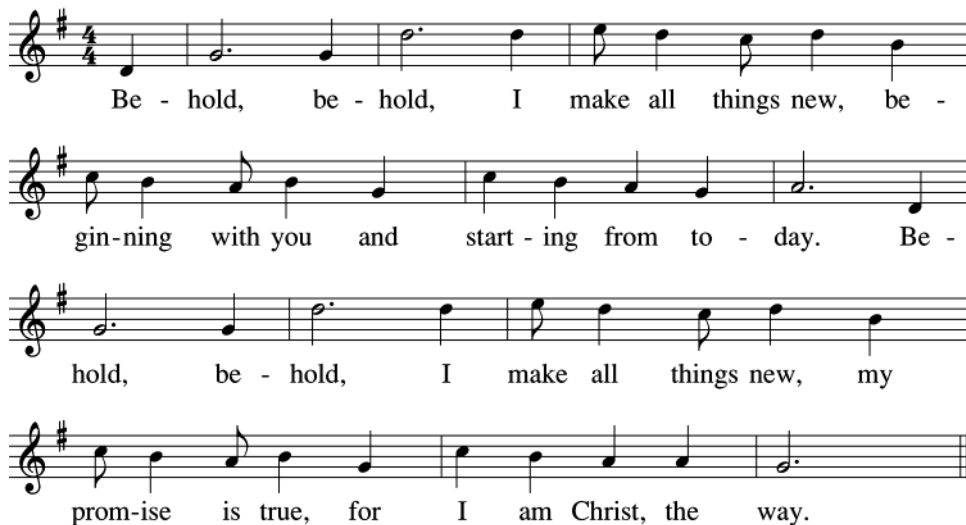
The prayers of the day, the confession, and the affirmation of faith are from *Season of Creation Year B*, produced by the Anglican Church of Southern Africa Environmental Network.

The prayer over the gifts and prayer after communion are Canadian Lutheran alternatives authorized by General Synod of the Anglican Church of Canada. The eucharistic prayer is from Salal and Cedar, a ministry of the Anglican Diocese of New Westminster.

The Gathering of the Community

We sing as the Bible, our sacred book, is welcomed into our gathering

Song Behold, I Make All Things New



Be - hold, be - hold, I make all things new, be -
gin-ning with you and start - ing from to - day. Be -
hold, be - hold, I make all things new, my
prom-ise is true, for I am Christ, the way.

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Presider: Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful

All: **and kindle in us the fire of your love.**

Presider: As we gather on the unceded and ancestral lands
of the Coast Salish Nations, let us pray
that Christ's grace and peace will be with us.

All: **May we be ministers of the reconciling love of our Creator.**

Prayer of the Day

Presider: God of the living earth,
All: **You called us to be part of your beloved community,
baptised into one family through the sacred waters of life,
called to care together for your world.
Guide as we work to sustain our common home.
Help us to find the path to living in peace and harmony
with all your creatures united by the divine dance of the Trinity.
Amen**

Proclamation of the Word

First Reading

Reader: A reading from the book of Proverbs
(Proverbs 31:10-31)

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Silence is kept.

Psalm 1

¹Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, *
**nor lingered in the way of sinners,
nor sat in the seats of the scornful!**

²Their delight is in the law of the Lord, *

and on this law they meditate day and night.

³They are like trees planted by streams of water, *

bearing fruit in due season,

with leaves that do not wither; *

everything they do shall prosper.

⁴It is not so with the wicked; *

they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

⁵Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgement comes, *

nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

⁶For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, *

but the way of the wicked is doomed.

Second Reading

Reader: A reading from the letter of James
(James 3.13-4.3, 7-8a)

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Silence is kept.

Song #504 Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

Refrain:

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,

Show us how to serve

The neighbours we have from you.

1. Kneels at the feet of friends
silently washing their feet,
master who acts as a slave to them. *Refrain*

2. Neighbours are rich and poor,
varied in colour and race,
neighbours are near and far away. *Refrain*

3. These are the ones we should serve,
these are the ones we should love;
all these are neighbours to us and you. *Refrain*

4. Loving puts us on our knees,
Serving as though we are slaves;
This is the way we should live with you. *Refrain*

5. Kneel at the feet of our friends,
silently washing their feet;
this is the way we should live with you. *Refrain*

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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 9.30-37)

All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

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

Homily

The Rev. Tasha Carrothers

Following a period of silence, all are invited to share a brief thought or story evoked by the readings or the homily.

Song

#585 Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service

1. Lord, whose love in humble service
Bore the weight of human need,
Who upon the cross, forsaken,
Worked your mercy's perfect deed:
We, your servants, bring the worship
Not of voice alone, but heart;
Consecrating to your purpose
Every gift which you impart.

2. Still your children wander homeless;
Still the hungry cry for bread;
Still the captives long for freedom;
Still in grief we mourn our dead.
As you, Lord, in deep compassion
Healed the sick and freed the soul,
By your Spirit send your power
To our world to make it whole.

3. As we worship, grant us vision,
Till your love's revealing light
In its height and depth and greatness
Dawns upon our quickened sight,
Making known the needs and burdens
Your compassion bids us bear,
Stirring us to ardent service,
Your abundant life to share.

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Affirmation of Faith

Celebrant:

Let us confess our faith, as we say,

All

**God, the source of our being and the goal of all our longing,
we believe and trust in you.**

**The whole earth is alive with your glory,
and all that has life is sustained by you.**

We commit ourselves to cherish your world, and to seek your face.

O God, embodied in a human life

we believe and trust in you.

Jesus our brother, born of the woman Mary,

you confronted the proud and the powerful,

and welcomed as your friends those of no account.

Holy Wisdom of God, firstborn of creation,

you emptied yourself of power,

and became foolishness for our sake.

You laboured with us upon the cross,

and have brought us forth to the hope of resurrection.

We commit ourselves to struggle against evil, and to choose life.

O God, life-giving Spirit, Spirit of healing and comfort,

of integrity and truth, we believe and trust in you.

Warm-winged Spirit, brooding over creation,

rushing wind and Pentecostal fire,

we commit ourselves to work with you and renew our world.

Amen.

Prayers of the People

Please stand or sit as you prefer for prayer

Leader In the wider Anglican Communion we pray for The Church of North India (United), 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 Bishop John, the clergy and people of St. Francis in the Wood, West Vancouver, and The Legal Officers of the Diocese

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, Sean Lynn, Bryan Rivers, Jean Senior, Ann Halfnights and Jandyra Walker.

We pray for those who have died and those who mourn, remembering especially Rosemary Buchan and her family.

Confession for Season of Creation

Presider: Dear friends in Christ,
God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy;
God welcomes sinners
and invites them to this table.
Let us confess our sins,
confident in God's forgiveness.

All **Creating God, you give light and life,
and express delight in your creation.
You gave the command to till and care for your garden,
but we have abused the beauty of creation.
We confess the plundering of finite resources.
We confess to stealing our descendants' birthright to life.**

**We confess the flagrant pollution of land, sea and air.
We confess the churches' lack of concern
for the well-being of creation.
We confess the excesses within our own lifestyle.
Creating God, we have desecrated your creation
and darkened your light.
In a moment of quiet we confess
our profligate lifestyle and human greed.**

Silence is kept.

All: **God of life and God of light,
as we seek a new relationship with your created order,
may we sense the grace and peace of a new relationship with you.**

Presider: God forgives you.
 Forgive others;
 forgive yourself.

 Through Christ, God has put away your sin:
 approach your God in peace.

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 #65 Here, Lord, We Take the Broken Bread

1. Here, Lord, we take the broken bread
and drink the wine, believing
that by thy life our souls are fed,
thy parting gifts receiving.

2. As thou hast given, so we would give
ourselves for other's healing;
as thou hast lived, so we would live,
the Father's love revealing.

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Prayer over the gifts

Presider God of all creation,
All **all you have made is good,
and your love endures forever.
You bring forth bread from the earth
and fruit from the vine.
Nourish us with these gifts
so that we might be for the world
signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ. Amen.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

Presider God is 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 **We give our thanks and praise.**

Presider:

It is right in all times and in all places
to thank and praise you, Creator of all.
We praise you here where the Fraser River
meets the Salish Sea, where city and farm,
wilderness and industry are side by side.
We praise you at a time when the body of earth
is broken again and again.

We give thanks for our place in the story of salvation.
Our ancestors journeyed with you in creation and migration.
They depended on the land, were displaced from the land
and displaced others from their lands.
They knew you in tents and cities, on mountains
and by wells, in families and in dreams,
and through wilderness prophets
who spoke of cedars and listened to ravens.

Together with angels and ancestors, orca and salmon,
bear and raven, salal and cedar we join our voices with all creation
in this ancient honour song:

O ho-ly, ho-ly ho-ly God, O God of time and space. All
earth and sea and sky a-bove bear wit-ness to your grace. Ho -
san-na in the high-est heav'n, cre - a - tion sings your praise. And
bles-sed is the One who comes and bears your name al- ways!

Presider: We give thanks to you for Jesus,
whose first bed was a feed trough.
He was baptized in the Jordan, tested in the wilderness,
he traveled in fishing boats and told parables of farmers
and seeds, labor and wages, yeast and bread.
On the night before he died, Jesus took bread,
food of the poor, the work of field and hearth,
he gave thanks, broke it and gave it to his friends saying:
Take and eat, this is my body, given for you,
do this to remember me.

Again after supper he took the cup of wine,
fruit of the land, gave thanks and gave it to his friends saying:
This is my blood, which is shed for you.
When you do this, do it in memory of me.

Remembering Jesus' life, death and resurrection
and awaiting his coming kingdom,
we offer you this bread and this cup.
Creator, send your Spirit on these gifts
so that we know Jesus in them
and are gathered together with everyone
who shares this sacred meal of justice and community.
Fill us with the courage and love of Jesus,
that we may strive for justice and peace,
respect the dignity of every human being,
and safeguard the integrity of creation.

Bring us with all your saints
to your commonwealth of sparrow and lily,
child and beggar which is both now and yet to come.

All honor and glory are yours, Creator, Christ and Spirit,
now and forever.

All: **Amen.**

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: Creator of all,
you gave us golden fields of wheat,
whose many grains we have gathered
and made into this one bread.
All: **So may your Church be gathered
from the ends of the earth
into your kingdom.**

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

O God, our life, our strength, our food,

All:

**we give you thanks for sustaining us
with the body and blood of your Son.**

**By your Holy Spirit, enliven us to be his body in the world,
so that more and more we will give you praise
and serve your earth and its many peoples,
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

#500 Sister, Let Me Be Your Servant

1. Sister, let me be your servant,
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I might have the grace to
let you be my servant, too.

2. We are pilgrims on a journey,
fellow travelers on the road;
we are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.

3. I will hold the Christ-light for you
in the night time of your fear.
I will hold my hand out to you;
speak the peace you long to hear.

4. I will weep when you are weeping,
when you laugh, I'll laugh with you;
I will share your joy and sorrow
till we've seen this journey through.

5. When we sing to God in heaven,
we shall find such harmony
born of all we've known together
of Christ's love and agony.

6. Brother, let me be your servant,
let me be as Christ to you.
Pray that I might have the grace to
let you be my servant, too.

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Dismissal

Deacon:

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

Weekly

Weds, September 25	12 noon	Centering Prayer
	12:30 pm	Holy Communion
Friday, September 27	2:00 pm	Drum Circle

Special Events

Sunday, September 29	10:30 am	Wear orange shirts for TRC day Bake sale!
Sunday, October 13	10:30 am	Come early with festival decorations and stay for potluck for Thanksgiving Sunday (no potluck next week)
Sunday, November 24	12:30ish	Pre-Christmas polish and spiffing up work party (there will be pizza)

Around the Diocese

Dinner 'n Dance Fall Fundraiser @ St. Augustine's. Featuring a four course meal and live music. Tickets \$50, seniors \$30. Saturday, Oct 5. Doors at 6:00 pm.

Equipping the Saints. A day of learning from the front lines of elder care combined with practical sessions that equip lay people to help lead worship and more. Increase your confidence in reading and leading prayers of the people. Curious about what makes a great coffee hour? October 19 at St. Mary's Kerrisdale.

Next Sunday's Readings

September 29, 2024:

Esther 7.1-6, 9-10; 9.20-22; Psalm 124; James 5.13-20; Mark 9.38-50

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