

SAINT MARGARET'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
April 26, 2020

THE WORD OF GOD

PRELUDE

MARK LAMBERT, GUITAR, IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL

GATHERING MUSIC

ZACK NYEIN

Ha - le-lu - jah, Christ is ris-en! Ha - le-lu - jah, we are free! Ha - le-lu - jah,
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Christ is ris - en! We have been re - deemed!

OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

COLLECT FOR PURITY

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

COME CHRISTIANS ALL REJOICE AND SING

1 Good Chris - tians all, re - joice and sing! Now is the
 *2 The Lord of life is risen to - day! Sing songs of
 3 Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry that love, that
 4 Your Name we bless, O ris - en Lord, and sing to -
 5 To God the Fa - ther, God the Son, to God the

1 tri - umph of our King! To all the world glad news we bring:
 2 praise a - long his way; let all the earth re - joice and say:
 3 life which can - not die, and sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:
 4 day with one ac - cord the life laid down, the life re - stored:
 5 Spi - rit, al - ways One, we sing for life in us be - gun:

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider God be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Presider Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LESSONS

THE FIRST READING

ACTS 2:14A, 36-41

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd], “Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, “Brothers, what should we do?” Peter said to them, “Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.” And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALTER

PSALM 116:1-3, 10-17

1I love the Lord, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, *
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.
2The cords of death entangled me;
the grip of the grave took hold of me; *
I came to grief and sorrow.

3Then I called upon the Name of the Lord: *
 “O Lord, I pray you, save my life.”
 10How shall I repay the Lord *
 for all the good things he has done for me?
 11I will lift up the cup of salvation *
 and call upon the Name of the Lord.
 12I will fulfill my vows to the Lord *
 in the presence of all his people.
 13Precious in the sight of the Lord *
 is the death of his servants.
 14O Lord, I am your servant; *
 I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;
 you have freed me from my bonds.
 15I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving *
 and call upon the Name of the Lord.
 16I will fulfill my vows to the Lord *
 in the presence of all his people,
 17In the courts of the Lord’s house, *
 in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.
 Hallelujah!

THE SECOND READING

1 PETER 1:17-23

If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.

Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

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People **Thanks be to God.**

ALLELUIA VERSE

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - - - jah!

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Hal - le - lu - jah!

hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - - - jah! Hal - le -

lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - - - jah!

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

Now on that same day two of [the disciples] were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

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

THE NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Silver and gold did not buy us our freedom, but the self-sacrificing love of the Lamb. In thanksgiving for this blessed gift, we offer our prayers, responding to each petition by saying, "Hear us, O risen Christ."

Jacques Berthier

O Lord hear my pray'r, O Lord hear my pray'r.

When I call, an - swer me. O Lord hear my pray'r. O

Lord hear my pray'r, Come and lis - ten to me. O

Fine

Open our ears and eyes to hear your word in the midst of the daily routine, to see in others your holy presence, discovering through the voices of the poor and downtrodden your cry for justice; let us pray.

Hear us, O risen Christ.

Release the gift of peace wherever it is entombed in fear, especially during this pandemic, that resources spent to create armaments for war may instead be given for medical centers, schools, agricultural development, and employment opportunities; let us pray.

Hear us, O risen Christ.

Heal our self-centeredness and indifference that makes us worry only when the COVID 19 virus threatens us, open ways beyond timidity and fear that too easily ignore our neighbor; let us pray.

Hear us, O risen Christ.

Sustain all workers and business owners who suffer loss of livelihood due to shut-downs, quarantines, closed borders, and other restrictions... protect and guard all those who must travel. let us pray.

Hear us, O risen Christ.

Encourage the Church to develop new ways of communicating its message, receiving guidance from the past as new expressions are developed to speak to the present age and the generations to come; let us pray.

Hear us, O risen Christ.

Give the dying an assurance of eternal life, bring comfort to the grieving, and grant the freedom of redemption to those who have entered into their eternal rest; let us pray.

Hear us, O risen Christ.

Dear people of God, let us remember that gold and silver are false treasures compared to the risen Christ, in whom we continue our prayers.

Special intentions of the congregation, the diocese, and the Anglican Communion may be added here.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "O Lord hear my pray'r, O Lord hear my pray'r. When I call, an - swer me. O Lord hear my pray'r. O".



THE PEACE

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

The Presider says

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High.

Psalm 50:14



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In this time of sheltering in place, there is a significant economic impact on all of us in a variety of ways. To enable us to continue doing what we do as a congregation, supporting one another and our neighbors, we particularly appreciate your continued financial support, as you are able. We are checking our mail and making deposits. We also now have a donate button on our website: <https://www.saintmargarets/support-st-margarets>. Thank you so much for your support

OFFERTORY SOLO

IN THE GARDEN BY MARIA CURRY

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

People and Presider

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. **Amen.**

EASTER BLESSING

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and adopted us as children through the resurrection of our Savior, bestow on you the riches of blessing.

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.

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

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

SENDING FORTH HYMN

NOW THE GREEN BLADE RISETH

THE DISMISSAL

Presider: Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia.
People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.