

Holy Communion
The Second Sunday in Advent
December 7, 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.

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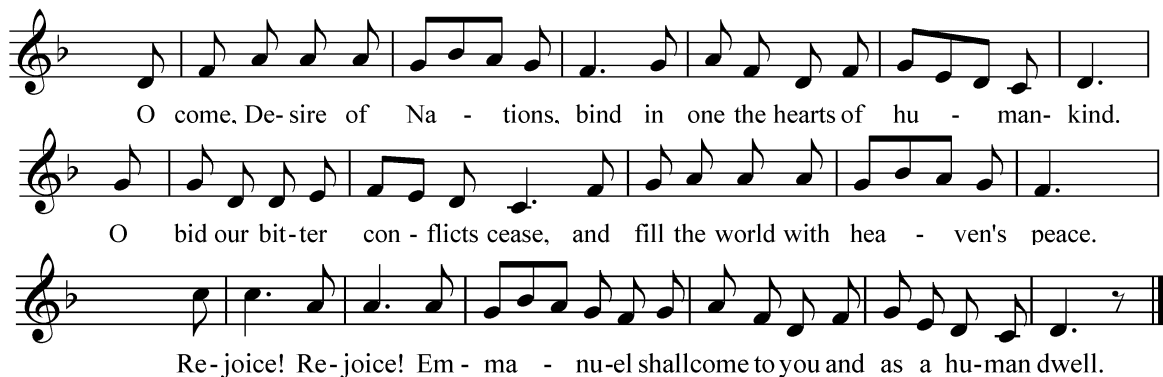
The Gathering of the Community

We sing as the light is welcomed into our gathering.

O Antiphons

Cantor: “O Wisdom, you came forth from the mouth of the Holy One
Mighty and sweet your ordering of life: teach us prudence!!”

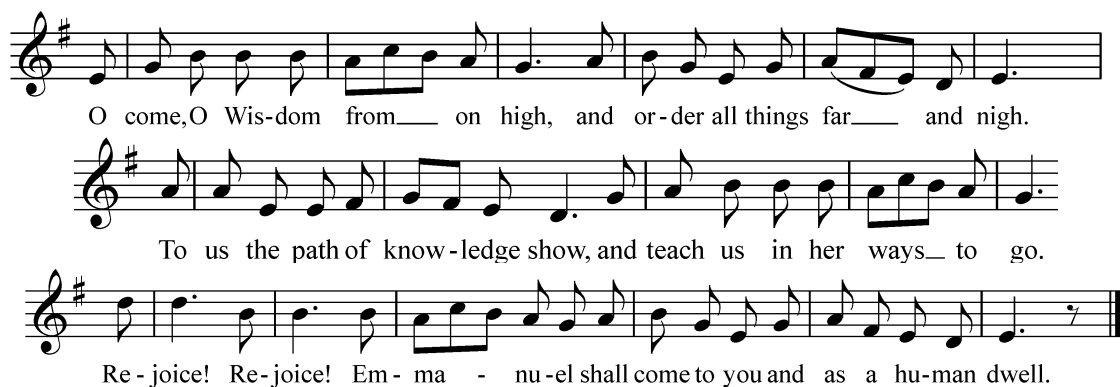
All:



O come, De-sire of Na - tions, bind in one the hearts of hu - man-kind.
O bid our bit-ter con - flicts cease, and fill the world with hea - ven's peace.
Re-joyce! Re-joyce! Em - ma - nu-el shall come to you and as a hu-man dwell.

Cantor: “O Ruler of the nations, desire and longing for wholeness, come!
We are your creatures, you formed us of earth—save your people!!”

All:



O come, O Wis-dom from — on high, and or-der all things far — and nigh.
To us the path of know-ledge show, and teach us in her ways — to go.
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: God of justice,
All: **clear our lives of hatred and despair
and sow in us seeds of joy and peace;
so that shoots of hope may spring forth in us
as we await the coming of the Christ,
who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

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Proclamation of the Word

First Reading

Reader: A reading from the Book of Isaiah
(Isaiah 11:1-10)

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Silence is kept.

Psalm 72:1-7

¹ Give the king your justice, O God, *
and your righteousness to the king's son;
² that he may rule your people righteously *
and the poor with justice;
³ that the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, *
and the little hills bring righteousness.
⁴ He shall defend the needy among the people, *
rescuing the poor and crushing the oppressor.
⁵ He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, *
from one generation to another.
⁶ He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, *
like showers that water the earth.
⁷ In his time shall the righteous flourish; *
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.

Second Reading

Reader: A reading from the book of Romans.
(Romans 15:4-13)

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Silence is kept.

Song

A Little Child

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1. A shoot shall rise from the roots of__ Jes-se,
 2. The ta - ble of God is__ set for the na - tions
 3. Our name shall be__ be - lo - ved__ chil-dren,

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a branch grow up__ grow strong and high.__ The
 for the rich and poor, for the foo - lish and wise.__ All
 our song shall be__ God's free - dom cry;__ Our

v. 2



round to - ge - ther



Spi - rit of God will come to__ rest on a li - ttle child, and de light in the love of God
 peo - ple and tribes will ga - ther a round__ toge ther and de light in the love of God
 heart shall be__ the heart of the small - est child of__ all and de light in the love of God

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shines in those eyes__ And a li - ttle child shall lead us on__ the
 will shine in those eyes.
 will shine in our eyes.

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li-on and lamb will dance as one__ All cre - a - tion sing a song__ that cries out

31



peace, yes, peace. And the knowledge of God fill the earth, and the knowledge of God fill the

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earth,__ and the knowledge of God fill the earth like wa - ters the seas. seas.

1.2. 3.

Text and Music: Gordon Light

Gospel Reading

Reader: May God be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Reader: The Holy Gospel of Jesus according to Matthew.
(Matthew 3:1-12)

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

#106 There's a Voice in the Wilderness

1. There's a voice in the wilderness crying,
a call from the ways untrod;
prepare in the desert a highway,
a highway for our God!
The valleys shall be exalted,
the lofty hills brought low;
make straight all the crooked places
where the Lord, our God, may go!

2. O Zion, give voice to good tidings;
ascend to the heights and sing!
Proclaim to a desolate people
the coming of their King.
The works of pride all perish,
like flowers they shall decay;
the power and pomp of nations
shall pass like a dream away.

3. But your word, O God, is faithful,
your arm, O God, is strong;
you stand in the midst of the nations,
and you will right the wrong.
You will feed your flock like a shepherd,
and fold the lambs to your breast;
in pastures of peace you'll lead them,
and give to the weary rest.

4. There's a voice in the wilderness crying,
a call from the ways untrod:
prepare in the desert a highway,
a highway for our God!
The valleys shall be exalted,
the lofty hills brought low;
make straight all the crooked places
where the Lord, our God, may go!

Text: Is. 40.3-11. Para. James Lewis Milligan

Music: Henry Hugh Bancroft (1904-1988)

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 **#107 Prepare the Way**
Prepare the way of the Lord,
prepare the way of the Lord,
and all people will see
the salvation of our God.

Text: Luke 3.4,6; para. Taize Community.

Music: Jacques Berthier (1923-1994)

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:

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly__ Lord, Lord God of pow'r and_ might, heav'n__ and earth are__

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full, full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho -

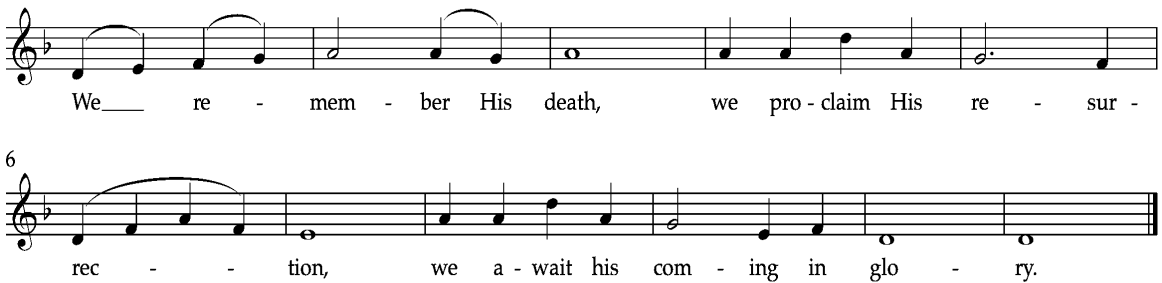
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san-na in the high - est. ble-ssed is the One who comes, who comes in the name of the

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Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

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,

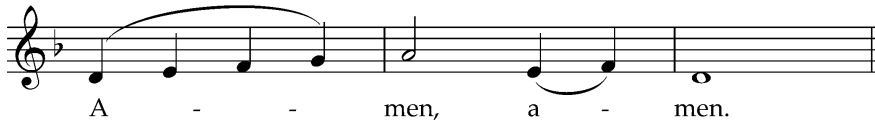


Presider: and we offer our sacrifice
 of praise and thanksgiving
 to you, Lord of all;
 presenting to you, from your creation,
 this bread and this wine.

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:



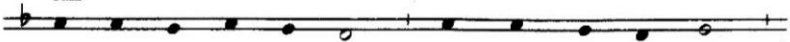
The Lord's Prayer

Cantor

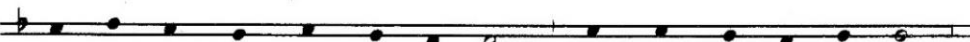


As our Sa - vior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

All



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.



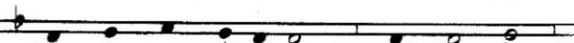
For - give us our sins as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us.



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

#589 Come, O God of All the Earth

1. Come, O God of all the earth:
Come to us, O righteous one;
Come, and bring our love to birth
In the glory of your Son.

Refrain

Sing out, earth and skies!
Sing of the God who loves you!
Raise your joyful cries!
Dance to the life around you!

2. Come, O God of wind and flame:
Fill the earth with righteousness;
Teach us all to sing your name:
May our lives your love confess.

Refrain

3. Come, O God of flashing light,
Twinkling star and burning sun;
God of day and God of night:
In your light we all are one.

Refrain

4. Come, O God of snow and rain:
Shower down upon the earth;
Come, O God of joy and pain,
God of sorrow, God of mirth.

Refrain

5. Come, O Justice, come, O Peace:
Come and shape our hearts anew;
Come and make oppression cease:
Bring us all to life in you.

Refrain

Text: and music: Marty Haugen (1950 -)

Dismissal

Deacon:

Go in peace to love and serve God's world.

All:

Thanks be to God.

This Week at St. Mary Mags

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| Weds, Dec 10 | 12 noon | Centering Prayer |
| | 12:30 pm | Holy Communion |
| Saturday, Dec 13 | 12 noon | Drum circle |
| Sunday, Dec 14 | 12:15ish | Potluck and Christmas Sing-a-long |

Advent Events

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| 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 |

Potluck and Christmas Songs—next Sunday! Bring a dish to share and your most enthusiastic singing voice as we sneak in a few great Christmas carols and songs before the big day. Watch Dave play any piece of music with or without a score. Hot chocolate and cookies for all.

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.

December 21 at 7:00 pm.

Next Sunday's Readings

December 14, 2025 | Advent III

Isaiah 35:1-10; the Magnificat (Luke 1:46-55); James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11

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