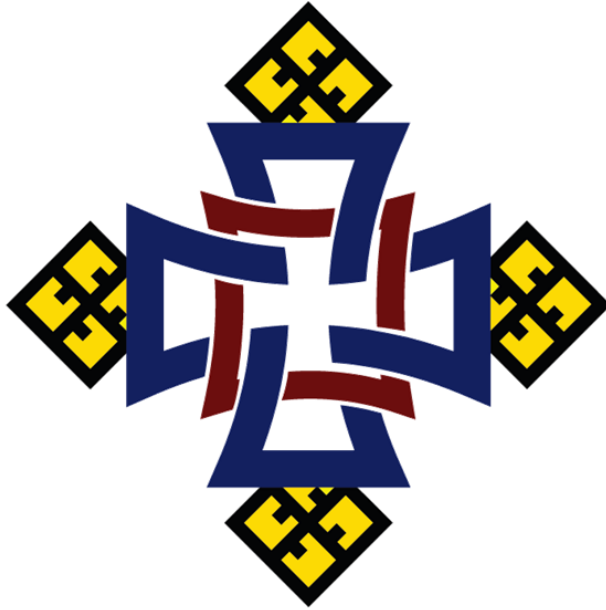


Holy Communion
The First Sunday in Advent
November 30, 2025



St. Mary Magdalene Anglican Church
Diocese of New Westminster

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

Welcome!

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.

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.

Walk with Us

Financial support from members and guests is essential for us to continue to be a place of welcome for all.

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Our Advent Liturgy

We open with an adaptation of the traditional **O Antiphons**. These are a set of seven short prayers traditionally sung or recited during Evening Prayer in the final days of Advent.

Together they trace a movement from creation's deep wisdom to the intimate promise of "God-with-us," gathering up the hopes of prophets and poets across Scripture.

Prayed in sequence, the O Antiphons invite a slow, attentive waiting. They give language to yearning—for justice, for healing, for light—and help the church lean toward Christmas not with sentimentality but with a grounded hope for God's presence taking flesh in a troubled world.

Advent carries a quiet penitential edge, inviting the church to face what's broken in us and around us so we can welcome Christ's coming with clearer eyes and a readier heart. We've moved confession to the beginning of the service to highlight this theme.

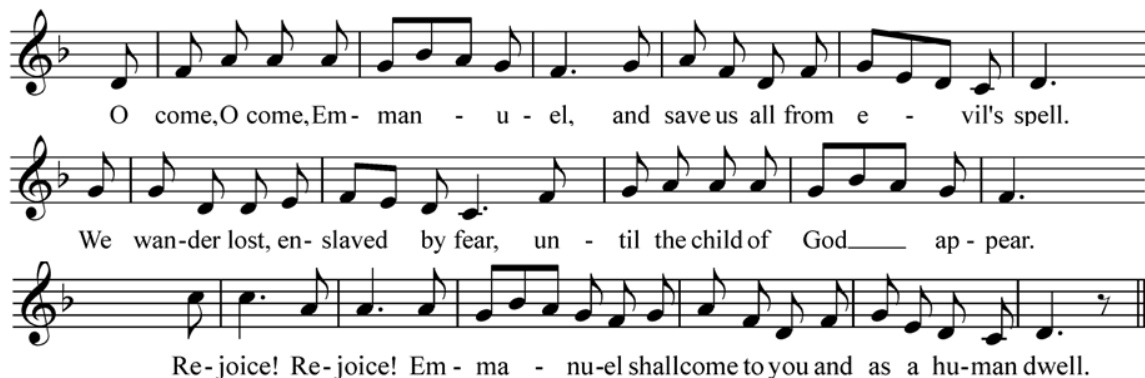
The Gathering of the Community

We sing as the light is welcomed into our gathering.

O Antiphons

Cantor: O God in our midst, Emmanuel, in you our salvation comes to earth.
Come rule our lives and make us whole—come and save us!

All:



O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and save us all from e - vil's spell.

We wan-der lost, en- slaved by fear, un - til the child of God ap - pear.

Re-joyce! Re-joyce! Em - ma - nu-el shall come to you and as a hu-man dwell.

Cantor: O Root of Jesse, tarry not! O'er all your people your banner waves.
All rulers and nations worship you: come and save us!

All:



O come, O Root of Jes - se, free us all from e-vil's tyr - ra - ny.

From deep des-pair your peo - ple save, and give them vic-tory o'er the grave.

Re-joyce! Re-joyce! Em - ma - nu-el shall come to you and as a hu-man dwell.

Presider: Blessed are you, holy and living One

All: **You come to your people and set them free**

Kyrie Confession

Presider: Lord Jesus, you came to gather the nations
into your reign of justice and peace:
Lord, have mercy.

All: **Lord, have mercy.**

Presider: You come in word and sacrament to strengthen us in holiness:
Christ, have mercy.

All: **Christ, have mercy.**

Presider: You will come in glory with salvation for your people:
Lord have mercy.

All: **Lord, have mercy**

Prayer of the Day

Presider: Almighty God,
All: **as your kingdom dawns,
turn us from the darkness of despair
to the light of holiness,
so that we may be ready to meet you
in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Common Worship: Additional Collects (2004) alt.

Proclamation of the Word

First Reading

Reader: A reading from the Book of Isaiah
(Isaiah 2:1-5)

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Silence is kept.

Psalm 122

¹ I was glad when they said to me, *
“Let us go to the house of the Lord.”
² Now our feet are standing *
within your gates, O Jerusalem.
³ Jerusalem is built as a city *
that is at unity with itself.
⁴ To which the tribes go up,
the tribes of the Lord, *
the assembly of Israel,
to praise the name of the Lord.
⁵ For there are the thrones of judgement, *
the thrones of the house of David.
⁶ Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: *
“May they prosper who love you.
⁷ Peace be within your walls *
and quietness within your towers.
⁸ For my kindred and companions’ sake, *
I pray for your prosperity.
⁹ Because of the house of the Lord our God, *
I will seek to do you good.”

Second Reading

Reader: A reading from the book of Romans.
(Romans 13:11-14)

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Silence is kept.

Song #110 “Sleepers Wake!” A Voice Astounds Us

1. “Sleepers, wake!” A voice astounds us;
the shout of rampart-guards surrounds us:
“Awake, Jerusalem, arise!”
Midnight’s peace their cry has broken,
their urgent summons clearly spoken:
“The time has come, O maidens wise!
Rise up, and give us light;
the bridegroom is in sight. Alleluia!
Your lamps prepare and hasten there,
that you the wedding feast may share.”

2. Zion hears the watchmen singing.
Her heart with joyful hope is springing;
she wakes and hurries through the night.
Forth he comes, her bridegroom glorious
in strength of grace, in truth victorious:
her star is risen, her light grows bright.
Now come, most worthy Lord,
God's Son, incarnate Word, Alleluia!
We follow all and heed your call
to come into the banquet hall.

3. Lamb of God, the heavens adore you;
let saints and angels sing before you,
as harps and cymbals swell the sound.
Twelve great pearls, the city's portals:
through them we stream to join the immortals
as we with joy your throne surround.
No eye has known the sight;
no ear heard such delight: Alleluia!
Therefore we sing to greet our King;
forever let our praises ring.

Text: Philipp Nicolai (1566-1608) Music: Hans Sachs (1494-1576)

Gospel Reading

Reader: May God be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Reader: The Holy Gospel of Jesus according to Matthew.
(Matthew 24:36-44)

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 All Will Be Well



Of_ that day and hour.____ No_ one on
And there will be signs in the sun and the
Like a child in the womb re - sis-ting the



ear - th will know, not ev - en the an - gels_ or the Son;____
moon and the stars, dis-tress in the hea - vens_ and the seas;____
onslaught of life, westruggle to hold to what we now see;____



We can - not be sure_ if the day will be swift or be slow,
Then lift up your eyes_ Look up your sal - va - tion is near,
Our prayers are but groans, and we fear there's a ter - ri - ble price,



But_ we can be cer - tain_ that it will come. All will be well,
This_ is not your death, it's the birth cry of peace.
But it's our new cre - a - tion_ com-ing to be.



All will be_ well, and all man - ner of things shall be well._ All will be



well, All will be well, and all man - ner of things shall be well.____

Text and Music: Gordon Light

Affirmation of Faith

Presider: Do you believe and trust in God the Creator,
source of all being and life,
the one for whom we exist?

All: **We believe and trust in God the Creator.**

Presider: Do you believe and trust in God the Son,
who took our human nature,
died for us and rose again?

All: **We believe and trust in God the Son..**

Presider: Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,
who gives life to the people of God
and makes Christ known in the world?

All: **We believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit.**

Presider: This is the faith of the Church.

All: **This is our faith.**

**We believe and trust in one God,
Creator, Son and Holy Spirit. 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 you can add names of people for whom you would like prayer.

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 #96 Creator of the Stars of Night

1. Creator of the stars of night,
thy people's everlasting light,
Jesus, redeemer of us all,
hear thou thy servants when they call.

2. Thou, sorrowing at the helpless cry
of all creation doomed to die,
didst save our lost and guilty race
by healing gifts of heavenly grace.

3. When earth was near its evening hour,
thou didst in love's redeeming power
like bridegroom from his chamber, come
forth from a maiden's mother's womb.

4. At thy great name, exalted now,
all knees in lowly homage bow;
all things in heaven and earth adore,
and own thee King forever more.

5. To God the Father, God the Son,
and God the Spirit, Three-in-One,
praise, honour, might and glory be
from age to age eternally.

Text: Latin (6th cent.); tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866). Music: Sarum Plainsong

Prayer over the Gifts

Presider: God of abundance,

All: **we bring before you the precious fruits
of your creation, and with them our very lives.
Teach us patience and hope
as we care for all those in need
until the coming of your Son,
our Saviour and Lord. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Presider: May God be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

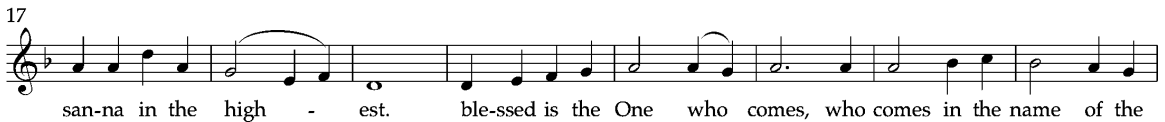
Presider: Lift up your hearts.

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

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

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

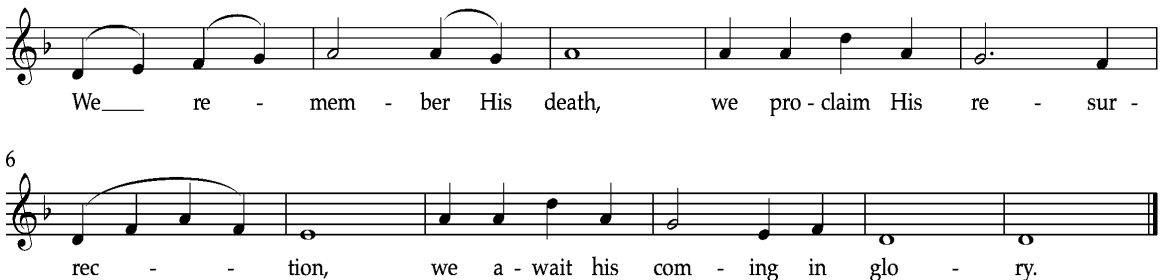
Presider: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Saviour Jesus Christ.
You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer,
through whom you will also make all things new
in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Presider: We give thanks to you, Lord our God,
for the goodness and love
you have made known to us in creation;
in calling Israel to be your people;
in your Word spoken through the prophets;

and above all in the Word made flesh,
 Jesus your Son.
 For in these last days you sent him
 to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
 to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world.
 In him, you have delivered us from evil,
 and made us worthy to stand before you.
 In him, you have brought us
 out of error into truth,
 out of sin into righteousness,
 out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over
 to suffering and death,
 a death he freely accepted,
 our Lord Jesus Christ took bread;
 and when he had given thanks to you,
 he broke it, and gave it to his disciples,
 and said, "Take, 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 all
 for the forgiveness of sins.
 Whenever you drink it,
 do this for the remembrance of me."
 Therefore, Father, according to his command,



Presider: and we offer our sacrifice
of praise and thanksgiving
to you, Lord of all;
presenting to you, from your creation,
this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God,
to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts,
that they may be the sacrament
of the body of Christ
and his blood of the new covenant.
Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice,
that we, made acceptable in him,
may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time,
reconcile all things in Christ,
and make them new,
and bring us to that city of light
where you dwell with all your sons and daughters;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
the firstborn of all creation,
the head of the Church,
and the author of our salvation;
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father,
now and for ever.

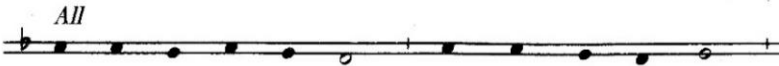
All:



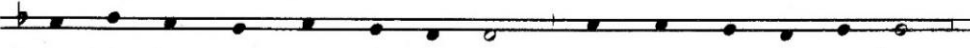
The Lord's Prayer



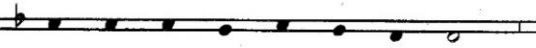
As our Sa - vior Christ has taught us, we now pray,



Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, hal - lowed be your Name,



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.

Breaking of the Bread

Presider: We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.

All: We, being many, are one body,
for we all share in the one bread.

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: God for whom we wait,

All: **in this meal you give us a foretaste of that day
when the hungry will be fed with good things.
Send us forth to make known your deeds
and to proclaim the greatness of your name,
through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. Amen.**

Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006) alt.

Doxology (Prayer of Gratitude to God)

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

#99 Break, Day of God, O Break

1. Break, day of God, O break!
The night has lingered long.
Our hearts with sighing wake;
we weep for sin and wrong;
O bright and morning star, draw near;
O Sun of Righteousness, appear.

2. Break, day of God, O break!
The earth with strife is worn;
the hills with thunder shake;
hearts of the people mourn:
break, day of God, sweet day of peace,
and bid the shout of warriors cease.

3. Break, day of God, O break,
like to the days above!
Let purity awake,
and faith, and hope, and love.
But lo! We see the brightening sky;
the golden morn is drawing nigh.

Text: Henry Burton (1840-1930) Music: Charles Steggall (1826-1905)

Dismissal

Deacon: Go in peace to love and serve God's world.
All: **Thanks be to God.**

This Week at St. Mary Mags

Weds, Dec 3	12 noon	Centering Prayer
	12:30 pm	Holy Communion
Saturday, Dec 6	12 noon	Drum circle
Sunday, Dec 7	12:30ish	After-church workbee with pizza!
Let's get the church all polished up for Christmas.		

Advent Events

Sunday, Dec 14	12:15ish	Potluck followed by Christmas Sing-a-long
Sunday, Dec 21	7:00 pm	Hope in the Darkness: A Service of Song and Word
Weds, Dec 24	8:00 pm:	Christmas by Candlelight. We welcome the Christ-child with solemn joy.
Thurs, Dec 25	10:30 am	Christmas Holy Communion

Hope in the Darkness. New this year, this service of song and poetry—ancient and modern—is an invitation to friends and neighbours who think of themselves as spiritual but not religious. It's a time to name the darkness in our world and look forward to the coming of the light.

Searching for Emmanuel: Advent series with Archbishop John. Spend four evenings in Advent taking a journey with the pilgrim characters of the Advent season: Mary, Elizabeth, Joseph, and John the Baptist. Archbishop John will offer teaching on their stories and the Prologue from the Gospel of John. Includes small group discussions and scripture, image, song, and poetry to help us deepen our own pilgrim journeys. **This series takes place on Zoom.** Tuesday evenings from November 25 to December 16 at 7pm. To register, go to the diocesan website (vancouver.anglican.ca), scroll down to Events, click on View All, then scroll down to **Searching for Emmanuel.**

Next Sunday's Readings

December 7, 2025 | Advent II

Isaiah 11:1-10; Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19; Romans 15:4-13; Matthew 3:1-12;

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