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 23RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST OCTOBER 27, 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!

As we celebrate the second half of the Season after Pentecost, we are honored to use the vestments created for St. Margaret's in tribute to our beloved Norma and Fr. Denny Allman. These vestments feature the Louisiana Tartan, connecting us to our local heritage.

During this season, our liturgy will also highlight our Celtic roots through the Mass setting. We will be using parts of the "Mass of the Celtic Saints" by Liam Lawton, reflecting our patron, St. Margaret of Scotland.

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

THROUGH NORTH AND SOUTH, PASS ME NOT **GATHERING HYMN** Through north and south and east and May God's im-mor-tal name be west al - le Al - le lu Till blessed: lu ia! ia, reign be - gins; God's will is ev' - ry-where be-neath the God's sun, ia, Al - le al - le done: lu ia, lu al - le - $\frac{\mathbf{o}}{\mathbf{o}}$ al - le - lu ia, al - le - lu ia, ia!

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Presider: This is the day the Creator has made.

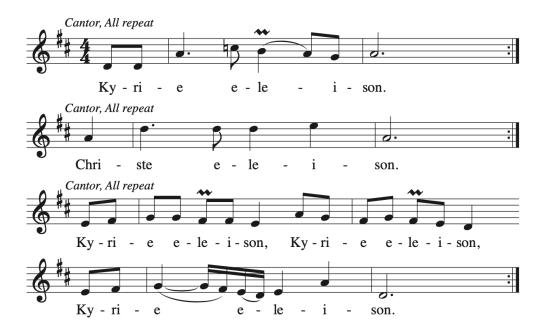
People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

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.

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider: May God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Presider: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE LESSONS

THE FIRST READING

JOB 42: 1-6, 10-17

A reading from Job

¹Job answered the Lord:

²"I know that you can do all things, and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted.

³ Who is this that hides counsel without knowledge?' Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand, things too wonderful for me, which I did not know.

4'Hear, and I will speak;

I will question you, and you declare to me.'

I had heard of you by the hearing of the ear, but now my eye sees you;

therefore I despise myself, and repent in dust and ashes."

¹⁰And the Lord restored the fortunes of Job when he had prayed for his friends; and the Lord gave Job twice as much as he had before. ¹¹Then there came to him all his brothers and sisters and all who had known him before, and they ate bread with him in his house; they showed him sympathy and comforted him for all the evil that the Lord had brought upon him; and each of them gave him a piece of money and a gold ring. ¹²The Lord blessed the latter days of Job more than his beginning; and he had fourteen thousand sheep, six thousand camels, a thousand yoke of oxen, and a thousand donkeys. ¹³He also had seven sons and three daughters. ¹⁴He named the first Jemimah, the second Keziah, and the third Keren-happuch. ¹⁵In all the land there were no women so beautiful as Job's daughters; and their father gave them an inheritance along with their brothers. ¹⁶After this Job lived one hundred and forty years, and saw his children, and his children's children, four generations. ¹⁷And Job died, old and full of days.

PSALM OF THE WEEK

PSALM 34:1-8, (19-22)

CANTOR WILL LEAD THE PSALM

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<sup>1</sup>I WILL BLESS THE LORD AT ALL TIMES; *
     HIS PRAISE SHALL EVER BE IN MY MOUTH.
  <sup>2</sup>I WILL GLORY IN THE LORD; *
     LET THE HUMBLE HEAR AND REJOICE.
  <sup>3</sup>Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord; *
     LET US EXALT HIS NAME TOGETHER.
  <sup>4</sup>I SOUGHT THE LORD, AND HE ANSWERED ME *
     AND DELIVERED ME OUT OF ALL MY TERROR.
  ^5LOOK UPON HIM AND BE RADIANT. ^*
     AND LET NOT YOUR FACES BE ASHAMED.
  <sup>6</sup>I CALLED IN MY AFFLICTION, AND THE LORD HEARD ME *
     AND SAVED ME FROM ALL MY TROUBLES.
  <sup>7</sup>The angel of the Lord encompasses those who fear him, *
     AND HE WILL DELIVER THEM.
  ^8Taste and see that the Lord is good; ^*
     HAPPY ARE THEY WHO TRUST IN HIM!
  <sup>19</sup>Many are the troubles of the righteous, *
     BUT THE LORD WILL DELIVER HIM OUT OF THEM ALL.
  <sup>20</sup>HE WILL KEEP SAFE ALL HIS BONES: *
     NOT ONE OF THEM SHALL BE BROKEN.
  <sup>21</sup>EVIL SHALL SLAY THE WICKED, *
     AND THOSE WHO HATE THE RIGHTEOUS WILL BE PUNISHED.
  <sup>22</sup>The Lord ransoms the life of his servants, *
     AND NONE WILL BE PUNISHED WHO TRUST IN HIM.]
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A reading from Hebrews

²³The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; ²⁴but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. ²⁵Consequently he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

²⁶For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. ²⁷Unlike the other high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself. ²⁸For the law appoints as high priests those who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



THE HOLY GOSPEL

MARK 10: 46-52

Gospeller: The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Mark

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

⁴⁶[Jesus and his disciples] came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. ⁴⁷When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" ⁴⁸Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" ⁴⁹Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." ⁵⁰So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. ⁵¹Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." ⁵²Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

Gospeller: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON Rev. Peggy Scott

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

We humbly bring our prayers before you and ask you to make of us what you created us to be: faithful followers, vessels of your love.

We praise you, and we bless you.

O Lord, hear our prayer.

We offer our prayers of gratitude for all you are and all you have done for us. Work through us, O God, and increase in us faith, hope, and charity.

We praise you, and we bless you.

O Lord, hear our prayer.

We hear you calling us, your church, to get up and keep moving. Expand our vision of your mission in the world, and don't let fear of discomfort hold us back. We pray for all who follow you, for those who bear the joys and burdens of leadership, for those who are crying out for more of you.

We praise you, and we bless you.

O Lord, hear our prayer.

We thank you for the freedoms and abundance many of us enjoy in this land. May we not take them for granted and keep them to ourselves. Give us courage to participate in civic life and to speak up for those values you have instilled in us for the good of all people. We pray for wisdom our president, the Congress, and courts of this land. May they conduct themselves with integrity.

We praise you, and we bless you.

O Lord, hear our prayer.

We lift to your presence those who are in the throes of physical pain or anxiety, difficult relationships and the weight of financial insecurity. Be their hope and their strength. Make them whole. We pray today for ______.

We praise you, and we bless you.

O Lord, hear our prayer.

We praise you for the lives of those who have gone before us and now have come to eternal joys and unending glory with you and the host of heaven. We pray for those who have died.

We praise you, and we bless you.

O Lord, hear our prayer.

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 for ever. **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

Deacon/Presider: Let us confess our sins against God and God's creation.

Silence

All: Holy and merciful God, we confess that we have failed to honor you by rightly claiming our kinship with all your creatures.

We have walked heavily on your earth, overused, and wasted its resources, taken for granted its beauty and abundance, and treated its inhabitants unjustly, holding future generations hostage to our greed.

Have mercy on us and forgive us our sin.

Renew in us the resolve to keep and conserve your earth as you desire and intend, with grateful and compassionate hearts, through your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

Presider: 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: Peace with yourself.

Peace with Creation.

Peace with one another.

The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS ARE MADE AND BLESSINGS FOR BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES 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.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

For you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS



We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

The Presider continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *AMEN*.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

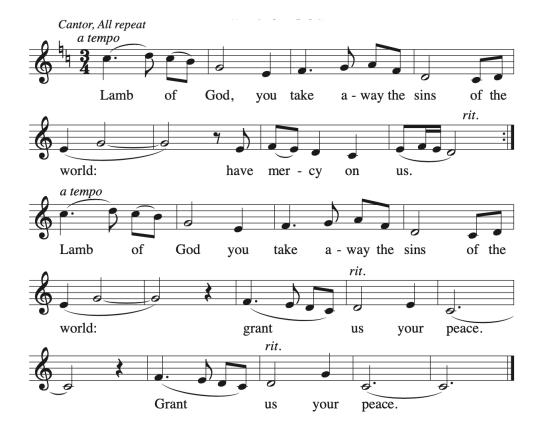
People and Presider: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Presider: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Lamb of God



Presider: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

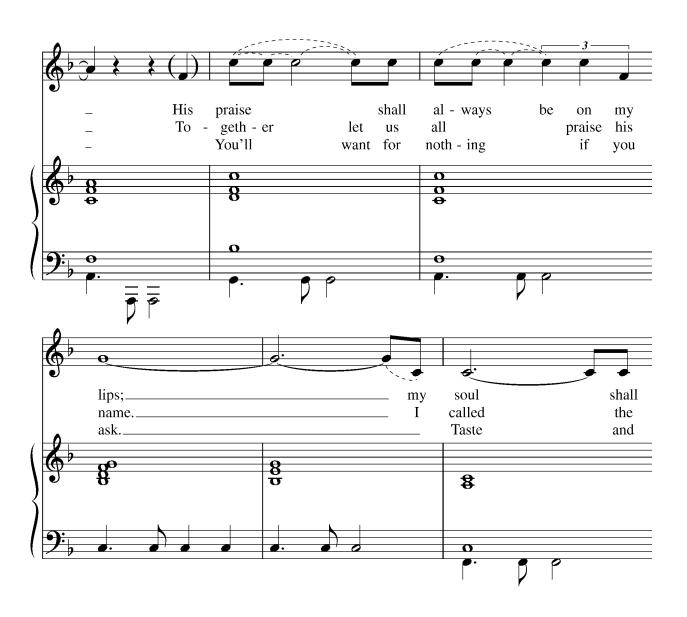
Instructions for Communion

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.







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.

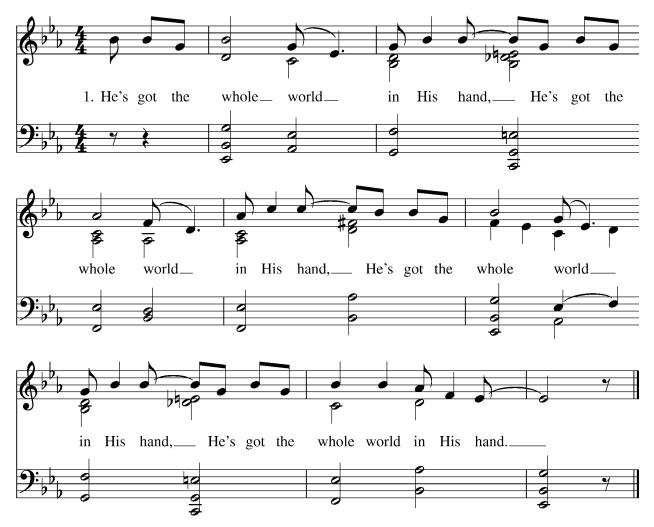
POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Presider: Let us pray.

All:

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

BLESSING



- 2. He's got you and me sister, etc.
- 3. He's got you and me brother, etc.
- 4. He's got the pretty little baby, etc.
- 5. He's got everybody here, etc.

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon/Presider: Let us go forth into all Creation, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People: Thanks be to God.

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PLEASE JOIN US FOR COFFEE HOUR IN LYLE HALL FOLLOWING THIS SERVICE

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