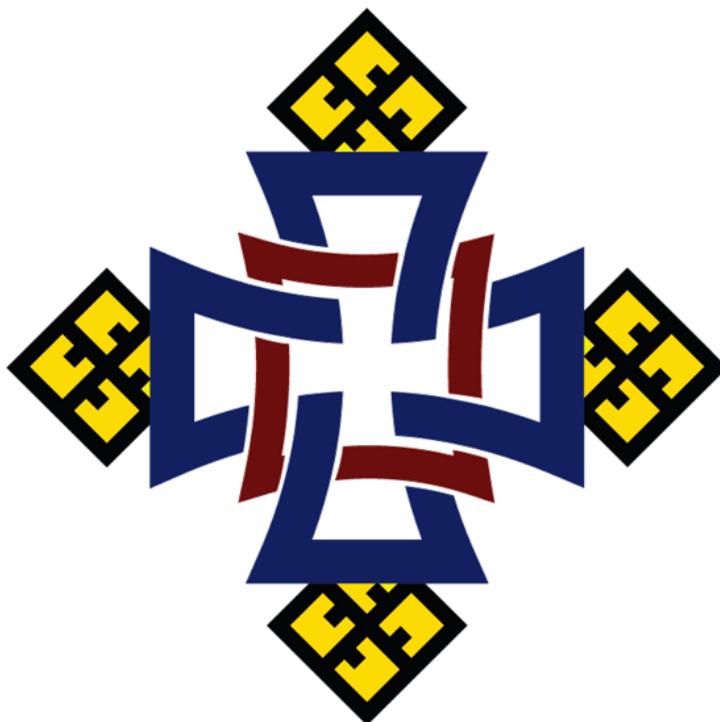


**Holy Communion**  
**The First Sunday in Lent**  
**February 22, 2026**



**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.

## Walk with Us

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

Here's how you can give:

**Good:** Cash or a cheque in the plate. Regular donors get envelopes to ensure tax receipts.

**Better:** Transfer funds using interac to [office@stmarymags.ca](mailto:office@stmarymags.ca) Indicate "donation" in the memo line.

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# The Gathering of the Community

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

*Presider:* Blessed be the Holy Trinity, one God  
who forgives all our sin

*All:* **whose compassion endures forever. Amen**

*Cantor:* *Congregation:*



Ky - ri - e: ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

*Presider:* Eternal Spirit, Living God, you know the secrets of our hearts. (pause)

*Cantor:* *Congregation:*



Chri - ste: Chri - ste e - lei - i - son.

*Presider:* We recognize our brokenness. (pause)

*Cantor:* *Congregation:*



Ky - ri - e: ky - ri - e e - le - i - son

*Presider:* We trust in your merciful love. (pause)

*“Kyrie eleison” is an ancient Greek response meaning “Lord, have mercy.”*

## Prayer of the Day

*Presider:* Spirit of the desert,

*All:* **you drove Jesus to the edge of the world  
to seek your truth and find his calling:  
scour our hearts and awaken our hunger,  
so that freed from empty clinging  
we may serve only you and the Creator;  
through Jesus Christ, the Lord of the wilds. Amen.**

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

# Proclamation of the Word

## First Reading

*Reader:* A reading from the Book of Genesis  
(Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7)

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

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

*Silence is kept.*

## Psalm 32

<sup>1</sup> Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, \*  
**and whose sin is put away!**

<sup>2</sup> Happy are they to whom the Lord imputes no guilt, \*  
**and in whose spirit there is no guile!**

<sup>3</sup> While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, \*  
**because of my groaning all day long.**

<sup>4</sup> For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; \*  
**my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.**

<sup>5</sup> Then I acknowledged my sin to you, \*  
**and did not conceal my guilt.**

I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord." \*  
**Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.**

<sup>6</sup> Therefore all the faithful \*  
**will make their prayers to you in time of trouble;**  
when the great waters overflow, \*  
**they shall not reach them.**

<sup>7</sup> You are my hiding-place;  
you preserve me from trouble; \*  
**you surround me with shouts of deliverance.**

<sup>8</sup> "I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; \*  
**I will guide you with my eye.**

<sup>9</sup> Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; \*  
**who must be fitted with bit and bridle,**  
**or else they will not stay near you."**

<sup>10</sup> Great are the tribulations of the wicked; \*  
**but mercy embraces those who trust in the Lord.**

<sup>11</sup> Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord; \*  
**shout for joy, all who are true of heart.**

## Second Reading

*Reader:* A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans  
(Romans 5:12-19)

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

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

*Silence is kept.*

## Song When We Are Tested

1 When we are test - ed and wres - tle a - lone,  
2 When in the des - ert we cry for re - lief,  
3 When we are tempt - ed to bar - ter our souls,  
4 When we have strug - gled and searched through the night,  
fam - ished for bread when the world of - fers stone,  
plead - ing for paths marked by cer - tain be - lief,  
trad - ing the truth for the power to con - trol,  
sort - ing and sift - ing the wrong from the right,  
nour - ish us, God, by your word and your way,  
lift us to love you be - yond sign and test,  
teach us to wor - ship and praise on - ly you,  
Sav - ior, sur - round us with cir - cles of care,  
food that sus - tains us by night and by day,  
trust - ing your pres - ence, our on - ly true rest.  
seek - ing your will in the work that we do.  
an - gels of heal - ing, of hope, and of prayer.

*Text: Ruth Duck Music: Daniel Charles Damon*

## **Gospel Reading**

*Reader:* May God be with you.

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

*Reader:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.  
(Matthew 17:1-9)

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

*Reader:* The Gospel of Christ.

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

## **Reflection**

The Reverend 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**

### **#534 Here, O Lord, Your Servants Gather**

1. Here, O Lord, your servants gather,  
hand we link with hand.

Looking toward our Saviour's cross,  
joined in love we stand.

As we seek the realm of God,  
we unite and pray:

Jesus, Saviour, guide our steps,  
for you are the way.

2. Many are the tongues we speak,  
scattered are the lands,  
yet our hearts are one in God,  
one in love's demands.

Even in darkness hope appears,  
calling age and youth.

Jesus, Teacher, dwell in us,  
for you are the truth.

3. Nature's secrets open wide,  
changes never cease.

Where, oh where, can weary souls  
find the source of peace?

Unto all those sore distressed,  
torn by endless strife,

Jesus, Healer, bring your balm,  
for you are the life.

4. Grant, O God, an age renewed,  
filled with deathless love.  
Help us as we work and pray,  
send us from above  
truth and courage, faith and power,  
needed in our strife.  
Jesus, Master, be our way,  
be our truth, our life!

*Text: Text: Tokuo Yamaguchi (1900-1995);  
tr. Everett M Stowe (1897-) Music: Isao Koizumi (1907-)*

### **Affirmation of Faith**

*Presider:* Let us declare our faith in God.

*All:* **We believe in God,  
from whom every family  
in heaven and on earth is named.  
We believe in God the Son,  
who lives in our hearts through faith,  
and fills us with his love.  
We believe in God the Holy Spirit,  
who strengthens us  
with power from on high.  
We believe in one God;  
the holy and undivided Trinity. 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.*

## **Confession and Absolution**

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

*Silence is kept.*

*Presider:* Most merciful God,  
*All:* **we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us,  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

*Presider:* Almighty God have mercy upon you,  
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,  
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,  
and keep you in eternal life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*People:* **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 #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.

*Text: Charles Venn Pilcher*

*Music: Melody Irish; adapt and harm. Charles Villiers Stanford*

## Prayer over the Gifts

*Presider:* God our provider,

*All:* **you have not fed us with bread alone,  
but with words of grace and life.**

**Bless us and these your gifts,  
which we receive from your bounty,  
through Jesus Christ our 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.**

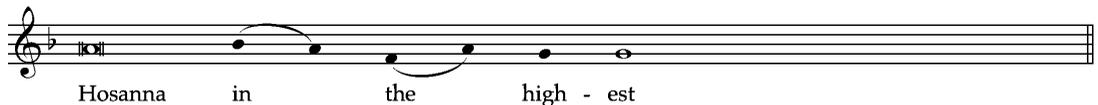
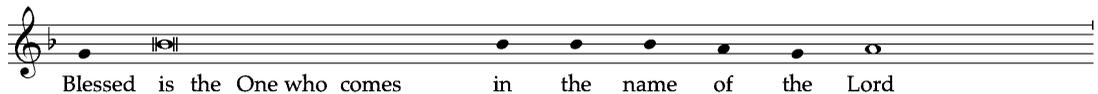
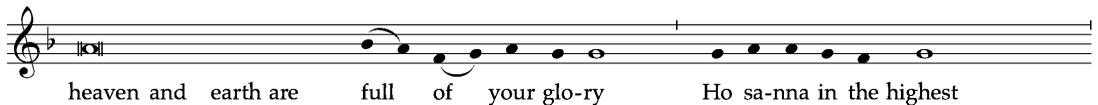
*Presider:* Eternal God, Source of all being, we give you thanks and praise for your faithful love. You call us into friendship with you and one another to be your holy people, a sign of your presence in the world.

When those we trust betray us, unfailingly you remain with us.

When we injure others, you confront us in your love and call us to the paths of righteousness.

You stand with the weak, and those, broken and alone, whom you have always welcomed home, making the first last, and the last first.

Therefore we raise our voices with angels and archangels, forever praising you and singing:







## The Lord's Prayer

*Cantor*

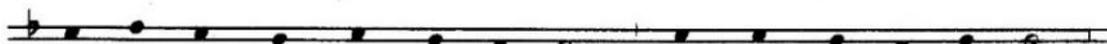


As our Sa - vior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

*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.



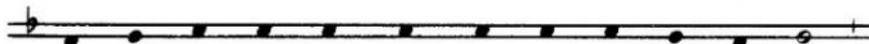
Give us to - day our dai - ly bread.



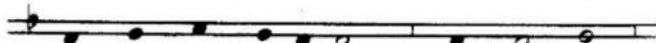
For - give us our sins as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us.



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.

## **The Breaking of the Bread**

*Presider:* We break this bread,  
*All:* **communion in Christ's body once broken.**  
*Presider:* Let your Church be the wheat  
which bears its fruit in dying.  
*All:* **If we have died with him,  
we shall live with him:  
if we hold firm,  
we shall reign with him.**

## **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:* Compassionate God,  
*All:* **you have fed us with the bread of heaven.  
Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage;  
may our fasting be hunger for justice;  
our alms, a making of peace;  
and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts;  
through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and 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.**

### **Blessing**

## Song

### #175 Forty Days and Forty Nights

1. Forty days and forty nights  
you were fasting in the wild;  
forty days and forty nights  
tempted, and yet undefiled:
2. burning heat throughout the day,  
bitter cold when light has fled,  
prowling beasts around your way,  
stones your pillow, earth your bed.
3. Shall not we your trials share,  
learn your discipline of will,  
and with you by fast and prayer  
wrestle with the powers of hell?
4. So if Satan, pressing hard,  
soul and body would destroy:  
Christ who conquered, be our guard;  
give to us the victor's joy.
5. Saviour, may we hear your voice --  
keep us constant at your side;  
and with you we shall rejoice  
at the eternal Eastertide.

*Text: George Hunt Smyttan (1822-1870)*

*Music: Martin Herbst (1654-1681), harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889)*

## Dismissal

*Presider:*

Go in peace, the beloved of God.

*All:*

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stay for coffee and tea!*

## This Week at St. Mary Mags

|                       |          |                  |
|-----------------------|----------|------------------|
| Weds, February 25     | 12 noon  | Centering Prayer |
|                       | 12:30 pm | Holy Communion   |
| Saturday, February 28 | 12 noon  | Drum Circle      |
| Sunday, March 1       | 10:30 am | Holy Communion   |



### Next Sunday's Readings

March 1, 2026 | The First Sunday in Lent  
Deuteronomy 26:1-11; Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16; Romans 10:8b-13; Luke 4:1-13;

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