SAINT MARGARET'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



The Mission of St Margaret's:

St. Margaret's Episcopal Church is a joyful community, grounded in the love of Christ that welcomes and includes ALL with meaningful worship, service to the community, and commitment to growing as faithful Christians.

The Why of St Margaret's:

We exist to honor people's stories so that we can all share our authentic selves journeying as transformed people of God.

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER APRIL 21, 2024 • 8 & 10:00a.m. HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

Welcome!

- ₩ We at St. Margaret's are excited by the new life and transformation in this place, and we are delighted that you are here to worship with us. We are a congregation committed to celebrating Christ's enduring love and respect for the dignity of all.
- ₩ We extend a special welcome to those who are single, married, divorced, gay, dirt poor, filthy rich, yo no habla Ingles. We extend a special welcome to those who are crying new-borns, skinny as a rail or could afford to lose a few pounds.
- ₩ We welcome you if you can sing like Andrea Bocelli or like some clergy who can't carry a note in a bucket. You're welcome here if you're "just browsing," just woke up or just got out of jail. We don't care if you're more Anglican than the Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, or haven't been in church since little Joey's Baptism.
- We extend a special welcome to those who are over 60 but not grown up yet, and to teenagers who are growing up too fast. We welcome soccer moms, NASCAR dads, starving artists, tree-huggers, latte-sippers, vegetarians, junk-food eaters. We welcome those who are in recovery or still addicted. We welcome you if you're having problems or you're down in the dumps or if you don't like "organized religion," we've been there too.
- If you blew all your offering money at the horse track, you're welcome here. We offer a special welcome to those who think the earth is flat, work too hard, don't work, can't spell, or because grandma is in town and wanted to go to church.
- ₩ We welcome those who are inked, pierced or both. We offer a special welcome to those who could use a prayer right now, had religion shoved down your throat as a kid or got lost in traffic and wound up here by mistake. We welcome tourists, seekers and doubters, bleeding hearts...and you!

To the Parents of Our Young Children:

Relax! God puts the wiggle in children; don't feel you have to suppress it in God's house. All are welcome! Sit toward the front where it is easier for your little ones to see and hear what's going on at the altar: they tire of seeing the backs of other's heads. Quietly explain the parts of the service and actions of the priest, altar servers, musicians, etc. Say the prayers and voice the responses. Children learn liturgical behaviors by copying you. If you must leave the service with your child, feel free to do so, but please come back. As Jesus said, "Let the children come to me." Remember that the way we welcome children in church directly affects the way they respond to the Church, to God and to one another. Let them know that they are at home in this house of worship.

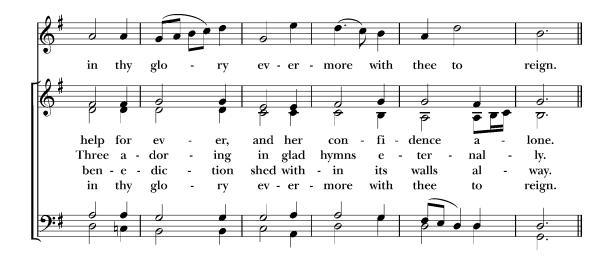
To Our Parishioners:

The presence of children is a gift to the Church, and they are a reminder that our parish is growing. Please welcome our children and give their parents a smile of encouragement. If the wiggles and giggles of children distract you for the 10 am service, you are invited to attend the 8 am service.



THE WORD OF GOD





OPENING ACCLAMATION

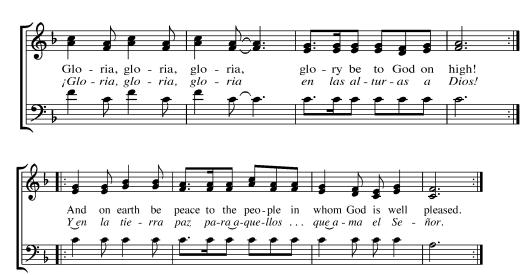
Presider Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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/GLORIA



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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 Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The people sit and at the 10 am Mass, our young people are invited to go to Children's Sunday School

THE LESSONS

THE FIRST READING ACTS 4:5-12

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

The rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, ⁶with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. ⁷When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" ⁸Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, ¹⁰let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. ¹¹This Jesus is

'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;

it has become the cornerstone.'

¹²There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

THE PSALTER (Read in Unison)

PSALM 23

¹The LORD is my shepherd; *

I shall not be in want.

²He makes me lie down in green pastures *

and leads me beside still waters.

³He revives my soul *

and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

⁴Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I shall fear no evil; *

for you are with me;

your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

⁵You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; * you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

⁶Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, * and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

THE SECOND READING

1 JOHN 3:16-24

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. ¹⁷How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

¹⁸Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. ¹⁹And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him ²⁰whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. ²¹Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; ²²and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

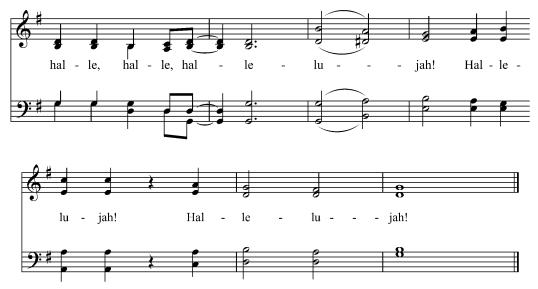
²³And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. ²⁴All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

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People Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ALLELUIA





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THE HOLY GOSPEL JOHN 10:11-18

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

[Jesus said,] ¹¹"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. ¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. ¹⁸No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

EASTER TROPARION



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THE SERMON

Music: Hasidic Folk Song

THE VERY REV TOMMY DILLON

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THE NICENE CREED

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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

Intercessor

Lead your church into the way of love. Teach us to hear and follow your voice and your vision for the world.

Tender Shepherd,

call us each by name and lead us home.

Guide those around the world who make decisions that impact the lives of individuals and nations.

Tender Shepherd,

precede us all in the ways of justice and peace.

Lighten the burden of those suffering loss, illness, and anxiety, those whom we know and love and those who are unknown to us.

Tender Shepherd,

comfort them and shower them with your healing grace.

We pray for those who have died. Carry those who have finished their earthly journey into the next life and gently place them in God's eternal embrace.

Tender Shepherd,

hold them close to your heart forever.

Presider

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.

People And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS ARE MADE AND BLESSINGS FOR ANNIVERSARIES AND BIRTHDAYS ARE GIVEN.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

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

PSALM 50:14



Plate offerings are the funds collected during the services of our church. They are a way that our gratitude and generosity make incarnate the mission and ministry of God as lived through St. Margaret's, for local ministries as well as community, diocesan and international ministries. To give a gift now to the ministries of St Margaret's, you may put cash or checks in the collection plate by the entrance to the church or you can scan the QR code at the left with your mobile phone. THANK YOU!

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Presider The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Presider Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give our 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





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**

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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD



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Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Instructions for Communion

All persons are welcome at the Lord's table; to receive Holy Communion or a Blessing. To receive a blessing rather than the elements, cross your arms over your chest as you stand as you come forward. To receive communion please hold out your crossed hands, open palms up, for the bread, and then help guide the chalice to your lips to receive the wine; cross your arms over your chest if you do not wish to receive the wine. Please blot lipstick before drinking from the chalice. At this time wine will be consumed by drinking from the chalice; Intinction (the dipping of the consecrated bread into the chalice) is not encouraged but if needed the eucharistic minister will dip the host in the wine for you.

<u>Intercessory Prayer and Anointing During Communion.</u>

Members of the Healing Ministry will be available for private and confidential sharing of prayer needs in the side chapel to the left of the altar just after you receive Communion at the 10a.m.



GREAT SILENCE AFTER COMMUNION

We are invited to share the sounds of silence with one another. The quiet will begin and end with a bell after everyone has sung the post communion hymn. For all of us, young and otherwise, these simple moments of stillness are offered as a chance to find ourselves held in the timeless presence of God.

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Presider Let us pray.

Presider and 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 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.

EASTER BLESSING

Presider Alleluia! Christ is risen.
People He is risen indeed. Aleluia!

Presider

Go and act, for the care of creation.
Go and learn, for the sake of creation.
Go and pray, for the love of creation.
And may
the care of God enfold you,
the passion of the Risen Christ embolden you,
and the wisdom of the Holy Spirit empower you,
now and forever,
Amen.



THE DISMISSAL

Presider: Let us go forth in the Name of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

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