



St. Mary Magdalene

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 5, 2024 | 10:00 am

A Community Celebrating and Sharing God's Love

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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,

The SMM Clergy

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 smmboulder.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 God

Opening Hymn *(please stand as you are able)*

All Are Welcome Songs for Worship #238

Gathering Words

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Celebrant Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Song of Praise

Glory to God Songs for Worship S4

Celebrant God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Children's Homily

The Lesson

Acts 10:44-48

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 98

Sing a new song to the | Lord,*
who has done marvellous | things;
 whose mighty hand and holy | arm*
have won the | victory.

O Lord, you have made known the | victory; *
you have openly shown your righteousness in the sight of the | nations.

You remember your mercy and faithfulness to the house of | Israel, *
and all the ends of the earth have seen your victory, O | God.

Shout with joy to the Lord, all you | lands; *
lift up your voice, rejoice and | sing.

Sing to the Lord with the | harp, *
with the harp and the voice of | song.

With trumpets and the sound of the | horn *
shout with joy before our sovereign, the | Lord.

Let the sea make a noise and all that is in | it, *
the lands and those who dwell there | in.

Let the rivers clap their | hands, *
and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord, who is coming to judge the | earth.



In righteousness shall God judge the | world *
and the peoples with | equity.

Second Lesson

1 John 5:1-6

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

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

Sequence Hymn (*please stand as able*)

Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word Songs for Worship #221

The Gospel

John 15:9-17

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John.
People **Glory to you Lord Christ.**

Jesus said to his disciples, "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."

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

The Sermon

Rt. Rev. Kym Lucas

A period of silence follows to reflect on the homily.

Presentation and Examination of the Candidate

Bishop The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Parents & Godparent I present Anna to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Bishop Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents & Godparent **I will, with God's help.**

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

Parents & Godparent **I will, with God's help.**

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

Parents & Godparent **I renounce them.**

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

Parents & Godparent **I renounce them.**

Bishop Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Parents & Godparent **I renounce them.**

Bishop Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?
Parents & Godparent **I do.**
Bishop Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?
Parents & Godparent **I do.**
Bishop Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?
Parents & Godparent **I do.**
Bishop Will you who witness those vows do all in your power to support Anna in her life in Christ?
People **We will.**
Bishop Let us join Anna who is committing herself to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

The Baptismal Covenant

Bishop Do you believe in God the Father?
People **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**
Bishop Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
People **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.**
Bishop Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
People **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.**
Bishop Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?
People **I will, with God's help.**
Bishop Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?
People **I will, with God's help.**
Bishop Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?
People **I will, with God's help.**
Bishop Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?
People **I will, with God's help.**
Bishop Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?
People **I will, with God's help.**

Prayers for the Candidate

Bishop Let us now pray for Anna 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

Bishop The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Bishop Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Bishop

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

Bishop

Anna, 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.**

Anna, 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

This Little Light of Mine Songs for Worship #165

At this time, all children are invited to walk with the newly baptized as she is welcomed into the parish.

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

Offertory Hymn

My Wordless Prayer by Craig Courtney (St Mary Magdalene Choir)

Presentation Hymn

S8 Praise God

Eucharistic Prayer

Enriching Our Worship Prayer 2

Celebrant

The Lord be with you.

People

And also with you.

Celebrant
People
Celebrant
People

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord Songs for Worship S9

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you. On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made. In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, 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*



If you would like a blessing

The Communion Hymns

Songs for Worship #137, 55, 97, 211, 124

The Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant

Let us pray.

All **God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

The Blessing

Celebrant

Live without fear: your Creator has made you holy, has always protected you, and loves you as a mother. Go in peace to follow the good road and may the blessing of God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you always. **Amen.**

The Closing Hymn

Lord, Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing Songs for Worship #304

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

I'm Gonna Sing arranged by Andre J. Thomas (St Mary Magdalene Choir)

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Coffee Hour is provided by Rev. Sasha Bilow.

The altar flowers are given by Rev. Sasha Bilow & Josh Porosky to the glory of God in thanksgiving for the Baptism of their daughter, Anna Jane Porosky.

Sunday Volunteers for May 5, 2024

Verger - Cris Crisfield

Vestry Announcements - Janet Poley

Greeters - Katya Friedman-Bush & Carol Park

Ushers - Barb Fernie and Mike Houlik

Altar Guild - Judy Nieuwma & Linda Whisler

Acolytes - Emmett O'Leary & Adelle Barnhart

Lectors - LCB: Courtney Gambrell & CB2: Tina Fredo

Healing Prayer - Judy Nieuwma & Mary Hardy

Communion Bread - Carol Park

Godly Play I - Meg Thornbury & Myra O'Leary

Altar Flowers - Carmel Hill & Meg Thornbury

A Community Celebrating and Sharing God's Love

Sunday	05/05	10:00am	Sunday Worship (in person and livestreamed on YouTube)
Sunday	05/05	4:30pm	Youth Group (in person at SMM)
Tuesday	05/07	9:15am	Centering Prayer (in person in the Library and on Zoom)
Wednesday	05/08	9:00am	Men's Discussion Group (in person in the Library and on Zoom)
Saturday	05/11	5:00pm	Holden Evening Prayer (in person and livestreamed on YouTube)

Donate to Our Offering Plate

Please prayerfully consider giving to our plate offering today. Your generosity helps support the work and mission of the church. You can also give online (at smmboulder.org/give) or text GIVE to 720-797-5717.

Please welcome our Bishop, Rt. Rev. Kym Lucas, who is worshipping with us this morning.

Today's Offering Plate will be donated to the Bishop's Discretionary Fund.

Please welcome our interim rector, Rev. Sarah Berlin.

Rev. Sarah will be shepherding our community through our rector search.

Youth Group | Sunday, May 5th at 4:30pm (in person at SMM)

Join us at 4:30 at SMM for a pizza dinner and the opportunity to share your hopes for St. Mary Magdalene with the visioning committee. We will also have a scavenger hunt (with prizes) to help you get to know the Book of Common Prayer.

Coffee Hour | Sign Up Sheet Is Available

Pick your Sunday to sponsor Coffee Hour! Sign up sheet is on the sign up table in the entryway.

Centering Prayer | Tuesdays, 9:15am - 10:15am (in person and on Zoom)

This is a great time to join Centering Prayer as we begin our new book, *Meditations of the Heart* by Howard Thurman (with a new foreword by Yolanda Pierce) on Tuesday, April 16. Please join us for a time of centering prayer followed by readings from contemplative authors as well as discussion. Contact the office at office@smmboulder.org for more information.

Men's Discussion Group | Wednesdays, 9:00 - 10:00am (in person and on Zoom)

Join us for open discussion and examination of spiritual themes.

2nd Sunday Women's Gathering | Sunday, May 12, at 11:45 (in person in the library)

Our presenter is Ann Johnson, a retired Episcopal priest, who will share her spiritual journey story titled, "Surrendering into the Spirit's Unexpected". Note: We will have a women's gathering in June, and then take the months of July and August off, starting again in September with more women's spiritual journey stories. Let Joan Rinner (joanrinner@gmail.com) know if you'd be interested in presenting.

Outreach Fundraising Events | Three events to raise money for Outreach coming up in the next few months:

- May 17, 6:30pm: Music Night at the Poley House. \$15 per person. Max of 30 people
- June 8, 7:00pm: Poker Game at Bill Andrews House. \$20 per person. Max of 15 people
- June 14, 7:30pm: Star Gazing at the Church. \$10 per person, Max of \$20 per family. No Maximum

There will be sign up sheets in the back of the church after many of the upcoming services or you can contact Bill Andrews at wmandrews@yahoo.com to sign up or if you have questions.