

# 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.*

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THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
MAY 5, 2024 • 8 & 10:00A.M.  
HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

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## 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

## GATHERING HYMN

### Canticle of the Turning

Verses



1. My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the  
2. Though I am small, my God, my all, you  
3. From the halls of power to the for - tress tower, not a  
4. Though the na - tions rage from age to age, we re -



God of my heart is great, And my spir - it sings of the  
work great things in me, And your mer - cy will last from the  
stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your  
mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -



won - drous things that you bring to the ones who  
depths of the past to the end of the age to  
jus - tice tears ev - 'ry ty - rant from his  
liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing



wait. You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my  
be. Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to  
throne. The hun - gry poor shall weep no more, for the  
grasp. This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the



weak - ness you did not spurn, So from east to west shall my  
those who would for you yearn, You will show your might, put the  
food they can nev - er earn; There are ta - bles spread, ev - 'ry  
prom - ise which holds us bound, 'Til the spear and rod can be



name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?  
strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.  
mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.  
crushed hv God who is turn - ing the world a - round

Refrain

My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the  
fires of your jus - tice burn. Wipe a - way all tears, for the  
dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn!

Text: Luke 1:46-58; Rory Cooney, b.1952, © 1990, GIA Publications, Inc.  
Tune: STAR OF THE COUNTY DOWN; Irish traditional; arr. by Rory Cooney, b.1952

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

Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ry be to God on high!  
¡Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria en las al - tur - as a Dios!

And on earth be peace to the peo - ple in whom God is well pleased.  
Y en la tie - rra paz pa - ra a - que - llos ... que a - ma el Se - ñor.

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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, 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.

*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 10:44-48

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

<sup>44</sup>While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. <sup>45</sup>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, <sup>46</sup>for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, <sup>47</sup>Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have? <sup>48</sup>So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

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

### THE PSALTER (*Read in Unison*)

PSALM 98

<sup>1</sup>O sing to the LORD a new song,  
for he has done marvelous things.  
His right hand and his holy arm  
have gotten him victory.  
<sup>2</sup>The LORD has made known his victory;  
he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.  
<sup>3</sup>He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness  
to the house of Israel.  
All the ends of the earth have seen  
the victory of our God.  
<sup>4</sup>Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;  
break forth into joyous song and sing praises.  
<sup>5</sup>Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre,  
with the lyre and the sound of melody.  
<sup>6</sup>With trumpets and the sound of the horn  
make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD.

<sup>7</sup>Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;  
the world and those who live in it.  
<sup>8</sup>Let the floods clap their hands;  
let the hills sing together for joy  
<sup>9</sup>at the presence of the LORD, for he is coming  
to judge the earth.  
He will judge the world with righteousness,  
and the peoples with equity.

THE SECOND READING

1 JOHN 5:1-6

A Reading from First John.

<sup>1</sup>Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. <sup>2</sup>By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. <sup>3</sup>For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, <sup>4</sup>for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. <sup>5</sup>Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

<sup>6</sup>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.

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

*People* Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ALLELUIA

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

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

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

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

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## THE HOLY GOSPEL

JOHN 15:9-17

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

<sup>9</sup>As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. <sup>10</sup>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. <sup>11</sup>I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

<sup>12</sup>This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup>No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. <sup>14</sup>You are my friends if you do what I command you. <sup>15</sup>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. <sup>16</sup>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. <sup>17</sup>I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

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

## EASTER TROPARION

Christ is ris - en al - le - lu - ia, tramp - ling down death by death!

Je - sus lives, sing al - le - lu - ia, tramp - ling down death by death!

Music: Hasidic Folk Song

## THE SERMON

CANON MORGAN MACINTIRE

Canon to the Ordinary, Episcopal Diocese of Louisiana

*All stand.*

## 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

*Intercessor*

We pray for your faithful people and our leaders, that your love may be the foundation of their common lives and at the heart of their ministry.

*Teach us to abide in your love.*

We pray for your world filled with creatures and spectacular plant life and grandeur beyond words.

*Teach us to care for it with love.*

We pray for the peoples of the world and honor them as those you have made and cherish.

*Teach us to reach out to them  
with respect and love.*

We pray for healing for those among us who are ailing, aching, or anxious.

*Teach us to respond to their needs with love.*

We pray for those who are at the end of their earthly lives, and for those who have recently entered eternal life.

*Teach us to remember them with love.*

Let us offer our personal prayers of intercession or thanksgiving aloud or in silence.

Uphold us by the riches of your grace, loving God. May your lessons of love continue to inspire and guide us as we move through this world and into the next.



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

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly

ho - ly Lord God of hosts.

Heav - en and earth are filled with your glo -

ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is He who comes in the name

of the Lord, of the Lord.

Ho - san - na in the high -  
est, ho - san - na in the high - est

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

### Here Is Bread

The musical score is written in 4/4 time and consists of three staves. The lyrics are as follows:

Here is bread, here is wine, Christ is with us, he is with us. Break the bread,  
Here is grace, here is peace, Christ is with us, he is with us. Know his grace,  
Here we are, joined in one, Christ is with us, he is with us. We'll pro-claim

6  
taste the wine, Christ is with us here. In this bread there is heal-ing, in this cup is  
find his peace, feast on Je - sus here.  
12 till he comes Je - sus cru - ci - fied.

life for - ev - er. In this mo - ment, by the Spir - it, Christ is with us here.

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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.

### Intercessory Prayer and Anointing During Communion.

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.

# POSTCOMMUNION HYMN

## One Bread, One Body

Refrain

One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all,  
one cup of bless - ing which we bless. And  
we, though man-y, through-out the earth,  
we are one bod - y in this one Lord.

Verses

1. Gen - tile or Jew, ser - vant or free,  
2. Man - y the gifts, man - y the works,  
3. Grain for the fields, scat-tered and grown,  
wom - an or man no more.  
one in the Lord of all.  
gath-ered to one for all.

Text: 1 Corinthians 10:16; 17, 12:4; Galatians 3:28; the *Didache* 9; John Foley, SJ, b.1939  
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## 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. Alleluia!

*Presider* God the Father, by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead, strengthen you to walk with him in his risen life; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.

## CLOSING HYMN.

## ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING



1 All crea - tures of our God and King, lift up your voic - es, let us  
\*2 Great rush - ing winds and breez - es soft, you clouds that ride the heavens a -  
\*3 Swift flow - ing wa - ter, pure and clear, make mu - sic for your Lord to  
4 Dear mo - ther earth, you day by day un - fold your bless - ings on our  
5 All you with mer - cy in your heart, for - giv - ing o - thers, take your  
\*6 And ev - en you, most gen - tle death, wait - ing to hush our fi - nal  
7 Let all things their cre - a - tor bless, and wor - ship him in hum - ble -



1 sing: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Bright burn - ing  
2 loft, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Fair ris - ing  
3 hear, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Fire, so in -  
4 way, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! All flowers and  
5 part, O — sing now: Al - le - lu - ia! All you that  
6 breath, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! You lead back  
7 ness, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Praise God the



1 sun with gold - en beams, pale sil - ver moon that gen - tly gleams,  
2 morn, with praise re - jice, stars night - ly shin - ing, find a voice,  
3 tense and fierce - ly bright, you give to us both warmth and light,  
4 fruits that in you grow, let them his glo - ry al - so show:  
5 pain and sor - row bear, praise God, and cast on him your care:  
6 home the child of God, for Christ our Lord that way has trod:  
7 Fa - ther, praise the Son, and praise the Spi - rit, Three in One:



*The refrain may be sung antiphonally, by phrase; all join in the final Alleluia.*

## THE DISMISSAL

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

