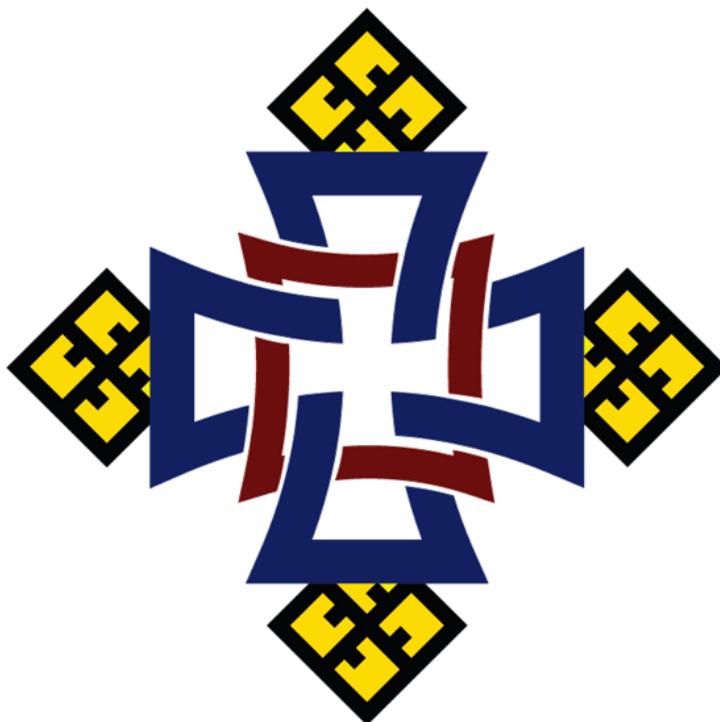


**Holy Communion**  
**The Second Sunday in Lent**  
**March 1, 2026**



**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:

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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:* Holy God,

*All:* **whose Spirit’s breath prompts our seeking:**

**transform the night-time of our fear**

**into a welcoming womb for us and all the world;**

**through Jesus Christ, in whom we are born anew. Amen.**

*Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009) alt*

## Proclamation of the Word

### First Reading

*Reader:* A reading from the Book of Genesis  
(Genesis 12.1-4a)

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

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

*Silence is kept.*

**Psalm 121**

**#543 Unto the Hills around Do I Lift Up**

1. Unto the hills around do I lift up  
my longing eyes:  
O whence for me shall my salvation come,  
from whence arise?  
From God the Lord doth come my certain aid,  
and earth hath made.

2. He will not suffer that thy foot be moved:  
safe shalt thou be.  
No careless slumber shall his eyelids close  
who keepeth thee.  
Behold, our God, the Lord, he slumbereth ne'er,  
who keepeth Israel in his holy care.

3. Jehovah is himself thy keeper true,  
thy changeless shade;  
Jehovah thy defence on thy right hand  
himself hath made.  
And thee no sun by day shall ever smite;  
no moon shall harm thee in the silent night.

4. From every evil shall he keep thy soul,  
from every sin:  
Jehovah shall preserve thy going out,  
thy coming in.  
Above thee watching, he whom we adore  
Shall keep thee henceforth, yea, for evermore.

*Text: Ps.121, para. John Campbell. Music: Charles H Purday*

**Second Reading**

*Reader:* A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans  
(Romans 4.1-5, 13-17)

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

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

*Silence is kept.*

**Song**

**#390 Womb of Life and Source of Being**

1. Womb of life and source of being,  
home of every restless heart,  
in your arms the worlds awakened;  
you have loved us from the start.  
We, your children, gather 'round you  
at the table you prepare.

Sharing stories, tears and laughter,  
we are nurtured by your care.

2. Word in flesh, our brother Jesus,  
born to bring us second birth,  
you have come to stand beside us,  
knowing weakness, knowing earth.  
Priest who shares our human struggles,  
Life of life, and Death of death,  
risen Christ, come stand among us,  
send the Spirit by your breath.

3. Brooding Spirit, move among us;  
be our partner, be our friend.  
When our memory fails, remind us  
whose we are, what we intend.  
Labour with us, aid the birthing  
of the new world yet to be,  
free of servant, lord, and master,  
free for love and unity.

4. Mother, Brother, holy Partner;  
Father, Spirit, Only Son:  
we would praise your name forever,  
One in Three, and Three in One.  
We would share your life, your passion,  
share your word of world made new,  
ever singing, ever praising,  
one with all, and one with you.

*Text: Ruth Duck Music: Ronald Arnatt*

### **Gospel Reading**

*Reader:* May God be with you.

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

*Reader:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.  
(John 3.1-17)

*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

### #468 To Abraham and Sarah

1. To Abraham and Sarah  
the call of God was clear:  
'Go forth and I will show you  
a country rich and fair.  
You need not fear the journey  
for I have pledged my word:  
that you shall be my people  
and I will be your God.

2. From Abraham and Sarah  
arose a pilgrim race,  
dependent for their journey  
on God's abundant grace.  
and in their heart was written  
by God this saving word:  
"That you shall be my people  
and I will be your God."

3. We of this generation  
on whom God's hand is laid,  
can journey to the future  
secure and unafraid!  
rejoicing in God's goodness  
and trusting in this word:  
"That you shall be my people  
and I will be your God."

*Text: Judith Fetter Music: Basil Harwood*

### 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 #177 A Spendthrift Lover is the Lord

1. A spendthrift lover is the Lord  
who never counts the cost  
or asks if heaven can afford  
to woo a world that's lost.  
Our lover tosses coins of gold  
across the midnight skies  
and stokes the sun against the cold  
to warm us when we rise.

2. Still more is spent in blood and tears  
to win the human heart,  
to overcome the violent fears  
that drive the world apart.  
Behold the bruised and thorn-crowned face  
of one who bears our scars  
and empties out the wealth of grace  
that's hinted by the stars.

3. How shall we love this heart-strong God  
who gives us everything,  
whose ways to us are strange and odd;  
what can we give or bring?  
Acceptance of the matchless gift  
is gift enough to give.  
The very act will shake and shift  
the way we love and live.

*Text: Thomas H Troeger Music: Alfred V Fedak*

## 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.*



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

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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 -

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

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

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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.



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

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 3/4. The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the treble staff, aligned with the notes. The lyrics are: "Re - store us O God, Re - store us O God, Let Your face shine".

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."

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

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life. Lord Je - sus, come in glor - ry.

*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.

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

*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

## The Lord's Prayer

*Cantor*

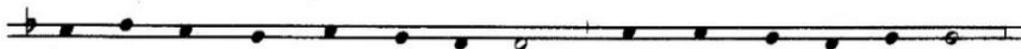


As our Sa - vior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

*All*



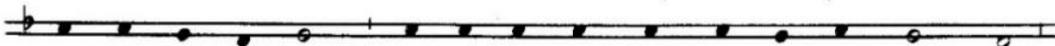
Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, hal - lowed be your Name,



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



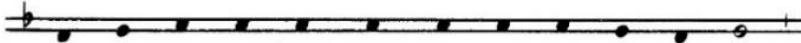
Give us to - day our dai - ly bread.



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

The Grace of God is Like a Road

The grace of God is like a road that  
The voice of God is like the wind, it  
The strength of God is like a stone; it  
The love of God is like a stream; it  
The peace of God is like a friend who  
draws the heart from its first home - We  
comes and goes, and comes a - gain We  
firms the will of soul and bone; Still  
fills and feeds our deep - est dreams It  
sees us through the jour - ney's end The  
long to go, but we hate to leave:  
read the signs in the bend - ing trees:  
soul and bone grow worn and weak:  
finds a thirst and leaves a spring:  
road is long and the talk is sweet:  
the Spir - it calls, "Come fol - low me."

*Text: Michael Hudson Music: O WALY WALY*

**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, March 4	12 noon	Centering Prayer
	12:30 pm	Holy Communion
Saturday, March 7	12 noon	Drum Circle
Sunday, March 8	10:30 am	Holy Communion

**Lent with Leonard Cohen:** Created by our own Jessica Schaap, Diocesan Missioner for Christian Formation, this five session study uses simple, creative ways to respond to one of Leonard Cohen's songs each session.

No need to be familiar with Cohen's work or even to particularly like his music\*. Each session bookends one of Cohen's songs with scripture and prayer, including a short introcuton that provides a Lenten context for the song. Duration is about one hour.

Two opportunities each week: after Wednesday eucharist (around 1:15 pm) and after Sunday eucharist (around 12:30 pm).



### Next Sunday's Readings

March 8, 2026 | The Third Sunday in Lent  
Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 95; Romans 5:1-11; John 4:5-42

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