

The Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 26, 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.

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Better: Transfer funds using interac to 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

Song #508 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

1. I heard the voice of Jesus say,
“Come unto me and rest.
Lay down, thou weary one,
lay down thy head upon my breast.”
I came to Jesus as I was,
so weary, worn, and sad.
I found in him a resting place,
and he has made me glad.
2. I heard the voice of Jesus say,
“Behold, I freely give
the living water, thirsty one;
stoop down and drink and live.”
I came to Jesus, and I drank
of that life-giving stream.
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
and now I live in him.
3. I heard the voice of Jesus say,
“I am this dark world’s light.
Look unto me, thy morn shall rise,
and all thy day be bright.”
I looked to Jesus, and I found
in him my star, my sun,
and in that light of life I’ll walk
till traveling days are done.

Text: Horatius Bonar (1808-1889)

- Presider:* Alleluia! Christ is risen!
All: **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**
Presider: May his grace and peace be with us.
All: **May he fill our hearts with joy.**

Prayer of the Day

- Presider:* O God,
All: **whose Son is the good shepherd,
send us out as shepherds to seek the lost,
to heal the injured and to nurture all with grace and compassion;
through Jesus, who calls each by name. Amen.**

A Prayer Book for Australia (1995) alt.

Proclamation of the Word

First Reading

Reader: A reading from the book of Ezekiel
(Ezekiel 34:7-15)

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Silence is kept.

Psalm 100

¹Be joyful in the Lord, *

all you lands;

² serve the Lord with gladness

and come into the divine presence with a song.

³ Know this: the Lord, the Lord, is God; *

the One made us and to whom we belong;

we are God's people, the sheep of God's pasture.

⁴ Enter the gates of the Lord with thanksgiving;

go into these courts with praise; *

give thanks to God and call upon the name of the Lord.

⁵ For the Lord is good, whose steadfast love is everlasting; *

and whose faithfulness endures from age to age.

Second Reading

Reader: A reading from the first Letter of Peter
(1 Peter 2:19-25)

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Silence is kept.

Gospel Reading



Al - le lu - ia, al - le lu - ia, al - le lu - ia. Al - le lu - ia!

Reader: May God be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Reader: The Holy Gospel of Jesus according to John.
(John 10:1-10)

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

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

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

Reprise **Hallelujah** (*above*)

Homily

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.

The Apostles' Creed

#44 I Believe in God Almighty

1. I believe in God almighty,
author of all things that be,
maker of the earth and heavens,
keeper of the sky and sea.

I believe in God's Son, Jesus,
now for us both Lord and Christ,
of the Spirit and of Mary
born to bring abundant life.

2. I believe that Jesus suffered,
scourged and scorned and crucified;
taken from the cross, was buried –
true life there had truly died.

I believe that on the third day
Christ was raised up from the grave,
then ascended to God's right hand,
He will come to judge and save.

3. I believe in God's own Spirit,
bonding all the saints within
one church, catholic, and holy;
where forgiveness frees from sin;
in the body's resurrection,
for the breaking of death's chain
gives the life that's everlasting:
this the faith that I have claimed.

*Text: The Apostles' Creed para. Silvia G. Dunstan
Music: Welsh trad. Coll. Edward Jones*

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 #82 Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises

1. Christ the Lord to us said,
"I am wine, I am bread.
I am wine, I am bread.
Give to all who thirst and hunger".
Christ the Lord to us said,
"I am wine, I am bread,
I am wine, I am bread.
Give to all who thirst and hunger".

Refrain Hallelujah! We sing your praises!
All our hearts are filled with gladness!
Hallelujah! We sing your praises!
All our hearts are filled with gladness!
Hallelujah! We sing your praises!
All our hearts are filled with gladness!

2. Now he sends us all out,
strong in faith, free of doubt,
strong in faith, free of doubt.
Tell to all the joyful gospel.
Now he sends us all out,
strong in faith, free of doubt,
strong in faith, free of doubt.
Tell to all the joyful gospel. *Refrain*

Text and Music: South African

Prayer Over the Gifts

Presider: Blessed are you, O God,

All: ruler of heaven and earth.

Day by day you shower us with blessings.

As you have raised us to new life in Christ,

give us glad and generous hearts,

ready to praise you and to respond to those in need,

through Jesus Christ, 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: Holy One, Lover of creation, we give you thanks and praise

for in the ocean of your steadfast love you bear us

and place the song of your Spirit in our hearts.

When we turn from your love and defile the earth,

you do not abandon us.

Your Spirit speaks through Huldah and Micah,

through prophets, sages, and saints in every age,

to confront our sin and reveal the vision of your new creation.

Joining in the song of the universe we proclaim your glory singing:



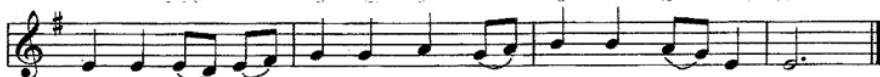
O ho-ly, ho-ly ho-ly God, O God of time and space. All "



earth and sea and sky a-bove bear wit-ness to your grace. Ho -



san-na in the high-est heav'n, cre - a - tion sings your praise. And



bles-sed is the One who comes and bears your name al - ways!

Presider:

Gracious God, in the fullness of time you sent
Jesus to share our humanity. Through Jesus' life, death,
and resurrection you open the path from brokenness to health,
from fear to trust, from pride and conceit to reverence for you.

Rejected by a world that could not bear the Gospel of life,
Jesus knew that death was near. His head anointed for burial
by an unknown woman, Jesus gathered together
those who loved him. He took bread, gave thanks to you,
broke it and gave it to his friends, saying,
"Take and eat: this is my body which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine,
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.
Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

And now we gather at this table in response to his commandment,
to share the bread and cup of Christ's undying love,
and to proclaim our faith:

All

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Presider:

Breathe your Holy Spirit, the wisdom of the universe,
upon these gifts that we bring to you:
this bread, this cup, ourselves, our souls and bodies,
that we may be signs of your love for all the world
and ministers of your transforming purpose.

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, Creator of all,
and we bless your holy name for ever.

All:

Amen

The Lord's Prayer

Cantor

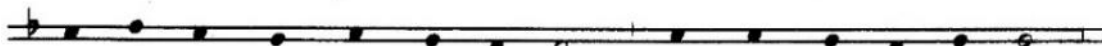


As our Sa - vior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

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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.



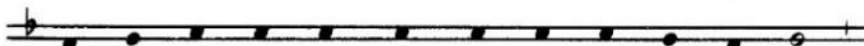
Give us to - day our dai - ly bread.



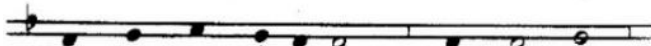
For - give us our sins as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us.



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: Lord, we died with you on the cross.

All: **Now we are raised to new life.**

Presider: We were buried in your tomb.

All: **Now we share in your resurrection.**

Presider: Live in us, that we may live in you.

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: All your works praise you, O Lord.

All: **And your faithful servants bless you.**

**Gracious God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
May we, who share his body, live his risen life;
we, who drink his cup, bring life to others;
we, whom the Spirit lights, give light to the world.
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,
so that we and all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Blessing

Song

237 Now the Green Blade Rises

1. Now the green blade rises from the buried grain,
wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;
love lives again, that with the dead has been:
love is come again like wheat arising green.

2. In the grave they laid him, Love by hatred slain,
thinking that he never would wake again,
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen:
love is come again like wheat arising green.

3. Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain,
he that for three days in the grave had lain;
raised from the dead, my risen Lord is seen:
love is come again like wheat arising green.

4. When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,
your touch can call us back to life again,
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:
love is come again like wheat arising green.

*Text: John M C Crum
Music: Melody French; harm Martin Shaw*

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

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| Weds, April 29 | 12 noon | Centering Prayer |
| | 12:30 pm | Holy Communion |
| Friday, May 1 | 12 noon | Drum Circle |
| Sunday, May 3 | 10:30 am | Holy Communion |

Next Sunday's Readings

May 3, 2026 | 5th Sunday in Easter

Proverbs 4:10-18; Psalm 119:9-32; 1 Peter 2:2-10; John 14:1-14

Drum Circle Date Change! Drum circle with Steven switched back last week to Fridays at noon. Meetings will continue on Fridays for the rest of the season. Come listen, sing and enjoy refreshments together.

Today! **Why do we read Scripture in worship?** Did you know that our practice of reading Scripture out loud goes back to before there was a church? Join the Vicar after church on **April 26** to learn more about the background and best practices for reading in worship. In addition to skill building, this session is about **reading as a spiritual practice**. Experienced and new readers will both find it a valuable time.

Upcoming sessions: *Leading prayers of the people* and *Greeting—more than handing out the bulletin*.

These sessions are in support of our parish priority to strengthen the way we call and equip members for ministry and leadership.



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