

**Holy Communion  
Palm Sunday  
March 29, 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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# The Gathering of the Community in the Garden

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

*Presider:* Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

*People:* **Hosanna in the highest.**

*Presider:* Dear friends, during Lent we have been preparing to celebrate the mystery of Easter. On this day our friend Jesus entered the holy city of Jerusalem. The people welcomed him with palms and shouts of praise, an ancient symbol of triumph and victory; but the path before him led to self-giving, suffering and death.

Today we greet him as our King, although we know his crown is thorns and his throne a cross. We follow him this week from the glory of the palms to the glory of the resurrection, by way of the dark road of suffering and death.

*Presider:* Let us pray.

*All:* **Assist us mercifully with your help,  
Lord God of our salvation,  
that we may enter with joy  
into the celebration of those mighty acts  
whereby you give us life and immortality;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

## Processional Gospel

*Reader:* May God be with you

*People:* **And also with you**

*Reader:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.  
(Matthew 21:1-11)

*People:* **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

*Reader:* The Gospel of Christ

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

## The Procession

*Presider:* Let us go forth in peace.

*People:* **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

*During the procession, all hold branches in their hands.*



21 I will give thanks to the Lord who answered me \*  
**and has become my salvation.**

22 The same stone which the builders rejected \*  
**has become the chief cornerstone.**

23 This is the Lord's doing, \*  
**and it is marvellous in our eyes.**

24 On this day the Lord has acted; \*  
**we will rejoice and be glad in it.**

25 Hosannah, Lord, hosannah! \*  
**Lord, send us now success.**

26 Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord; \*  
**we bless you from the house of the Lord.**

27 God is the Lord and has shined upon us; \*  
**form a procession with branches up to the horns of the altar.**

28 "You are my God, and I will thank you; \*  
**you are my God, and I will exalt you."**

29 Give thanks to the Lord who is good; \*  
**the mercy of the Lord endures for ever.**

## Second Reading

*Reader:* A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians  
(Philippians 2:5-11)

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

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

*Silence is kept.*

## Song He Came Riding on a Donkey

D A D A G D E A

1. He came ri - ding on a don - key, He came ri - ding in - to town;  
2. Then the child - ren gath - ered, sing - ing Shouts of laugh - ter, burst - ing cheer;  
3. In our fast - ing, and our feast - ing, called to fol - low in His way;

5 G D Em A D Em A D A

slow and ea - sy kind of low - ly He came ri - ding with the dawn.  
In the streets their song was ring - ing, "Ho - san - nas" filled the morn - ing air.  
Called to walk His road to East - er, Called to live His Cross to - day.

10 D A D A D A G D E A

His dis-cip-les walked be-side him, stay-ing close, a li-ttle shy  
 Tim-id ad-ul-ts strained to see Him, caught the Spi-rit, joined the song;  
 Ho-san-na to the son of Dav-id, Ho-san-na in the heav'ns a-bove;

15 G D Em A D Em A D

Not too sure where He would guide them, On to live or on to die.  
 Spread their cloaks a-long be-fore Him, Branch-es flash-ing in the sun.  
 Blessed is He who comes to save us, Blessed is He who brings His love.

19 G D A D G D E A

But all the morn-ing sang His prai-ses; Wak-ing birds and dan-cing wind;  
 So all the ci-ty sang His prai-ses; Wak-ing streets and dan-cing crowd;  
 Let us join to sing His prai-ses; Op-en hearts and souls to God;

23 G D A D G D A D A D A

Here He is, the Son of Dav-id; Rid-ing on to take His throne.  
 Here He is, the Son of Dav-id; our Mes-si-ah, Son of God.  
 He is with us, Son of Dav-id; God's Mes-si-ah, Christ the Lord.

*Music & Text: Gordon Light*

## 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 21:1-11)

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

*Reader:* The Gospel of Christ.

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

## Homily

The Rev. Tasha Carrothers

*The bell will sound following a period of silence. All are invited to share a brief thought or story evoked by the readings or the sermon. Reflections end with another sound of the bell.*

Song

Jesus Donkey-Carried Treasure

1. Je - sus, don - key - car - ried treas - ure,  
 2. Je - sus, tem - ple trade up - set - ter,  
 3. Je - sus, friend of saint and sin - ner,  
 4. Lord, in mer - cy, par - don send us;

Palm - waved prince, the peo - ple's pleas - ure  
 Gilt - edged greed needs ev - 'ry debt - or;  
 Win - ner's loss and los - er's win - ner,  
 Lord, from our worst selves de - fend us;

Pounds to heav'n in man - gled meas - ure:  
 Res - cue faith from hu - man fet - ter:  
 Bread of life and host of din - ner,  
 By your bro - ken bod - y mend us,

Loud ho - san - nas fill the sky.  
 Turn the ta - bles, let love fly.  
 On your food we must re - ly.  
 Let our prayers be heard on high.

*Text: Iona Community Music: German trad.*

**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.*

### **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 #63 Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup**

*A cantor sings the verse and the congregation responds with the refrain:*

Eat this bread, drink this cup,  
come to me and never be hungry.  
Eat this bread, drink this cup,  
trust in me and you will not thirst.

*Text: Robert J Batastini & the Taize Community*

*Music: Jacques Berthier*

### **Prayer over the gifts**

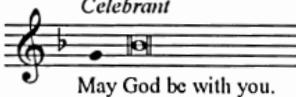
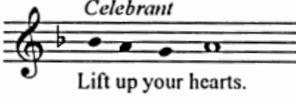
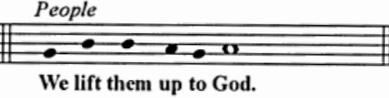
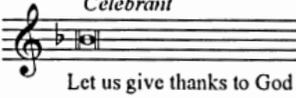
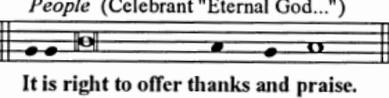
*Presider:* Holy God, gracious and merciful,

*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

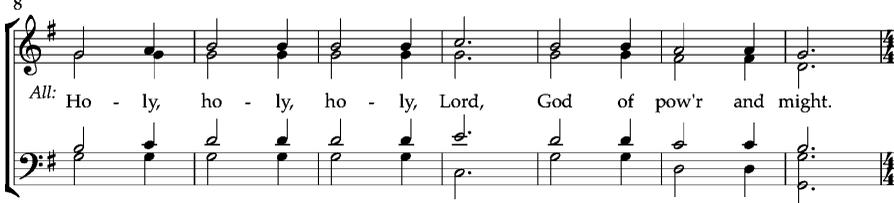
<p><i>Celebrant</i></p>  <p>May God be with you.</p>	<p><i>People</i></p>  <p>And also with you.</p>
<p><i>Celebrant</i></p>  <p>Lift up your hearts.</p>	<p><i>People</i></p>  <p>We lift them up to God.</p>
<p><i>Celebrant</i></p>  <p>Let us give thanks to God our Cre-ator.</p>	<p><i>People (Celebrant "Eternal God...")</i></p>  <p>It is right to offer thanks and praise.</p>

*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:


  
*Cantor:* Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord, God of pow'r and might.


  
*All:* Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord, God of pow'r and might.

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Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - r - ry. Ho -

20

san - na in the high - - - - - est.

24

Blest is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -

29

san - na in the high - - - - - est.

*Presider:*

Blessed are you, O Holy One: when Hagar was driven into the wilderness you followed her and gave her hope. When Joseph was sold into bondage, you turned malice to your people's good. When you called Israel out of slavery, you brought them through the wilderness into the promised land. When your people were taken into exile you wept with them by the river of Babylon and carried them home. When colonists claimed this land, driving out the nations you placed here, you stood with them in their exile.

At the right time you sent your Anointed One  
to stand with the poor, the outcast, and the oppressed.  
Jesus touched lepers and the sick, and healed them.

He accepted water from a woman of Samaria  
and offered her the water of new life.  
Christ knew the desolation of the cross  
and opened the way for all humanity  
into the redemption of your reconciling love.

On the night he was betrayed, Jesus, at supper with his friends,  
took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread,  
gave it to them, and said, "Take and eat: this is my body  
which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

Re - store us O God, Re - store us O God, Let Your face shine

The musical score is written in 3/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The lyrics are placed below the treble staff. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a steady rhythm.

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 people for the forgiveness of sins.  
Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.

Loving and Holy One, recalling Christ's death and resurrection, we offer  
you these gifts, longing for the bread of tomorrow  
and the wine of the age to come. Therefore we proclaim our hope:

Dy - ing You des-troyed our death; ris - ing You re-stored our  
life. Lord Je - sus, come in glor - ry.

The musical score continues from the previous block. It is in 3/4 time with a key signature of one sharp. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The lyrics are placed below the treble staff. The melody continues with a similar hymn-like style.

*Presider:*

Pour out your Spirit on these gifts that through them  
you may sustain us in our hunger for your peace.  
We hold before you all whose lives are marked by suffering,  
our sisters and brothers. When we are broken and cast aside,  
embrace us in your love.

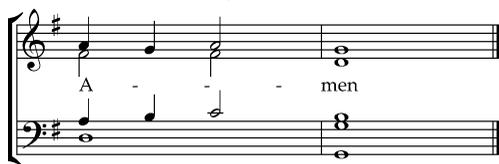


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*Presider:*

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ in the  
unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory are yours,  
O Source of all life, now and for ever.

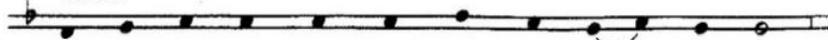


A - - - men

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## The Lord's Prayer

*Cantor*

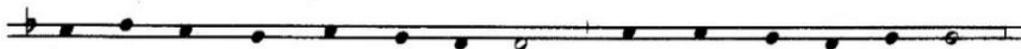


As our Sa - vior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

*All*



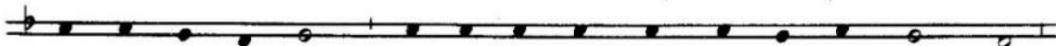
Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, hal - lowed be your Name,



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



Give us to - day our dai - ly bread.



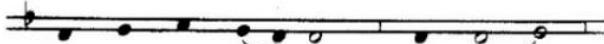
For - give us our sins as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us.



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:* 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)*

## **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

### #183 Ride On, Ride On in Majesty

1. Ride on, ride on in majesty!  
Hark! all the tribes "Hosanna" cry;  
O Saviour meek, pursue thy road  
with palms and scattered garments strowed.

2. Ride on, ride on in majesty!  
In lowly pomp ride on to die;  
O Christ, thy triumphs now begin  
o'er captive death and conquered sin.

3. Ride on, ride on in majesty!  
The angel-squadrons of the sky  
look down with sad and wondering eyes  
to see the approaching sacrifice.

4. Ride on, ride on in majesty!  
Thy last and fiercest strife is nigh;  
the Father on his sapphire throne  
awaits his own anointed Son.

5. Ride on, ride on in majesty!  
In lowly pomp ride on to die;  
bow thy meek head to mortal pain,  
then take, O God, thy power, and reign.

*Text Henry Hart Milman (1791-1868)*  
*Music: Melody Musicalisches Hand-Buch*

## Dismissal

*Presider:*

Go in peace, the beloved of God.

*All:*

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stay for coffee, tea, treats and conversation!*

## Join us for Holy Week 2026

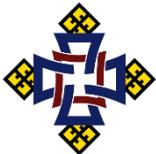
April 1	12:00 pm	Centering Prayer
	12:30 pm	Holy Communion
April 2	6:00 pm	Simple supper
	7:00 pm	Maundy Thursday
April 3	10:30 am	Good Friday
April 4	8:00 pm	Easter Vigil
April 5	10:30 am	Easter Sunday



### Next Sunday's Readings

April 5, 2026 | Easter Sunday

Jeremiah 31:1-6; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; Acts 10:34-43; Matthew 28:1-10



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