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 SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER May 5, 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:

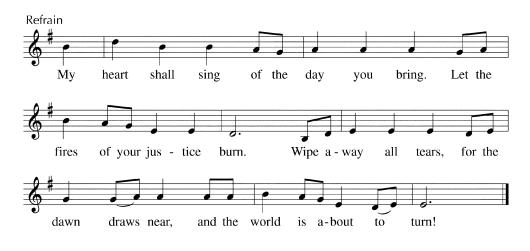
The presence of children is a gift to the Church, and they are a reminder that our parish is growing. Please welcome our children and give their parents a smile of encouragement. If the wiggles and giggles of children distract you for the 10 am service, you are invited to attend the 8 am service.



THE WORD OF GOD

GATHERING HYMN

Canticle of the Turning Verses 1. My soul cries with a joy - ful shout that the out 2. Though Ι am small, my God, my all, you 3. From the halls power of to the for - tress tower, not a 4. Though the na tions rage from we re age to age, God of my heart And my spir - it sings of the is great, great things And your mer - cy will last from the work in me, stone will be left Let the king stone. be - ware for your on mer - cy mem - ber who holds God's de us fast: must won drous things that you bring to the ones who depths of the past to the end of the age to tice tears ev - 'ry rant from his jus ty liv us from the con quer-or's crush er ing wait. You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my be. Your ver - y name puts the proud shame, and to to The throne. hun - gry poor shall weep no more, for the This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the grasp. 2 So from east weak - ness you did not spurn, to west shall my those who would for you yearn, You will show your might, put the food they can nev - er There are ta - bles spread, ev - 'ry earn; prom - ise which holds us bound, 'Til the spear and rod can be blest. Could the world turn? name be be a - bout to strong to flight, for the world is a - bout turn. to fed, for the world a - bout mouth be is to turn. crushed God who is turn - ing the world hv ล round



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 - ry be to God on Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria, high! ¡Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria en las al - tur - as a Dios! on earth be peace to the peo-ple in whom God is well pleased. And paz pa-ra a-que-llos Y en la tie - rra . . . que a - ma el Se ñor.

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

PresiderGod be with youPeopleAnd also with you.PresiderLet 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

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

⁴⁴While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. ⁴⁵The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, ⁴⁶for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, ⁴⁷Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have? ⁴⁸So 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)

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

PSALM 98

ACTS 10:44-48

⁷Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who live in it. ⁸Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing together for joy ⁹at 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

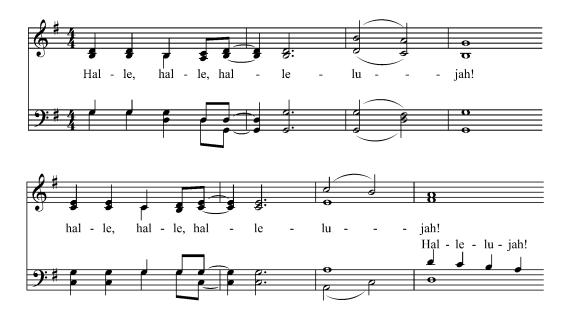
1 John 5:1-6

A Reading from First John.

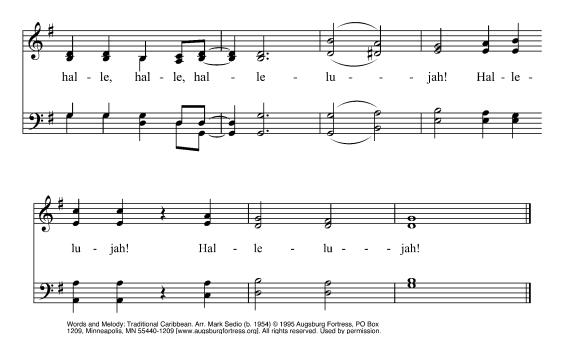
¹Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. ²By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. ³For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are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

⁶This 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



THE HOLY GOSPEL

JOHN 15:9-17

GospellerThe Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to JohnPeopleGlory to you, Lord Christ.

⁹As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

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

GospellerThe Gospel of the Lord.PeoplePraise to you, Lord Christ.

EASTER TROPARION



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

PresiderThe peace of Christ be always with you.PeopleAnd 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

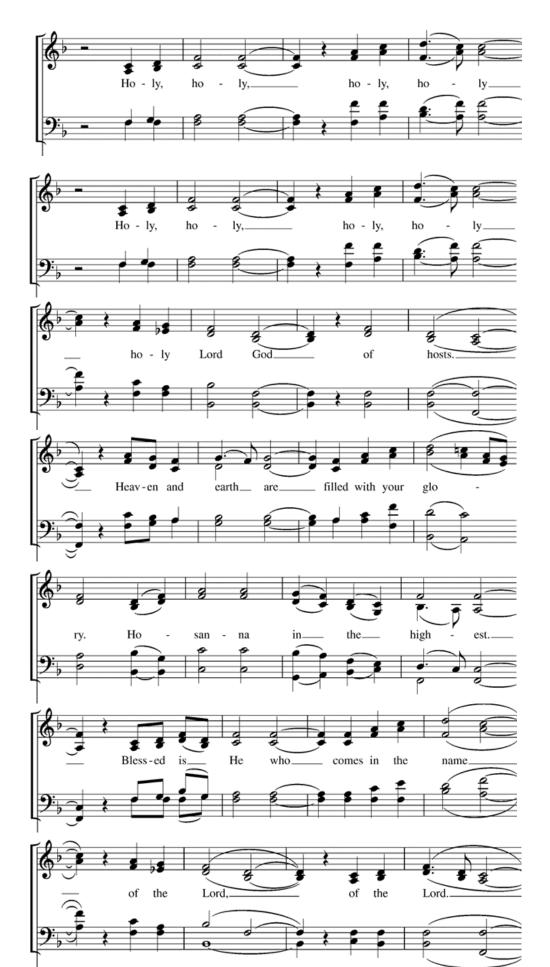
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

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.



Text: 1 Corinthians 10:16; 17, 12:4, Galatians 3:28; the *Didache* 9; John Foley, SJ, b.1939 Tune: John Foley, SJ, b.1939 © 1978, John B. Foley, SJ, and New Dawn Music. Published by OCP Publications.

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

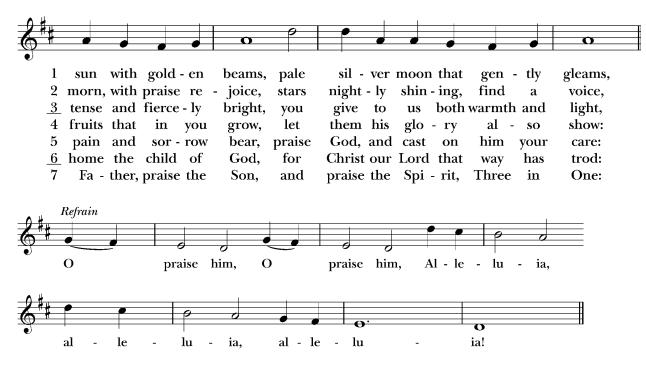
Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

EASTER BLESSING

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

Presider 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 (Creature	es of Our	GOD ANE) King
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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!



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