

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.

THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
September 6, 2020
10 AM

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.
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.

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; 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

EXODUS 12:1-14

¹The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: ²This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. ³Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. ⁴If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. ⁵Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. ⁶You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. ⁷They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. ⁸They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. ⁹Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. ¹⁰You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. ¹¹This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the LORD. ¹²For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. ¹³The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

¹⁴This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

THE PSALTER

PSALM 149

¹Hallelujah!
Sing to the LORD a new song; *
sing his praise in the congregation of the faithful.
²Let Israel rejoice in his Maker; *
let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.
³Let them praise his Name in the dance; *
let them sing praise to him with timbrel and harp.
⁴For the LORD takes pleasure in his people *
and adorns the poor with victory.
⁵Let the faithful rejoice in triumph; *
let them be joyful on their beds.
⁶Let the praises of God be in their throat *
and a two-edged sword in their hand;
⁷To wreak vengeance on the nations *
and punishment on the peoples;
⁸To bind their kings in chains *
and their nobles with links of iron;
⁹To inflict on them the judgment decreed; *
this is glory for all his faithful people.
Hallelujah!

THE SECOND READING

ROMANS 13:8-14

⁸Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet”; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, “Love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

¹¹Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹²the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA VERSE

The musical notation consists of two staves of music in G major, 6/8 time. The first staff begins with a quarter note followed by a eighth note, then a sixteenth note tied to the next eighth note. The second staff begins with a eighth note followed by a sixteenth note tied to the next eighth note. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia,' are repeated twice.

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THE HOLY GOSPEL

MATTHEW 18:15-20

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

[Jesus said,] ¹⁵If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. ¹⁶But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

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

THE SERMON

THE VERY REV TOMMY DILLON

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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

As the Church, the Body of Christ in this time and place, let us offer our prayers, responding, “Lord, hear our prayer.”

That we may love the Lord with our whole heart, and soul, and mind, and our neighbor as our selves, claiming the great commandment as our pathway and destination; let us pray.

Lord, hear our prayer.

That our love may be revealed through our actions, as we commit ourselves to visiting those who are in prison, or confined to their homes, or living in nursing facilities, that in seeing their face we will see the face of Jesus; let us pray.

Lord, hear our prayer.

That peace may flourish wherever there is strife or enmity between peoples, bringing opportunities for improved nutrition, health, and education, revealing God's mantle of light; let us pray.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For the power of the Holy Spirit in guiding us in our discovery of our vocation, our manner of expressing God's indwelling love, so that we may be passionate about our work and ministry; let us pray.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For the grace to turn away from anything that places a barrier between God's love and our actions, so that in turning back to Jesus we may receive mercy for the past and strength for the future; let us pray.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For blessings upon those who have died, that their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God may rest in peace; let us pray.

Lord, hear our prayer.

In thanksgiving for the blessings we have received, we continue our prayers.

Special intentions of the congregation may be added here

The Presider adds a concluding Collect.

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.*

CONFSSION 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

HEALING (LET LOVE)

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

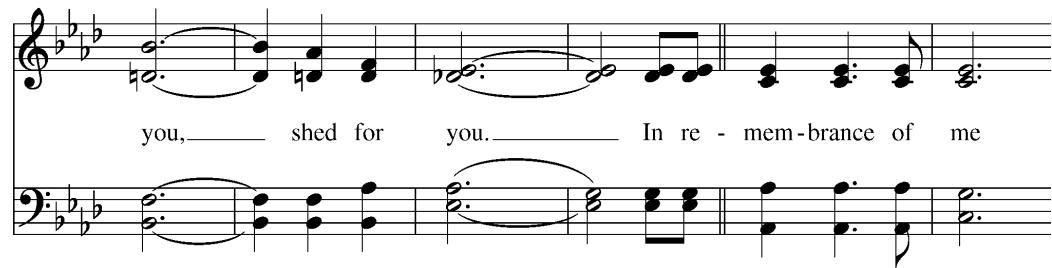
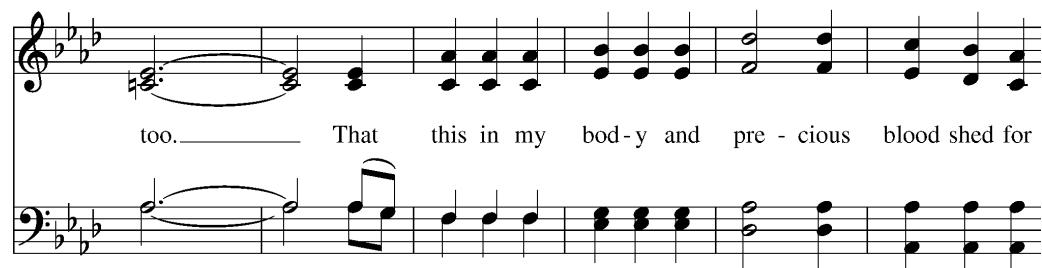
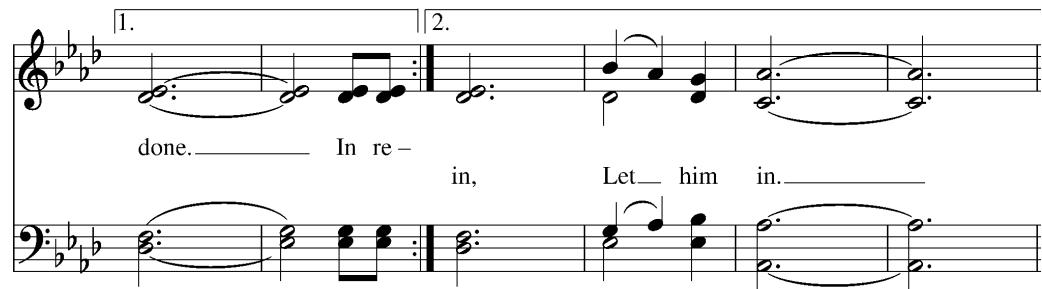
Verse 1 *only*

The musical score consists of three staves of music in 3/4 time with a key signature of four flats. The top staff features a treble clef, the middle staff a bass clef, and the bottom staff a bass clef. The music includes various notes, rests, and dynamic markings. The lyrics are integrated into the music, appearing below the notes. The first section of lyrics is:

1. In re - mem-brance of me,
2.(In re -)mem-brance of me,

The second section of lyrics is:

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 -



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.

Please maintain physical distance of at least 6 ft. from the person in front of you when you come forward to collect your Communion cup, and remember to sanitize your hands first. Family groups may come forward together. Parents, please assist children by taking a cup for them. Bring your Communion cup back to your pew with you. Once everyone has come forward, the priest will direct everyone to consume the bread at the same time. Though we are only able to receive communion in one kind at this time, our tradition assures us this is acceptable. Reception in one kind confers all the benefits of receiving in both kinds. 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. Please follow the directions of the ushers

COMMUNION MUSIC

WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS

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;
honor 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 Spirit,
be amongst you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

RECESSIONAL MUSIC

JESU, JESU, FILL US WITH YOUR LOVE

THE DISMISSAL

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

Please depart at the direction of the ushers

POSTLUDE

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