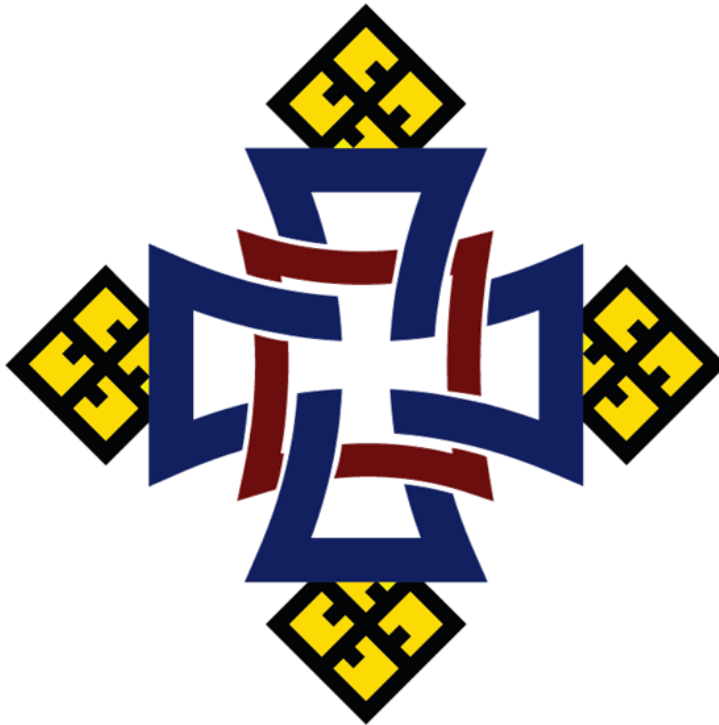


**Holy Communion
Ascension Sunday
May 17, 2026**



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.

About our worship space

Because nothing is fixed to the floor, we can rearrange our space so that it invites us to see things differently. Easter season is the period when we celebrate Jesus' resurrection. In the gospel accounts, he appears to different disciples in different ways. In the Acts of the Apostles, he sometimes appears to whole crowds. Jesus is among the people for a period before he ascends into heaven. While Jesus assures us that he is always with us, there is special emphasis on this in Easter season. So we are evoking this idea by placing a small everyday table in the middle of the people, reminding us that Jesus is in the midst of us in our Sunday meal, the bread and wine.

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 Indicate "donation" in the memo line.

Best! Sign up for pre-authorized debit to have a monthly donation transferred directly from your bank account. See Tasha for details.

We issue tax receipts for donations of \$20 or more.

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The Gathering of the Community

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

Song Lo, I Am With You

Lo, I am with you to the end of the world; lo, I am with you to the

Am/C E A Dm/F Em7 Dm Am Bb2 C
end of the world. Lo, I am with you, lo, I am with you;

7 Dm/F Am/E Bbmaj7/D Bb Gm7 Am Dsus Dm
lo, I am with you to the end of the world.

2. Lo, I am with you when you leave yourself behind;
Lo, I am with you when you leave yourself behind;
Lo, I am with you,
Lo I am with you,
Lo, I am with you when you leave yourself behind.

3. Lo, I am with you when you
suffer for love ...

5. Lo, I am with you in the darkness of
death ...

4. Lo, I am with you in the changes of life ...

6. Lo, I am with you to the end of the
world...

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: God unheld by word or wall:

All: **lift us from dullness and cynical contempt;
make us ready for your Spirit of transforming power;
and turn our hearts to the mending of the world,
through Jesus Christ, the name above all names. Amen.**

Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009) alt.

Proclamation of the Word

First Reading

Reader: A reading from the book of Daniel
(Daniel 7:9-14)

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Silence is kept.

Psalm 24:7-10

⁷ Lift up your heads, O gates;
lift them high, O everlasting doors; *
and the One who reigns in glory shall come in.

⁸ “Who is this glorious One?”

“The Lord, strong and mighty,
the Lord, mighty in battle.”

⁹ Lift up your heads, O gates;
lift them high, O everlasting doors; *
and the One who reigns in glory shall come in.

¹⁰ “Who is this glorious One?”*

**“The Lord of hosts,
the Lord who reigns in glory.”**

Second Reading

Reader: A reading from the first Letter of Paul to the Ephesians
(Ephesians 1:15-23)

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 Luke.
(Luke 24:44-53)

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 Don't Be Afraid

Don't be a - fraid. My love is strong - er,
my love is strong - er than your fear.
Don't be a - fraid. My love is strong - er and
I have prom-ised, prom-ised to be al - ways near.

Text and Music: John Bell (1949-)

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.

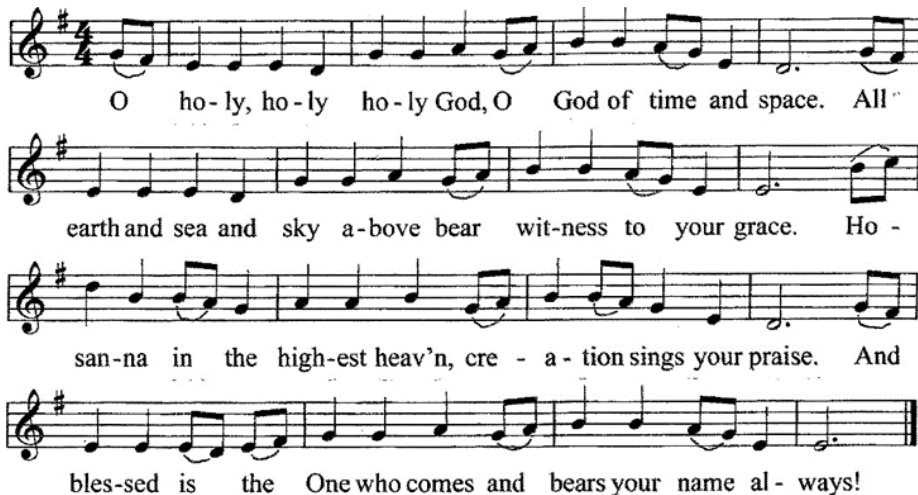
All: **We lift them up to God.**

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:

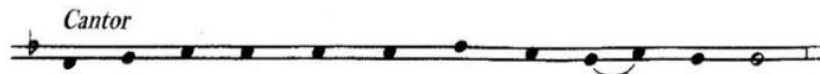
Breathe your Holy Spirit, the wisdom of the universe,
upon these gifts that we bring to you:
this bread, this cup, ourselves, our souls and bodies,
that we may be signs of your love for all the world
and ministers of your transforming purpose.

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.

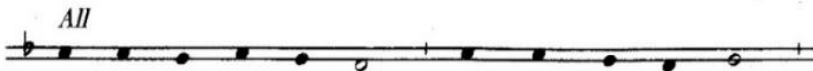
All:

Amen

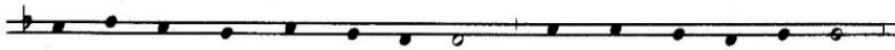
The Lord's Prayer



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



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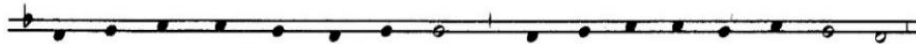
your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in hea - ven.



Give us to - day our dai - ly bread.



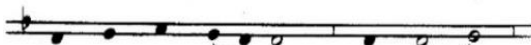
For - give us our sins as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us.



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

Lead With Love

Chorus:

*You gotta put one foot in front of the other
and lead with love*

*put one foot in front of the other
and lead with love! (2x)*

1. Don't give up hope you're not alone
don't you give up, keep movin' on.
2. Lift up your eyes, don't you despair
look up ahead, the path is there.
3. I know you're scared, and I'm scared, too
But here I am, Right next to you!

*Text: June Boyce-Tillman
Music: Alfred Morton Smith*

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, May 20	12 noon	Centering Prayer
	12:30 pm	Holy Communion
Friday, May 22	12 noon	Drum Circle
Sunday, May 24	10:30 am	Holy Communion

Next Sunday's Readings

May 24, 2026 | Pentecost

Numbers 11:24-30; Psalm 104:25-35, 37; Acts 2:1-21; John 20:19-23

Equipping the Saints. Following the popular *Why do we read Scripture in worship*, Tasha and Kim are offering three more sessions. **Today is *Liturgical Assistant: Walk Slowly, Look Holy: What even does the liturgical assistant do?*** Stay after church today to learn a bit of liturgical theology and help refine this important role! The session will last about 90 minutes.

Coming up next week is *Greeting: More Than Handing Out the Bulletin* (Sunday, May 24). The sessions are “how to” but equally importantly about how these roles are also opportunities for spiritual practice. Sessions are roughly 90 minutes, so bring something for lunch. These sessions are in support of our parish priority to strengthen the way we call and equip members for ministry and leadership.

Sing Without Ceasing: Diocesan Choir Festival! Let's get a group together for Sing *Without Ceasing*, a Diocesan Choir Festival hosted by **Christ Church Cathedral on May 29**. This is a great chance to fully embrace our church nerd identities and sing our hearts out with other Christians. The evening includes a mass choir from singers across the diocese, plus congregational singing, readings and other elements of worship. Email or talk to Tasha for more details: tasha.vicar@stmarymags.ca

What Is Love Anyway? Not content with the Equipping the Saints series, Tasha and Kim are offering four sessions on Love. We begin on **Trinity Sunday (May 31)** with an overview focused on—you guessed it—the Trinity. The following sessions look at love through the lens of each member of the Trinity. Expect a short presentation followed by discussion.



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