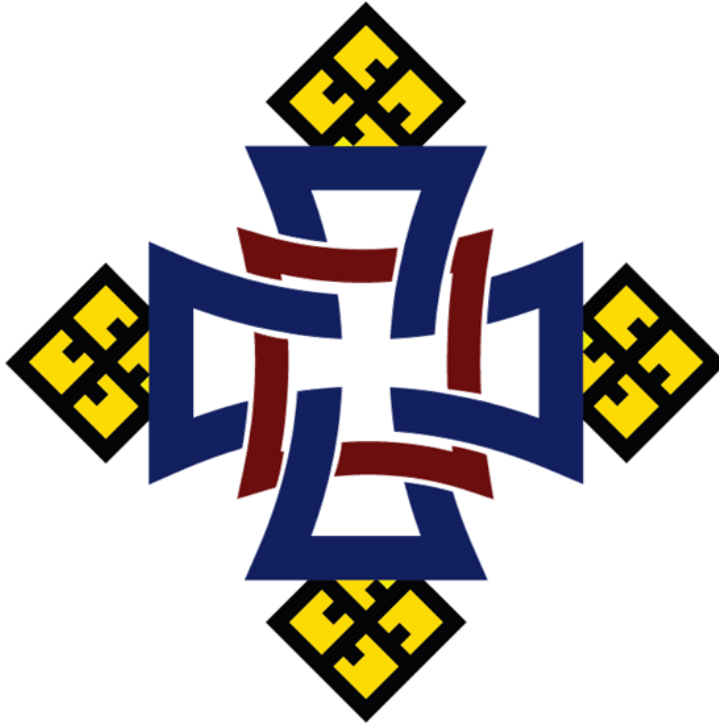


**Holy Communion
Season of Creation
August 30, 2026**



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 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.

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The Gathering of the Community

Song

#7 New Every Morning is Love

1. New every morning is the love our wakening and uprising prove; through sleep and darkness safely brought, restored to life and power and thought.
2. New mercies, each returning day, hover around us while we pray; new perils past, new sins forgiven, new thoughts of God, new hopes of heaven.
3. If on our daily course our mind be set to hallow all we find, new treasures still of countless price God will provide for sacrifice.
4. Old friends, old scenes will lovelier be, as more of heaven in each we see; some softening gleam of love and prayer shall dawn on every cross and care.
5. The trivial round, the common task, will furnish all we ought to ask: room to deny ourselves, a road to bring us daily nearer God.
6. Only, O Lord, in thy dear love fit us for perfect rest above; and help us, this and every day, to live more nearly as we pray.

Text: John Keble

Music: Samuel Webbe the elder

Presider:

Blessed be the One who creates all things.

All:

The Holy One's love is new every morning.

Presider:

As we gather on the unceded and ancestral lands
of the Coast Salish Nations, let us pray
that Christ's grace and peace will be with us.

All:

May we be ministers of the reconciling love of our Creator

Prayer of the Day

Presider:

O God,

All:

**whose word burns like a fire within us:
grant us a bold and faithful spirit,
so that, in your strength, we may be unafraid
to speak your word and follow where you lead;
through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. Amen.**

Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006) alt.

Proclamation of the Word

First Reading

Reader:

A reading from the Book of Exodus
(Exodus 1:8—2:10)

Reader:

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

All:

Thanks be to God.

Silence is kept.

Psalm 124

¹ If the Lord had not been on our side, *
let Israel now say;
² if the Lord had not been on our side, *
when enemies rose up against us;
³ then would they have swallowed us up alive *
in their fierce anger toward us;
⁴ then would the waters have overwhelmed us *
and the torrent gone over us;
⁵ then would the raging waters *
have gone right over us.
⁶ Blessed be the Lord *
who has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth.
⁷ We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler; *
the snare is broken, and we have escaped.
⁸ Our help is in the name of the Lord, *
the maker of heaven and earth.

Second Reading

Reader: A reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the Romans
(Romans 12:1-8)

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

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Silence is kept.

Song

#450 You Call Us, Lord, to Be

1. You call us, Lord, to be a people set apart,
to feel with a thoughtful mind and think with tender heart.
Thus chosen, now, O Lord, we ask
for faith in your unfailing grace to make us equal to the task.

2. You call us, Lord, to care for self and neighbour too,
to take the risk, and dare to show what love can do.
Thus chosen, now, O Lord, we ask
for faith in your unfailing grace to make us equal to the task.

3. You call us, Lord, to be good stewards of the earth;
to tend it as a place of blessedness and worth.
Thus chosen, now, O Lord, we ask
for faith in your unfailing grace to make us equal to the task.

4. You call us, Lord, to serve: to die that we may live,
to know we best receive when joyfully we give.
Thus chosen, now, O Lord, we ask
for faith in your unfailing grace to make us equal to the task.

Gospel Reading

Reader: May God be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Reader: The Holy Gospel of Jesus according to Matthew.
(Matthew 16:13-20)

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

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

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

Homily

The Rev. Margaret Marquardt

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

Song

#347 The God of Abraham Praise

1. The God of Abraham praise who reigns enthroned above;
Ancient of everlasting Days, and God of love; Jehovah, great I AM!
By earth and heaven confessed; I bow and bless the sacred name forever blest.

2. The great I AM has sworn; I on this oath depend.
I shall, on eagle wings upborne, to heaven ascent. I shall behold God's face;
I shall God's power adore, and sing the wonders of God's grace for evermore.

3. The goodly land I see with peace and plenty blest;
A land of sacred liberty, and endless rest. There milk and honey flow,
and oil and wine abound, and trees of life forever grow with mercy crowned.

4. Triumphant hosts on high give thanks eternally
and "Holy, holy, holy" cry, "great Trinity!" Hail Abraham's God and ours!
One mighty hymn we raise: All power and majesty be yours and endless praise!

Text: Daniel ben Judah, trans. Thomas Olivers

Music: Hebrew melody

Affirmation of Faith

Presider: Let us declare our trust as we say

All: **We believe in God, who creates all things,
who embraces all things, who celebrates all things,
who is present in every part of the fabric of creation.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ, the suffering one, the poor one,
the malnourished one, the climate refugee,
who loves and cares for this world and who suffers with it.
Jesus Christ, the seed of life, who reconciles
and renews this world and everything in it.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the breath of God,
who moves with God
and who moves among and with us today.**

**We believe in everlasting life in God.
And we trust that one day,
God will put an end to death and all destructive forces. Amen.**

Prayers of the Community

Please stand or sit as you prefer for prayer.

*In the prayers of the people, we 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, you can add their names to the book in the front hall or
speak to the Vicar.*

The Confession

Presider: Creator, out of your abundant love

All: **all things live and move and have their being.**

**We confess that we have turned away from you
and from your image in our neighbours.**

**We have neglected the creatures that surround us,
the water that renews us,
and the earth that nourishes us.**

**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us
that we might hear the song of your creation once again
and see your love in all living things.**

Presider: God forgives you.

Forgive others; forgive yourself.

Through Christ, God has put away your sin:
approach your God in peace. **Amen.**

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

#179 Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery

1. Tree of Life and awesome mystery, in your death we are reborn;
though you die in all of history, still you rise with every morn,
still you rise with every morn.

2. Seed that dies to rise in glory, may we see ourselves in you;
if we learn to live your story we may die to rise anew,
we may die to rise anew.

3. We remember truth once spoken, love passed on through act and word;
every person lost and broken wears the body of our Lord,
wears the body of our Lord.

4. Gentle Jesus, mighty Spirit, come inflame our hearts anew.
We may all your joy inherit if we bear the cross with you,
if we bear the cross with you.

5. Christ, you lead and we shall follow, stumbling through our steps may be;
one with you in joy and sorrow, we the river, you the sea,
we the river, you the sea.

6f. God of all fear and sorrow, God who lives beyond our death,
hold us close through each tomorrow, love as near as every breath,
love as near as every breath.

Text and music: Marty Haugen (1950-)

Prayer Over the Gifts

Presider: Eternal Creator, Holy Wisdom,
All: **all creation yearns in hope to be set free.
Receive all we offer you this day
and through this Eucharist
lead us to be servants of your justice and truth
in the name of Jesus. Amen**

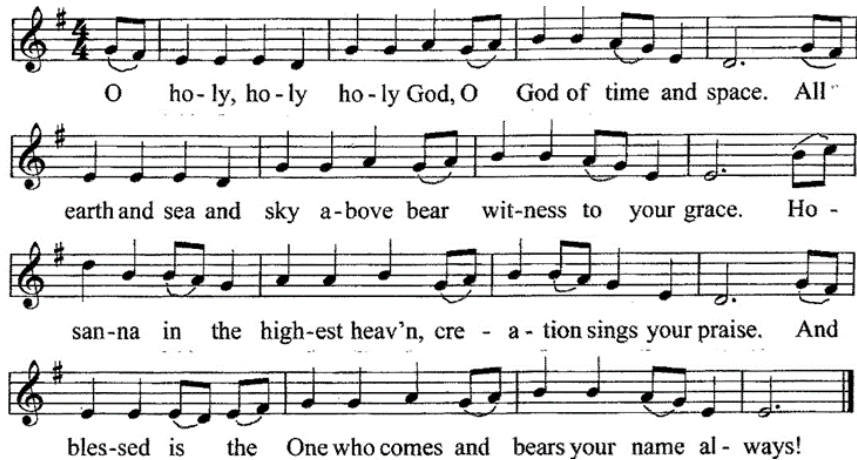
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The Great Thanksgiving

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: It is right at all times and in all places
to thank and praise you, Creator of all.
We praise you here on this Coast Salish land
where the Fraser River meets the Salish Sea,
where city and farm, wilderness and industry are side by side.
We praise you at a time
when the body of earth is broken again and again.
We give thanks for our place in the story of salvation.

Our ancestors journeyed with you in creation and migration.
 They depended on the land, were displaced from the land
 and displaced others from their lands.
 They knew you in tents and cities, on mountains and by wells,
 in families and in dreams, and through wilderness prophets
 who spoke of cedars and listened to ravens.

Together with angels and ancestors, orca and salmon, bear and raven, salal and cedar we join our voices with all creation in this ancient honour song:



Presider:

We give thanks to you for Jesus, whose first bed was a feed trough.
 He was baptized into the Jordan, tested in the wilderness,
 he travelled in fishing boats and told parables of farmers and seeds,
 labour and wages, yeast and bread.

On the night before he died, Jesus took bread, food of the poor,
 the work of field and hearth, he gave thanks,
 broke it and gave it to his friends saying:
 Take and eat, this is my body, given for you, do this to remember me.

Again after supper he took the cup of wine, fruit of the land,
 gave thanks and gave it to his friends saying:
 This is my blood, which is shed for you.
 When you do this, do it in memory of me.

Remembering Jesus' life, death and resurrection
 and awaiting his coming kingdom, we offer you this bread and this cup.
 Creator, send your Spirit on these gifts so that
 we know Jesus in them and are gathered together
 with everyone who shares this sacred meal of justice and community.

Fill us with the courage and love of Jesus,
that we may strive for justice and peace, respect the dignity
of every human being, and safeguard the integrity of creation.
Bring us with Mary Magdalene and all your saints
to your commonwealth of sparrow and lily, child and beggar
which is both now and yet to come.

All honour and glory are yours, Creator, Christ and Spirit,
now and forever. **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.

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.

Breaking of the Bread

Presider: Creator of all,
You gave us golden fields of wheat,
whose many grains we have gathered
and made into the one bread.

All: **So may your church be gathered
from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.**

Communion

Presider: The gifts of God for the people of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Please come to the front to receive communion. If you prefer to remain at your place, the bread and wine will be brought to all who wish. Everyone is welcome to receive communion.

Sending Out of the Disciples

Prayer after Communion

Presider: Creator of all,
All: **in the death and resurrection of Jesus
you have reconciled all things in heaven and on earth.
May this bread and wine open our eyes
to your love and justice woven through all of creation.
We ask this through Jesus, your creating Word. Amen.**

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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

#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

Dismissal

Deacon:

Go forth into the world,
rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

All:

Thanks be to God.

Please stay for coffee and tea!

This Week at St. Mary Mags

Sunday, September 6 10:30 am Holy Communion

Next Sunday's Readings

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Exodus 14:19-31; Psalm 114; Romans 14:1-12; Matthew 18:21-35

Announcements

Summer Plans. Tasha will be on combined study leave and vacation from August 13, returning on Sunday, September 13. We are delighted to once again welcome the Rev. Margaret Marquardt, who will preach and preside while Tasha is away.

Centering Prayer and Mid-Week Holy Communion are on hiatus from August 12, returning on September 16th.

Drum Circle on hiatus. Steven is away and drum circle will be on hiatus effective immediately until fall. It will return as usual on Friday, September 28th.

Going Deeper. Would you like to explore your Christian faith in shared reflection and study? Education for Ministry integrates theological and biblical studies with everyday experiences to connect our hearts and heads. Weekly sessions for 36 weeks. Contact Jim for more information: jamesberger1502@gmail.com



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