



St. Mary Magdalene

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Easter Day

March 31, 2024 | 10:00 am

Welcome to St Mary Magdalene! Whether this is your first time here or you are a long-time member, we're glad you are joining us for worship this morning. We know that people come to church seeking many different things: a fresh worship experience, a sanctuary for rest and healing, a social network, connection with long-time friends, a deeper relationship with God, or a first-time introduction to the Way of Jesus. Some may not yet know why the Spirit has led them here.

We welcome the opportunity to learn more about you and your spiritual journey, and to become your companions on the way for however long you may be with us. Please look over the information on the bulletin insert and feel free to stop by our Welcome Center to learn more about our community.

In the meantime, we are blessed to have you with us as we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to God.
Peace,

Rev. Bruce H. Swinehart

Service Notes

Covid: Masks are highly recommended. In order to protect our most vulnerable members and be responsible to the community around us, please consider wearing a tight fitting N95 mask. Wash your hands often and stay home and attend our service on YouTube at smboulder.org if you are not feeling well.

Children: We welcome the presence of children among us! Children of all ages are welcome to come up for the Children's Homily at the beginning of the service, and are welcome throughout the service. Our nursery is not currently staffed, but is open for diaper changing if needed.

Coats: Coat racks are available in the hallway off the main entrance to the church. Please utilize coat racks instead of chair backs so as not to block access to book pockets on church chairs.

Frequency: St. Mary Magdalene offers two weekend services. The first is a year-round Contemplative Service every Saturday evening at 5:00 pm: 2nd and 4th Saturdays are in person/livestream hybrid; other Saturdays are online only via Zoom. On Sundays there is a 10:00 am service (with music, in the sanctuary and live-streamed) during the school year; in the summer, there is a 9:00 morning service.

Format: The weekly bulletin contains the service outline and page numbers for any music. The liturgy is based on ones found in the Book of Common Prayer. Words in bold are spoken by the entire congregation. Most people will stand to sing, sit to listen, and either stand or kneel during the prayers, but please use whatever posture is most helpful and comfortable for you. Feel free to ask someone if you would like help understanding any part of the service.

Music & Singing: Hymn numbers refer to Songs for Worship, which can be found in the chairback pockets.

The Peace: A longstanding tradition of the Episcopal Church is to exchange The Peace with those sitting near you in preparation for Communion. The traditional exchange is, "The peace of the Lord be with you"; the response is, "And also with you." During this time, please share the peace while maintaining distance from those outside of your household.

Receiving Communion: All are welcome to receive communion. Ushers will invite you to the altar at the appropriate time. The bread will be placed in your outstretched hands; a response of "Amen" is traditional. Due to health precautions, communion wine is served in single serving cups. Those whose circumstances make it difficult to come to the altar may receive communion at their seats by notifying the ushers or clergy.

Community Blessing for New Beginnings: Please come to the front of the sanctuary for a communal prayer, if you want to acknowledge and/or celebrate a significant milestone, including your desire to become part of, or to renew your commitment to, the community of St. Mary Magdalene.

Accessible Seating: Please check with the ushers and greeters for accessible seating.

Restrooms: Gender-neutral restrooms are located next to the nursery. Additional restrooms are located in the Education Wing.

The Word Of GodOpening Hymn (*please stand as you are able*)

Jesus Christ is Risen Today Songs for Worship #64

Gathering Words and Collect of the Day

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.
People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**
Celebrant There is one Body and one Spirit.
People **There is one hope in God's call to us.**
Celebrant One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism.
People **One God and one Lord of All.**

Song of Praise

Glory to God Songs for Worship S-4

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.
 Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Children's Homily

The Lesson

Isaiah 25:6-9

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples
 a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,
 of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.
 And he will destroy on this mountain
 the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
 the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever.
 Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces,
 and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken.
 It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.
 This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.
People **Thanks be to God.**

The Response: Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24

Give thanks to the Lord who is | good; *
the mercy of the Lord endures for | ever.
 Let Israel now pro | claim, *
"The mercy of the Lord endures for | ever."
 The Lord is my strength and my | song, *
and has become my sal | vation.
 There is a sound of exultation and | victory *
in the tents of the | righteous:
 "The mighty hand of the Lord has | triumphed! *
the mighty hand of the Lord is ex | alted!
the mighty hand of the Lord has | triumphed!"
 I shall not die, but | live, *
and declare the works of the | Lord.



The Lord has punished me | sorely, *
but did not hand me over to | death.

Open for me the gates of | righteousness; *
I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the | Lord.

”This is the gate of the | Lord; *
those who are righteous may | enter.”

I will give thanks to the Lord who answered | me *
and has become my sal | vation.

The same stone which the builders re | jected *
has become the chief | cornerstone.

This is the Lord’s | doing, *
and it is marvellous in our | eyes.

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

Second Lesson

Acts 10:34-43

Peter began to speak to Cornelius and the other Gentiles: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ--he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Reader
People Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s People.
Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn (*please stand as able*)

See, What a Morning Songs for Worship #65

The Gospel
Celebrant
People

Mark 16:1-8

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.
Glory to you Lord Christ.

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint Jesus. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?” When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, “Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.” So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

Celebrant
People The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you Lord Christ.

The Homily

A period of silence follows to reflect on the homily.

Fr. Bruce Swinehart

Presentation and Examination of the Candidate

Celebrant

Parents & Godparents

I will, with God's help.

Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

I will, with God's help.

Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

I renounce them.

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

I do.

Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

I do.

Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

We will.

Let us join Bailey who is committing herself to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

The Baptismal Covenant

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?

I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

I will, with God's help.

Prayers for the Candidate

Celebrant Let us now pray for Bailey who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Intercessor 1 Deliver her, O Lord, from the way of sin and death. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor 2 Open her heart to your grace and truth. **Lord, hear our prayer.**
Intercessor 3 Fill her with your holy and life-giving Spirit. **Lord, hear our prayer.**
Intercessor 4 Keep her in the faith and communion of your holy Church. **Lord, hear our prayer.**
Intercessor 5 Teach her to love others in the power of the Spirit. **Lord, hear our prayer.**
Intercessor 6 Send her into the world in witness to your love. **Lord, hear our prayer.**
Intercessor 7 Bring her to the fullness of your peace and glory. **Lord, hear our prayer.**
Celebrant Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. **Amen.**

Thanksgiving Over the Water

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**
Celebrant We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life. We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Baptism

Celebrant Bailey, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**
Let us pray.
Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised her to the new life of grace. Sustain her, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give her an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**
Bailey, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**
Receive the light of Christ as a sign that you have passed from darkness into light. Shine as his light in the world to the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**
Let us welcome the newly baptized.

People **We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

Baptismal Hymn

More Precious Than Silver Songs for Worship #136

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**
All are invited to exchange expressions of God's peace.

Community Blessing

Those desiring a special blessing for anything "new" in your life – birthday, anniversary, baby, job, etc. – are invited to come forward.
Those desiring to identify themselves to our church community as members of St. Mary Magdalene are invited to come forward.

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants in the journeys of their lives. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

Offertory Hymn

For the Beauty of the Earth by John Rutter (St Mary Magdalene Choir)
Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks Songs for Worship #67

Presentation Hymn

S8 Praise God

Eucharistic Prayer D

Book of Common Prayer p. 372

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever. Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance. Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord Songs for Worship S9

Celebrant

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation. Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new. And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all. When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, 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 give 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 many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the Dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

All

We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to you, and we pray to you, Lord our God.

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Grant that all who share

this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name. Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace. Remember all who minister in your Church. Remember all your people, and those who seek your truth. Remember all who have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone; bring them into the place of eternal joy and light. And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to sing,

Lord's Prayer (*please stand as you are able*)

Refer to blue music sheet in chair pocket

The Breaking of the Bread and the Invitation

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

All who wish are invited to come forward at this time to receive communion. The bread will be placed in your outstretched hands; a response of "Amen" is traditional. Due to health precautions, communion wine is served in single serving cups. Those whose circumstances make it difficult to come to the altar may receive communion at their seats by notifying the ushers or clergy. If you wish to receive a blessing instead of bread and wine, cross your arms over your chest as you come forward.



If you would like to receive communion bread

The Communion Hymns



If you would like a blessing

*Yo soy el pan de vida (I am the Bread of Life)
Songs for Worship # 1, 70, 293, 75, 74, 66*

The Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

People **Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with the spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Blessing

May almighty God, who has redeemed us and made his children through the resurrection of his Son, our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. **Amen.**

May God who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. **Amen.**

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

The Closing Hymn

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee Songs for Worship #139

The Dismissal

Celebrant Alleluia, alleluia! Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Postludes

Hallelujah Chorus by G.F. Handel (St Mary Magdalene Choir, Band, and Congregation)