

**Holy Communion  
With Confirmation and Blessing of an Icon  
January 18, 2026**



**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.

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## Why confirmation?

In the Anglican tradition, Confirmation is a pastoral and sacramental rite in which a person publicly affirms the faith into which they were baptized and asks for the strengthening work of the Holy Spirit. It is closely connected to Baptism but does not replace it or complete it; rather, it marks a moment of intentional commitment and growth within the life of the Church.

Historically, Confirmation developed as bishops became less able to be present at every baptism. The laying on of hands by the bishop came to be reserved for a later visit, linking the newly baptized to the wider Church and its apostolic ministry. That connection remains central today.

Confirmation is not a declaration of spiritual maturity or certainty. It does not assume that faith is settled or without doubt. Instead, it recognizes that faith unfolds over time and that there are moments when a person chooses, freely and consciously, to claim their place in the Christian community. For some, this comes in adolescence; for others, much later in life.

At its heart, Confirmation is about belonging, vocation, and grace—about saying yes to God's ongoing work, and trusting that the Spirit will continue to shape, challenge and sustain us in the life of faith.

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# The Gathering of the Community

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

**Song**

## **CP 465 Here in This Place New Light**

1. Here in this place new light is streaming;  
now is the darkness vanished away.

See in this space our fears and our dreamings,  
brought here to you in the light of this day

Gather us in, the lost and forsaken;  
gather us in, the blind and the lame;  
call to us now, and we shall awaken;  
we shall arise at the sound of our name

2. We are the young - our lives are a mystery  
we are the old - who yearn for your face.

We have been sung throughout all of history,  
called to be light to the whole human race.

Gather us in - the rich and the haughty;  
gather us in - the proud and the strong;  
give us a heart so meek and so lowly;  
give us the courage to enter the song.

3. Here we will take the wine and the water;  
here we will take the bread of new birth.

Here you shall call your sons and your daughters,  
call us anew to be salt for the earth.

Give us to drink the wine of compassion;  
give us to eat the bread that is you;  
nourish us well, and teach us to fashion  
lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

4. Not in the dark of buildings confining,  
not in some heaven, light years away,  
but here in this place the new light is shining;  
now is the kingdom, now is the day.

Gather us in and hold us forever;  
gather us in and make us your own;  
gather us in, all peoples together,  
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

*Text and Music: Marty Haugen*

## Prayer of the Day

*Presider:*      Redeemer of Israel,  
*All:*                you called us from before our birth to  
                      follow in your ways: meet us in our searching  
                      and turn our eyes and hearts  
                      to the one who gives his life for the world;  
                      through Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God. Amen.

*Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009) alt.*

## Proclamation of the Word

### First Reading

*Reader:*        A reading from the prophet Isaiah  
(Isaiah 49:1-7)

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

*All:*              **Thanks be to God.**

*Silence is kept.*

### Psalm 40:1-12

<sup>1</sup> I waited patiently upon the Lord \*  
**who stooped to me and heard my cry.**  
<sup>2</sup> God lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the mire and clay, \*  
**and set my feet on a high cliff and made my footing sure.**  
<sup>3</sup> God put a new song in my mouth, \*  
**a song of praise to our God;**  
many shall see, and stand in awe, \*  
**and put their trust in the Lord.**  
<sup>4</sup> Happy are they who trust in the Lord! \*  
**they do not resort to evil spirits or turn to false gods.**  
<sup>5</sup> Great things are they that you have done, O Lord my God! \*  
**how great your wonders and your plans for us!**  
There is none who can be compared with you. \*  
**Oh, that I could make them known and tell them,**  
**but they are more than I can count.**  
<sup>6</sup> In sacrifice and offering you take no pleasure \*  
(you have given me ears to hear you);  
**burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required.**  
<sup>7</sup> And so I said, "Behold, I come." \*  
**In the roll of the book it is written concerning me:**  
<sup>8</sup> 'I love to do your will, O my God; \*  
**your law is deep within my heart.'**  
<sup>9</sup> I proclaimed righteousness in the great congregation; \*  
**behold, I did not restrain my lips; and that, O Lord, you know.**

<sup>10</sup> Your righteousness have I not hidden in my heart; \*  
**I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance;**  
I have not concealed your love and faithfulness \*  
**from the great congregation.**  
<sup>11</sup> You are the Lord; do not withhold your compassion from me; \*  
**let your love and your faithfulness keep me safe for ever.**  
<sup>12</sup> For innumerable troubles have crowded upon me; \*  
**my sins have overtaken me, and I cannot see;**  
they are more in number than the hairs of my head, \*  
**and my heart fails me.**

## Second Reading

*Reader:* A reading from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians  
(1 Corinthians 1:1-9)

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

*All:* **Thanks be to God.**

*Silence is kept.*

## Song **430 Will You Come and Follow Me**

1. Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?  
Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,  
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?

2. Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?  
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?  
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?  
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?

3. Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?  
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?  
Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen,  
and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?

4. Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?  
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?  
Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around,  
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?

5. Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.  
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.  
In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.  
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

*Text: John L Bell (1949-) Music: Melody Scottish trad; arr John Bell*

## **Gospel Reading**

*Reader:* May God be with you.

*All:* **And also with you.**

*Reader:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.  
(John 1:29-42)

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

*Reader:* The Gospel of Christ.

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

## **Reflection**

The Most Reverend John Stephens

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

## **Blessing the Icon**

*Presider:* Creating God, you fashioned the universe in love and brought us forth from the earth. Throughout the ages, our ancestors longed to see your face and when the time had grown full, you sent your Christ among us so that we might find our way back to you, our source and our destiny. Look upon your servants here and upon this icon, created in love and prayer. Fill it with the radiance of your good, holy, and life-giving Spirit to complete the work of our hands for your glory and for the good of those who will come to pray before it. May this icon be a source of blessing and hope for your people, may it give comfort and challenge complacency, and may it proclaim your infinite love for us in every situation. We ask this in Jesus' name. **Amen**

*The icon is then anointed with holy oil.*

*Presider:* This icon is blessed and sanctified in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

## **Song**

### **#645 Come Down O Love Divine**

1. Come down, O Love divine,  
seek thou this soul of mine,  
and visit it with thine own ardour glowing;  
O Comforter, draw near,  
within my heart appear,  
and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.

2. O let it freely burn,  
till earthly passions turn  
to dust and ashes in its heat consuming;  
and let thy glorious light  
shine ever on my sight,  
and clothe me round, the while my path illumining.

3. Let holy charity  
mine outward vesture be,  
and lowliness become mine inner clothing;  
true lowliness of heart,  
which takes the humbler part,  
and o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.

4. And so the yearning strong,  
With which the soul will long,  
Shall far outpass the power of human telling;  
for none can guess its grace,  
till they become the place  
wherein the Holy Spirit finds a dwelling.

*Text: Bianco da Siena (1350?-1434?) Music: Ralph Vaughn Williams (1872-1958)*

## 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.*

## Confession and Absolution

*Presider:* Let us pray

*All:* **Holy One, we long for You.**

**You know our wounding and our broken-heartedness.**

**You know how others have hurt us,**

**and how we have hurt others.**

**You alone have the healing we need.**

**Yours is the love that changes everything. Amen.**

*Presider:* Giver of life, have mercy on us

pardon and deliver, revive and strengthen,

and keep us in eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

St. Hildegard's *All Are Welcome*

# The Confirmation

## Presentation and Examination

*Presenters:* I present Daniel Melvill Jones for confirmation.  
*Bishop:* Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?  
*Candidate:* I do.  
*Bishop:* Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?  
*Candidate:* I do.  
*Bishop:* Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?  
*Candidate:* I do, and with God's grace I will follow him as my Saviour and Lord.  
*Bishop:* Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support  
This person in his life in Christ?  
**We will.**  
*Bishop:* Let us join with those who commit themselves  
again to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

## The Baptismal Covenant

*Bishop:* Do you believe in God the Father?  
*All:* **I believe in God,  
the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**  
*Bishop:* Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?  
*All:* **I believe in Jesus Christ,  
God's only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again  
to judge the living and the dead.**

*Bishop:* Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?  
*All:* **I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.**

*Bishop:* Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

*All:* **I will, with God's help.**

*Bishop:* Will you persevere in resisting evil and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

*All:* **I will, with God's help.**

*Bishop:* Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ?

*All:* **I will, with God's help.**

*Bishop:* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbour as yourself?

*All:* **I will, with God's help.**

*Bishop:* Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

*All:* **I will, with God's help.**

*Bishop:* Will you strive to safeguard the integrity of God's creation, and respect, sustain, and renew the life of the Earth ?

*All:* **I will, with God's help.**

## Prayers

*The bishop says to the congregation,*

*Bishop:* Let us pray for those who are affirming their baptism, and for all the baptized everywhere, saying, "Lord, hear our prayer."

*Leader:* That they may be redeemed from all evil and rescued from the way of sin and death; in your mercy,

*People:* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* That the Holy Spirit may open their hearts to your grace and truth; in your mercy,

*People:* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* That they may be kept in the faith and communion of your holy Church; in your mercy,

*People:* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* That they may be sent into the world in witness to your love; in your mercy,

*People:* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* That they may be brought  
to the fullness of your peace and glory;  
in your mercy,

*People:* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Bishop:* Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for  
whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through  
your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

*People:* **Amen.**

*Silence may be kept. Then the bishop says,*

*Bishop:* Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and  
resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin  
and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your  
Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in this  
your servant the covenant you made with him at his baptism.  
Send him forth in the power of that Spirit to perform the  
service you set before him; through Jesus Christ your Son our  
Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one  
God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*The bishop lays his/her hand upon the candidate and says,*

*Bishop:* Strengthen, O Lord, your servant Daniel with your Holy Spirit;  
empower him for your service; and sustain him all the  
days of his life. **Amen.**

*The bishop may say,*

*Bishop:* Almighty and everliving God, let your hand ever be  
over this your servant; let your Holy Spirit ever be with him;  
and so lead him in the knowledge and obedience of your  
word, that he may serve you in this life, and dwell with you  
in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **The Peace**

*Presider:* The peace of God be with you all.

*All:* **And also with you.**

# The Celebration of the Eucharist

*To make a financial offering, please place it in the offering plate by the door.*

**Song**

## #43 From All the Wind's Wide Quarters

1. From all the wind's wide quarters, come, see the feast is spread, of soul-sustaining waters, of true and living bread; of sorrows long-departed, and joys beyond compare— come, poor and humble-hearted, the feast of life to share!
2. With mercy all-prevailing God bids the wanderer come; in grace and peace unfailing invites the children home. With loving-kindness tender, God frees us from our sins— in glory and in splendour the feast of life begins!
3. Come, claim the promise spoken! God's purpose stands secure. The fruitful word unbroken shall evermore endure. All ancient bondage ended to sin's corrupting powers— forgiven, freed, befriended, the feast of life is ours!

*Text: Timothy Dudley-Smith (1926-)*

*Music: Melody Memmingen MS (17<sup>th</sup> cent)*

## Prayer over the Gifts

*Presider:* Holy God, gracious and merciful,  
*All:* **you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation.**  
**Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way,**  
**so that all may know your care; and prepare us now**  
**to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. Amen.**

*Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006) alt.*

## 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:* Blessed are you, Lord God, our light and our salvation; to you be glory and praise for ever. From the beginning you have created all things and all your works echo the silent music of your praise. In the fullness of time you made us in your image, the crown of all creation. You give us breath and speech, that with angels and archangels and all the powers of heaven we may find a voice to sing your praise:

*Cantor:*

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:*

How wonderful are the works of your hands, O Lord.  
 As a mother tenderly gathers her children,  
 you embraced a people as your own.  
 When they turned away and rebelled your love remained steadfast.  
 From them you raised up Jesus our Saviour, born of Mary,  
 to be the living bread, in whom all our hungers are satisfied.  
 He offered his life for sinners, and with a love stronger than death  
 he opened wide his arms on the cross.

On the night before he died, he came to supper with his friends  
 and, taking bread, he gave you thanks.  
 He broke it and gave it to them, saying:  
 Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
 do this in remembrance of me.

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine, he gave you thanks, and said:  
 Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,  
 which is shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sins.  
 Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Great is the mystery of faith:

**All:** Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

**Presider:** Creator, we plead with confidence his sacrifice

made once for all upon the cross; we remember his dying and rising in glory, and we rejoice that he intercedes for us at your right hand.

Pour out your Holy Spirit as we bring before you these gifts of your creation; may they be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

As we eat and drink these holy things in your presence, form us in the likeness of Christ, and build us into a living temple to your glory.

Bring us at the last with all the saints to the vision of that eternal splendour for which you have created us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, by whom, with whom, and in whom, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you in songs of everlasting praise:

**All:** Blessing and honour and glory and power  
be yours for ever and ever. Amen.

### The Lord's Prayer

*Cantor*

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

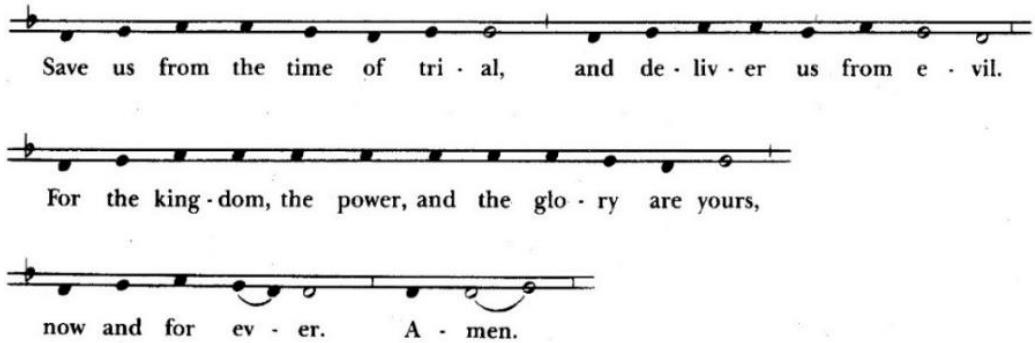
*All*

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.



### The Breaking of the Bread

*Presider:* We break the bread of life, and that life is the light of the world.

*All:* God here among us, light in the midst of us,  
bring us to light and life.

### 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:* We give you thanks, almighty God,

*All:* that you have refreshed us  
through the healing power of this gift of life.  
In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift,  
in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another;  
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006) alt.*

### 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.

## Episcopal Blessing

**Song**      **#86 More Than We Can Ask or Imagine**

1. More than we can ask or imagine,  
more than we can ever dare to dream,  
we are the children of heaven's creation,  
God's own beloved, each called by name.  
And we cry, Glory! Glory!  
Glory to God who calls us by name!  
Glory! Glory! Glory to God! Glory we sing!

2. More than we will ever imagine,  
more than we will ever understand;  
We are sent to walk with compassion,  
to live out God's love by heart and hand.  
And we cry, Glory! Glory!  
Glory to God who presses us on!  
Glory! Glory to God, Glory our song!

3. More than we can ask or imagine,  
More than we could ever desire;  
Out of the dust God's building a kingdom,  
Like wine from the press, like bread from the fire.  
And we cry, Glory! Glory!  
Glory to God! Glory we cry!  
Glory! Glory! Glory on earth, Glory on high!

*Text and music: Gordon Light*

## Dismissal

*Presider:*      Go in peace, the beloved of God.  
*All:*                **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stay for coffee, tea and a light lunch.*

## This Week at St. Mary Mags

|                      |          |                  |
|----------------------|----------|------------------|
| Weds, January 21     | 12 noon  | Centering Prayer |
|                      | 12:30 pm | Holy Communion   |
| Saturday, January 24 | 12 noon  | Drum Circle      |
| Sunday, January 25   | 10:30 am | Holy Communion   |

### Next Sunday's Readings

January 25, 2026 | Third Sunday after the Epiphany  
Isaiah 9:1-4; Psalm 27:1, 5-13; 1 Corinthians 1:10-18; Matthew 4:12-23

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