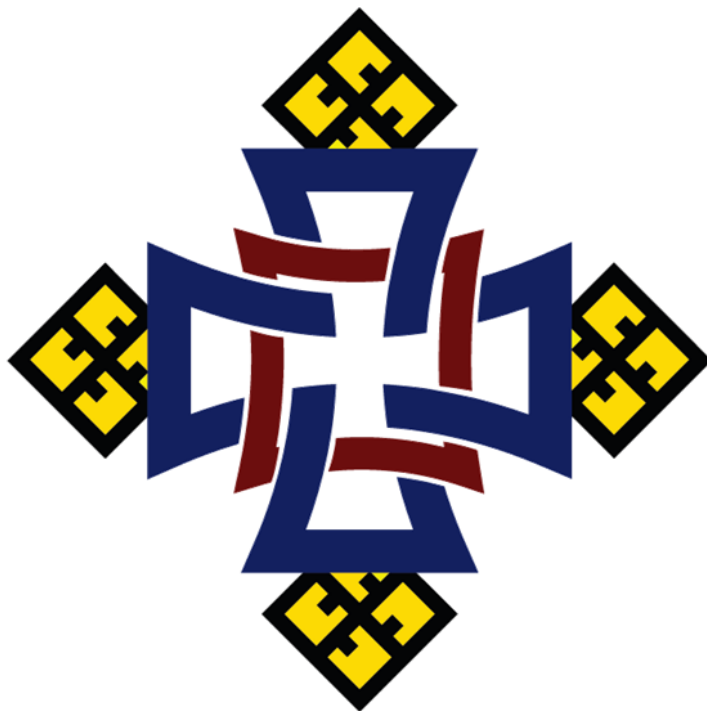


Holy Eucharist
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
August 31, 2025



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.

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

Thank you.

The Gathering of the Community

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

Song #631 The Kingdom of God Is Justice and Joy

1. The kingdom of God is justice and joy;
for Jesus restores what sin would destroy.
God's power and glory in Jesus we know;
and here and hereafter the kingdom shall grow.
2. The kingdom of God is mercy and grace;
the captives are freed, the sinners find place,
the outcast are welcomed God's banquet to share;
and hope is awakened in place of despair.
3. The kingdom of God is challenge and choice:
believe the good news, repent and rejoice!
God's love for us sinners brought Christ to his cross:
our crisis of judgement for gain or for loss.
4. God's kingdom is come, the gift and the goal;
in Jesus begun, in heaven made whole.
the heirs of the kingdom shall answer his call;
and all things cry "Glory!" to God All in All.

Text: Byrn Austin Rees (1911-1983)

Music: German Trad. © Hope Publishing Co.

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: Inviting God,

All: **laying open your table to those without status or power,
and setting a place for the foreign and the unwanted:
overturn our tables of power
and teach us to receive bread from strange and wounded hands;
through Jesus Christ, the one given for all. Amen.**

Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009) alt.

Proclamation of the Word

First Reading

Reader: A reading from the Book of Jeremiah
(Jeremiah 2:4-13)

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Silence is kept.

Psalm 81:1, 10-16

1 Sing with joy to God our strength *

and raise a loud shout to the God of Jacob.

10 I am the Lord your God,

who brought you out of the land of Egypt and said, *

‘Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it.’

11 And yet my people did not hear my voice, *

and Israel would not obey me.

12 So I gave them over to the stubbornness of their hearts, *

to follow their own devices.

13 Oh, that my people would listen to me! *

That Israel would walk in my ways!

14 I should soon subdue their enemies *

and turn my hand against their foes.

15 Those who hate the Lord would cringe before me, *

and their punishment would last for ever.

16 But Israel would I feed with the finest wheat *

and satisfy them with honey from the rock.”

Second Reading

Reader: A reading from the letter to the Hebrews
(Hebrews 13:1-8)

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Silence is kept.

Song

#111 Herald! Sound the Note of Judgement

1. Herald! Sound the note of judgment,
warning us of right and wrong,
turning us from sin and sadness
'til once more we sing the song.

Refrain Sound the trumpet! Tell the message:
Christ, the Savior king, is come!

2. Herald! Sound the note of gladness!
Tell the news that Christ is here;
make a pathway through the desert
for the one who brings God near. *Refrain*

3. Herald! Sound the note of pardon!
Those repenting are forgiven;
God restores the wayward children,
and to all new life is given. *Refrain*

4. Herald! sound the note of triumph!
Christ has come to share our life,
bringing God's own love and power,
granting victory in our strife. *Refrain*

Text: Moira A.J. Waters (1906-1980)

Music: Melody Joachim Neander (1650-1680)

Gospel Reading

Reader: May God be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Reader: The Holy Gospel of Jesus according to Luke. (Luke 14:1, 7-14)

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

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

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

Reflection

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 reflection.

Song

#440 For All Your Blessings

1. For all your blessings, Jesus, we praise you,
gracious in mercy, strong to console.
You to our need bring comfort and healing,
love and forgiveness, making us whole.
2. Daily around us, pain and confusion
crumble our feeble faith into dust.
Yet still we find your love in the darkness,
changing our anxious thoughts into trust.
3. We carry with us into your presence
prisoners of sickness, sadness and fear;
grant them to know your peace in their sufferings
and new life flowing, for you are near.
4. Grant us, your servants, grace to work with you,
that in your loving task we may share
mind's understanding, hands skilled for healing,
hearts of compassion, join in love's care.

Text: Alan Luff (1928-)

Music: Ruth Watson Henderson (1932-)

Affirmation of Faith

Presider:

Let us declare our trust as we say,

All:

**You, O God, are Creator of all,
by whom every being in heaven and earth
is fashioned, named, and sustained.
You call us each by name.**

**You, O God, are Living Word,
who came and pitched your tent with us,
lived and died and rose again.
You speak to us now through faith.**

**You, O God, are Holy Spirit,
who comforts, strengthens, and inspires,
sending us forth to share your love.
You are the breath of grace.**

**You, O God, are Trinity:
Creator, Word, Spirit;
artist, healer, friend.**

**You are holy mystery.
We worship you. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Please stand or sit as you prefer for prayer.

In the prayers of the people, the people who have gathered join their prayers to bring to God the needs of the Church, the world, and all who are in need. If you would like to add a person to the prayers, please speak to the Vicar. There is also a book on the front hall table where everyone can add names of people for whom they would like prayer.

The Confession

Presider: Happy are those whose sins are forgiven,
 whose wrongs are pardoned.
 I will confess my sins to the Lord,
 I will not conceal my wrongdoings.

All: God forgives and heals us.
**We need your healing, merciful God:
give us true repentance.
Some sins are plain to us;
some escape us,
some we cannot face.
Forgive us;
set us free to hear your word to us;
set us free to serve you.**

Silence

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

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

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 **Here is Bread for the Hungry Soul**

Here is bread for the hungry soul.

Here is wine for the thirsty heart.

Here is forgiveness full and free,

here at the table of the Lord.

Text: Mary Kay Beall

Music: John Carter

Prayer over the gifts

Presider: Source Eternal, we bring our offerings to you.

All: **We thank you for this bread and wine, gifts of your creation.**

We thank you for Jesus: God with us. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

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: **We give our thanks and praise.**

Presider: Creator, you made our world — beautiful and good.
You made us to live in right relationship with you and all creation.
You sent Jesus to live among us and show us what you are like.
We give all thanks and praise to you, our true and loving God.
You laid the foundations of the earth and enclosed the seas.
You brought forth all creatures and gave breath to humankind.
Wondrous are you, Holy One.
All you create is a sign of hope for our journey.
And so, we join with the heavenly beings
and all of creation as we sing:

All:

**You are holy. You are whole.
You are always evermore
than we ever understand.
You are always at hand.
Blessed are you coming near?
Blessed are you coming here,
to your church in wine and bread,
raised from soil, raised from dead.
You are holy, You are wholeness,
You are present:
Let the cosmos praise you, Lord.**

**Sing Hosanna, in the highest!
Sing Hosanna!
Sing Hosanna to our God!**

Presider:

Glory and honour are yours, Creator of all,
your Word has never been silent.
Of your grace, you sent Jesus
to be human, to share our life,
to proclaim the coming of your holy reign,
and to give himself for us.
Through Jesus Christ you have reconciled us to you
and restored the glory you intended for us.
On the night before he died, Jesus ate supper with his friends.
He took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to them, saying:
“Take and eat. This is my very self given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.”

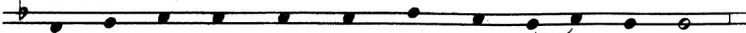
Then he took the cup of wine, again he gave thanks,
and gave it to them, saying:
“Drink it all of you. This cup is a new covenant
poured out for you and all people.
Do this for the remembrance of me.”

And so, we remember:
the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension,
and, longing for Christ’s coming again in glory,
we present these gifts to you.

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts,
 so that we who share this bread and wine
 may be a people of hope, justice and love.
 Draw us together in Christ,
 and, in the fullness of time, gather us with all your people
 into the joy of your eternal home.
 Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ,
 by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
 we worship you our God and Creator
 and give you our unending praise.
All: Amen.

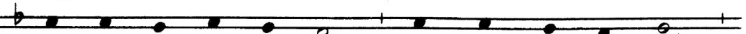
The Lord's Prayer

Cantor

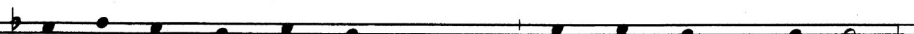


As our Sa - vior Christ has taught us, we now pray,


All




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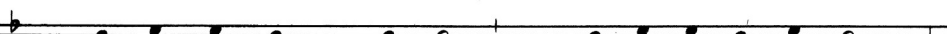
your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in hea - ven.




Give us to - day our dai - ly bread.




For - give us our sins as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us.



Save us from the time of tri - al, and de - liv - er us from e - vil.



For the king - dom, the power, and the glo - ry are yours,



now and for ev - er. A - men.

The Breaking of the Bread

Presider: This is the bread of life given in love for us.
This is the cup of restored relationship with God.

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: As we have shared this bread and wine,
we share new life in Christ.

All: **Send us out in the power of your spirit,
To stand with you in the world and share your love. 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

#171 What Does the Lord Require

1. What does the Lord require for praise and offering?
What sacrifice, desire, or tribute bid you bring?
Do justly; love mercy; walk humbly with your God.

2. Rulers of earth, give ear! Should you not justice know?
Will God your pleading hear, while crime and cruelty grow?
Do justly; love mercy; walk humbly with your God.

3. All who gain wealth by trade, for whom the worker toils,
think not to win God's aid, if greed your commerce soils.
Do justly; love mercy; walk humbly with your God.

4. How shall our life fulfill God's law so hard and high?
Let Christ endure our will with grace to fortify.
Then justly, in mercy, we'll humbly walk with God.

Text: Albert Frederick Bayly (1901-1984)

Music: Eric Routley (1917-1982)

Dismissal

Deacon:

Go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

All:

Thanks be to God.



Coming up at St. Mary Mags

Weds, Sept 3	12 noon	Centering Prayer
	12:30	Holy Communion
Friday, Sept 5	12 noon	Drum circle
Sun, Sept 14	12 noon-ish	Potluck (now the second Sunday)
	1:00 pm	Transforming Questions

Transforming Questions is an amazing introduction to all the big questions in Christianity. Who is Jesus? How should we read the Bible? Why is there suffering? Over 11 weeks, we will wrestle with these foundational questions through listening and sharing, learning more about ourselves, one another, and the Jesus we are seeking. Sundays starting Sept 14, from 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm. Bring a bag lunch.

Next Sunday's Readings

September 7, 2025

Jeremiah 18:1-11; Psalm 139: 1-5, 12-17; Philemon 1-21; Luke 14:25-33

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