

SAINT MARGARET'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



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.

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
July 12, 2020

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 our parish this summer. 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!



THE WORD OF GOD

PRELUDE

WELCOME

The people standing, the Presider says

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People ***And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.
Amen.***

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

DUE TO EVIDENCE OF COMMUNITY VIRAL SPREAD THROUGH SINGING, THERE WILL BE NO CONGREGATIONAL HYMNODY.

Come, Holy Spirit

John Bell

Come, Ho - ly Spi - rit: _____ Come, Ho - ly Spi - rit; _____

Come, Ho - ly Spi - rit: _____ Come, Ho - ly Spi - rit; _____

Fall u - pon _____ us: Fall u - pon _____ us;

Come, O come: Come, O Come.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

THE LESSONS

THE FIRST READING

ISAIAH 55:10-13

¹⁰As the rain and the snow come down from heaven,
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
¹¹so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

¹²For you shall go out in joy,
and be led back in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you
shall burst into song,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

¹³Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;
and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial,
for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

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

⁹You visit the earth and water it abundantly;
 you make it very plenteous; *
 the river of God is full of water.
¹⁰You prepare the grain, *
 for so you provide for the earth.
¹¹You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; *
 with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.
¹²You crown the year with your goodness, *
 and your paths overflow with plenty.
¹³May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, *
 and the hills be clothed with joy.
¹⁴May the meadows cover themselves with flocks,
 and the valleys cloak themselves with grain; *
 let them shout for joy and sing.

THE SECOND READING

ROMANS 8:1-11

¹There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ²For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. ³For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. ⁵For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. ⁶To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, ⁸and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

⁹But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

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ALLELUIA VERSE



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THE HOLY GOSPEL

MATTHEW 13:1-9,18-23

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

¹Jesus went out and sat beside the sea. ²Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³And he told them many things in parables, saying: “Listen! A sower went out to sow. ⁴And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. ⁵Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. ⁶But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹Let anyone with ears listen!”

¹⁸“Hear then the parable of the sower. ¹⁹When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. ²⁰As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; ²¹yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. ²²As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. ²³But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

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

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

Intercessor

Mercifully receive our prayers, O God, that we may know your ways and follow where you lead, responding, "Hear us, good Lord."

For those who are seeking a spiritual home, that they may be inspired to visit our churches and to receive a deep sense of God's presence through our worship together and the hospitality we share; let us pray.

Hear us, good Lord.

That we may be set free from the need to claim our worthiness through possessions and position, so that we may discover our true identity in the life and hope of the Holy Spirit; let us pray.

Hear us, good Lord.

That the light of Christ will reveal the path to those for whom the shadows are long, the poor and desperate, the lonely and unemployed, the hungry and fearful, the refugee and homeless, the prisoner and those who live as if in prison, that we may not forget them; let us pray.

Hear us, good Lord.

For our Commander-in-Chief and all who serve in the armed forces, that we may be thankful for their many sacrifices, and honor the service they render to our country and to the security of the world; let us pray.

Hear us, good Lord.

For those who have died, that they may reside in that place where there is no sorrow or pain, but life everlasting; let us pray.

Hear us, good Lord.

For safety for children who are on vacation, that they may have the chance to learn new skills, build healthy bodies, and develop new and lasting friendships; let us pray.

Hear us, good Lord.

With heart and mind turned toward God, we continue our prayers.

Special intentions of the congregation may be added here

Presider

God of all power and love, we give thanks for your unfailing presence and the hope you provide in times of uncertainty and loss.

Send your Holy Spirit to enkindle in us your holy fire.

Revive us to live as Christ's body in the world:

a people who pray, worship, learn, break bread, share life, heal neighbors, bear good news, seek justice, rest and grow in the Spirit.

Wherever and however we gather, unite us in common prayer and send us in common mission, that we and the whole creation might be restored and renewed, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

From Pentecost Sunday through the first Sunday in September, Presiding Bishop Michael Curry and his Lutheran counterpart Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton welcome congregations and individuals to regularly pray "A Prayer for the Power of the Spirit among the People of God." This is the prayer that concludes the Prayers of the People. This prayer – crafted by a team of Lutheran and Episcopal prayer leaders in light of the COVID pandemic – is meant to unite us in common prayer and revive us for common mission, wherever and however we may be gathered.

CONFESSION OF SIN

The Presider says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

**Most merciful God,
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 neighbors 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.**

The Priest, stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. ***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.

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

The Presider says

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

Psalm 50:14



Contributions – online as well as via snail mail!

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>.

To give a gift now to the ministries of St Margaret's, you can scan the QR code at the left with your mobile phone. Thank you so much for your support

OFFERTORY MUSIC

WE ARE ONE IN THE SPIRIT

THE HOLY COMMUNION

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 say

Celebrant and People

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand

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.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Presider is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing the wine to be consecrated.

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

Buryl Red, arr. Robert Douglas

Verse 1 only

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It features a treble clef and a bass clef, both in the key of B-flat major (two flats) and a 3/4 time signature. The melody is primarily in the treble clef, with a piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The lyrics are: 1. In re - mem - brance of me, 2. (In re -) mem - brance of me, The score includes a repeat sign and a first ending bracket.

1. eat this bread. In re - mem - brance of me, drink this wine. In re -
 2. heal the sick. In re - mem - brance of me, feed the poor. In re -

1. mem - brance of me, pray for the time when God's own will is
 2. mem - brance of me, o - pen the door and let your broth - er

1. done. In re -
 2. in, Let him in.

Take, eat, and be com - fort - ed; drink and re - mem - ber

too. That this in my bod - y and pre - cious blood shed for

you, shed for you. In re - mem - brance of me

search for truth. In re - mem - brance of me al - ways love. In re -

mem - brance of me, don't look a - bove, but in your heart

— look for God. Do this in re - mem - brance of me.

Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Instructions for Communion

We will celebrate the Holy Eucharist, though only bread will be shared, not wine at this time.

The administration of Communion is different: At the end of the Eucharistic Prayer, the consecrated Communion wafers, which will be in little individual cups on an altar, will be moved to a table near the communion rail. The ushers will invite members of the congregation forward to remove a paper cup from the tray and take it back to their seat. Practice social distancing. Everyone is required to practice hand hygiene before removing a paper cup from the tray. It is highly recommended the parents assist small children with the cups. When you return to your seat, please remove your mask only long enough to consume your wafer.

Please do not leave paper cups in the pews. The church has a designated receptacle at the door to the church. These will then be collected and disposed of properly and reverently by the priest.

COMMUNION MUSIC

SPIRIT OF THE LIVING 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.**

BLESSING

Go forth into the world in peace;
be of good courage;
hold fast that which is good;
render to no one evil for evil;
strengthen the fainthearted;
support the weak;
help the afflicted;
honour everyone;
love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit;
and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost,
be amongst you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

RECESSIONAL MUSIC

SURELY IT IS GOD WHO SAVES ME

THE DISMISSAL

Presider: Let us go forth in the name of Christ..

People: Thanks be to God.