

ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH

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**THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
YOUTH SUNDAY
SUNDAY, MAY 5, 2024
10:00 A.M.
HOLY EUCHARIST – RITE TWO**



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WELCOME TO ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH

If you are visiting us for the first time, let us offer you an especially warm welcome. We hope that you will enjoy worshipping with us. Please join us for coffee hour in the Parish Hall from 10:15 a.m.—11:00 a.m. We would like to continue our relationship with you, so please fill out a visitor card which may be found in a pew packet or on our website's "Newcomers" page at www.st-margarets.org/newcomers.html.

SAFETY PROTOCOLS AT ST. MARGARET'S

Our COVID-19 safety protocols have been relaxed and mask wearing is optional. Hand sanitizer bottles are offered throughout the campus. **In the event of an emergency, please stay calm, stay seated, and listen for instructions.**

CHILDREN AT ST. MARGARET'S

Nursery care is provided on Sunday mornings by loving professionals for ages 0-3 from 8:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The Nursery is located on the lower floor of the Annex, the building attached to the Sanctuary.

During the 9:00 a.m. service when the Hymn before the Sermon begins, children ages three and a half through fifth grade are welcome to follow the wooden cross out to attend **Children's Chapel** with an age-appropriate lesson and music. They will return during announcements time.

We provide **Sunday School** for children ages 3-14 most Sundays from September through May. To sign up your child, email Emily DelSordo, Children's Formation Coordinator, at emily@st-margarets.org. Our Youth Group, fellowship for middle and high school students, meets on Sundays at 4:00 p.m. To register your youth, email Jeff Conover, Youth Ministries Leader, at jeff@st-margarets.org.

On Mondays from September through May, we offer an evening of **Faith and Fellowship**, with choir rehearsals (grades K-5) and activities for their younger siblings at 5:15 p.m., followed by a Fellowship dinner for all ages at 6:15 p.m., with crafts for children afterwards. Adult choir rehearsal and adult formation offerings take place after dinner at 7:00 p.m. Please check the church calendar at www.st-margarets.org/calendar.html to confirm programs are scheduled.

Our **Day School** has been accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children and named a Green School by the State of Maryland. For ages 2-6, the school offers a quality curriculum and special activities such as Spanish, STEM lessons, music, and physical education. After school activities are also offered, such as soccer, ballet, and basketball. The school also offers highly popular summer camps from June to August for ages 2-6. More information may be found on their website at www.stmargaretsdayschool.org, or by emailing Aleshia Marshall, Day School Director, at smdsirector@outlook.com.

ADULT FORMATION AT ST. MARGARET'S

We offer adults a variety of ways to grow in faith. Our **Thursday Morning Book Club** meets through Zoom at 9:00 a.m., while our **Gospel Sessions** (formerly known as Senior Sessions) take place on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at 9:00 a.m., also on Zoom.

St. Margaret's is known for its **many outreach efforts** both locally and around the world. From Winter Relief, producing masks and prayer shawls, and assisting with feeding the hungry, we are an active and committed church. Our Endowment Grants annual program has provided millions of dollars to organizations here and across the globe. To get involved, visit our website's "Get Involved" page at www.st-margarets.org/getinvolved.html.

MUSIC AT ST. MARGARET'S

St. Margaret's is blessed with a **vibrant music ministry** that has something for everyone, presently consisting of an adult choir, a youth chorister program, a handbell ensemble, and the contemporary music ensemble Third Sunday Band. If you would like to find out more about our music ministry and are interested in joining any of our ensembles, please email Jim Douglas, Director of Music, at music@st-margarets.org. Membership in our choirs and ensembles is open to all, regardless of religious affiliation or background. Please visit the music page on the website at <https://www.st-margarets.org/music-overview.html>. The Music Ministry calendar may also be found on the website at <https://www.st-margarets.org/music-calendar.html>.

The **liturgy and music** for today is led by Director of Music Jim Douglas, the Spirit Singers, and youth parishioners. It is drawn from The Book of Common Prayer, the 1982 Hymnal, and other resources as noted. Permission to print and live-stream music granted through Onelicense #A-709554 and CCLI #661345/#CSPL068962.

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Please silence all mobile devices.
As we prepare for worship, please be courteous and refrain from talking during the Prelude.
Thank you.

PRELUDE

This is the day
 Savior, like a shepherd lead us

Andrew Coster
 Graham DelSordo

WELCOME

The People stand as they are able and sing the Hymn.

HYMN

Brother, sister, let me serve you

Richard Gillard

EASTER ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen.
People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Celebrant 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.
People **Amen.**

The People remain standing as the Choir sings the Song of Praise.

SONG OF PRAISE

All the earth sing forth

J.S. Bach

*All the earth sing forth, give praise to the Lord forever.
Every voice, sing rejoice. Sing your praise to the Lord forevermore.
Shout your praise to the Lord, lift up your hearts rejoicing.
Shout your praise to the Lord, your joyful songs be voicing.*

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant 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.

People **Amen.**

The People are seated.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Acts 10:44-48

from God's Word, my Voice, a Lectionary for Children

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

While Peter was preaching, the Holy Spirit overtook everyone who was listening to him. And the people who had always been churchgoers were astounded that the gift of the Spirit had been poured out even on the people who never went to church! You could hear them speaking in languages they didn't even know and praising God in all kinds of languages. Peter said, "There's nothing stopping us from baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just like we have, is there?" And they were baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. The people invited Peter to stay with them to visit for a few days. And he did.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL

Psalm 98

from God's Word, my Voice, a Lectionary for Children

Antiphon by Julie Howard

The Choir chants the Antiphon, then all repeat and sing where indicated.

Antiphon



Sing to the Lord a new song, we put our hope in you.

Sing to the Lord a new song, we put our hope in you.

Lector Together, we'll sing a brand new song to you, God, because of all the incredible things you have done. You are a winner! We'll make sure everyone knows. You haven't forgotten about us. Your love for us is faithful through all that we've been through together.

Antiphon

Lector Let's break out in song, everyone all over the world. Get your harps and trumpets and your voices ready to sing praises to God.

Antiphon

Lector Let the sea roar with delight, and all the creatures that swim in the sea, join in. Let the floodwaters clap their hands and the hills sing in harmony because our God is coming. When you come to us, God, you will make things right and even the score between people.

Antiphon

SECOND LESSON

1 John 4:7-21

from God's Word, my Voice, a Lectionary for Children

A reading from the first letter of John.

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the One, the Christ, is God's child. Here is how we know we are the children of God, when we love God and do what God wants us to do. What God asks of us is not too much for us, because God is on our side. Our faith always wins the day. God's Spirit is the one that leads to the truth, because the Spirit is truth.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The People stand as they are able and sing the Hymn.

Children's Chapel (children ages three and a half to fifth grade) begins here. During this Hymn, children will leave the nave by following the wooden cross which will come down the center aisle and then go into the Annex. Today, we ask that any children who would like to give an offering gift place it in the plate as they follow the wooden cross out of the nave. All will rejoin their families at the Peace. Children three and under may attend Children's Chapel but must be accompanied by a parent.

HYMN

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love

Chereponi

Chorus



Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love, show
us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.

1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - es their
2 Neigh-bors are rich and poor, neigh-bors are black and
3 These are the ones we should serve, these are the ones we should
4 Lov - ing puts us on our knees, serv - ing as though we were

Repeat Chorus
feet, Mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.
white, neigh-bors are near - by and far a - way.
love. All are neigh-bors to us and you.
slaves; this is the way we should live with you.

HOLY GOSPEL

John 15:9-17

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

Jesus said to his disciples, "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. 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. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. 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. 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. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."

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

The People are seated.

SERMON

St. Margaret's Youth Group

The People stand as they are able.

NICENE CREED

Celebrant and People

**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 People remain standing as able.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

St. Margaret's Youth Group

<i>Leader</i>	We ask your prayers for those scorned by their families and others because of who they are.
<i>People</i>	We pray that we love everyone unconditionally.
<i>Leader</i>	We ask your prayers for all those treated unfairly because of their appearance.
<i>People</i>	We pray that we see all others as children of God.
<i>Leader</i>	We ask your prayers for all those bullied and mistreated because of who they love.
<i>People</i>	We pray that we can love others as you love us.
<i>Leader</i>	We ask your prayers for those who are persecuted because of where they come from.
<i>People</i>	We pray that we are gracious and welcoming to newcomers, regardless of place of origin.

Leader We ask your prayers for all who society has written off and made invisible because of their poverty.
People **We pray that we see everyone clearly as fellow human beings.**

Leader We ask your prayers for all who society does not accommodate.
People **We pray that we see and act on the needs of others.**

Leader We ask your prayers for all who continue to be judged for past wrongs.
People **We pray that we can find forgiveness in our hearts.**

Leader We ask your prayers for the departed, especially...pray for those who have died.
People **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Leader We especially pray for...and for those we name silently or out loud.
People **Grant us the strength to meet the needs of others.**

Leader Praise God for the wonderful and beautiful diversity of the world. Help us to remember that we are not the center of creation, and yet each of us is indispensable in the creation of the Kingdom of God.
People **Amen.**

PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

The People greet one another in the name of the Lord and are seated.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

HOLY COMMUNION

To give by cell phone, text GIVESMC to 73256.

During the Offertory, all are welcome to bring their gift to the plate located in front of the altar.

An usher will also walk up the center aisle with a plate for those who wish to offer their gift from their seat.

During Communion, healing prayers and the laying on of hands will be offered at the prayer desk in the Narthex.

OFFERTORY MUSIC

This is the day
The Butterfly Song
Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Children's Chapel

The People stand as able at the direction of the Clergy.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer B

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
 People **And also with you.**
 Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
 People **We lift them to the Lord.**
 Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
 People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant proceeds

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

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

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

Land of Rest

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
 heav'n 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; Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Celebrant continues

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, 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 all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory.**

The Celebrant 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 the Ever-blessed Virgin Mary, Margaret and 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.

People **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we pray together,

Celebrant and People

**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,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant God of promise, you have prepared a banquet for us.

People **Happy are those who are called to the Supper of the Lamb.**

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

FRACTION ANTHEM

Eugene Hancock



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world: have mer-cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world: have mer-cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ lived and died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The People are seated.

All are welcome to receive bread and wine during Communion, including children. To receive bread, place your hands palms-up at the Communion rail. To receive wine, assist the Eucharistic Minister in guiding the chalice to your lips, or you may intinct by dipping the bread in the wine. If you do not wish to receive the bread or wine, place your arms across your chest to receive a blessing. Gluten-free wafers are available. Indicate your wish for a gluten-free wafer by first extending your hands palms-down when at the Communion rail. These wafers are kept in a separate holder from which you are invited to take one. Eugene Hancock

COMMUNION MUSIC

Seek ye first the kingdom of God

Ben & Sarah Coster

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and its righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you; *Allelu, alleluia.*
Ask, and it shall be given unto you, seek, and ye shall find,
knock, and the door shall be opened unto you; *Allelu, alleluia.*

That's good!

Natalie Sleeth

The great Lord God looked down one day on never ending space,
and all around, both near and far, was darkness every place.
So God created earth and sky according to a plan;
the dark of night was filled with light and thus the world began!
That's good! That's good! I'm pleased with what I see.
That's good! That's good! O blessed shall it be!
Then God designed the Universe and all the heav'n so vast,
the sun and moon and stars were made, and in their orbits cast.
The ocean like a mighty wave sprang forth upon command;
the mountains and the hills below arose on every hand.

The People stand as able after all are served.

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

United Church of Canada

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

**Thank you, O Christ, for this feast of life.
We are fed by your love;
we are strengthened by your life.
We are sent forth into this world to live your way and share your joy.
We are now commissioned to:
feed as we have been fed,
forgive as we have been forgiven,
love as we have been loved.
Thanks be to God. Amen.**

BLESSING

Celebrant May God, who through the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ has given us the victory, give you joy and peace in your life and faith; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

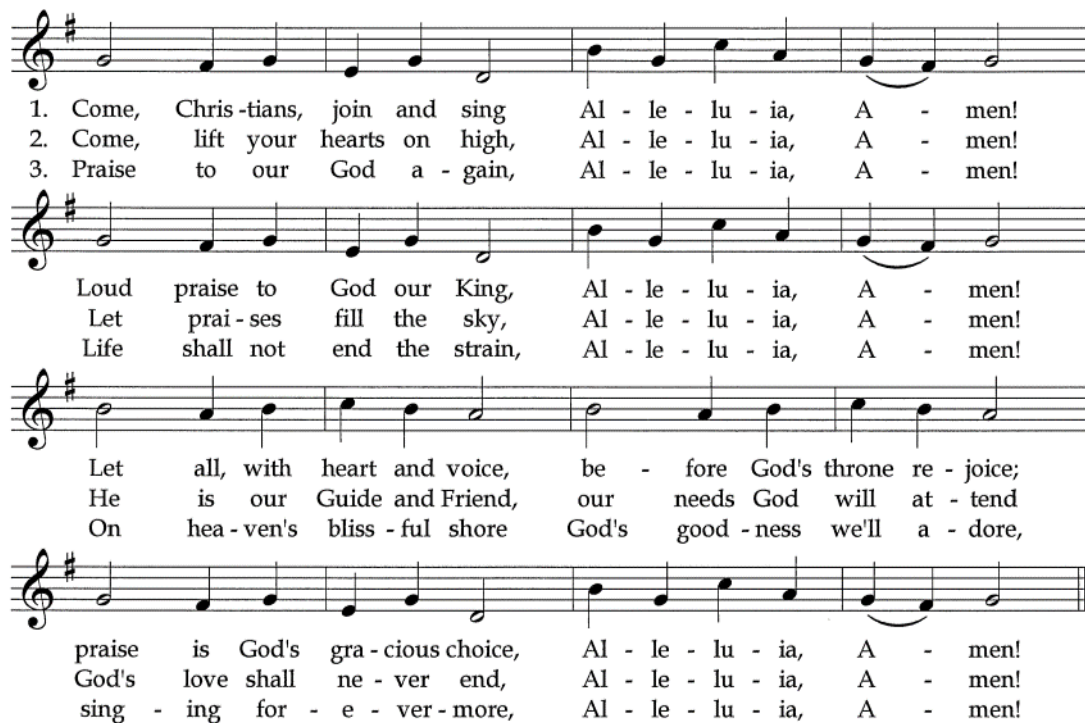
People **Amen.**

The People remain standing and sing the Hymn.

HYMN

Come, Christians, join and sing Alleluia, Amen!

Madrid



1. Come, Chris-tians, join and sing Al - le - lu - ia, A - men!
2. Come, lift your hearts on high, Al - le - lu - ia, A - men!
3. Praise to our God a - gain, Al - le - lu - ia, A - men!

Loud praise to God our King, Al - le - lu - ia, A - men!
Let prai - ses fill the sky, Al - le - lu - ia, A - men!
Life shall not end the strain, Al - le - lu - ia, A - men!

Let all, with heart and voice, be - fore God's throne re - jice;
He is our Guide and Friend, our needs God will at - tend
On hea - ven's bliss - ful shore God's good - ness we'll a - dore,

praise is God's gra - cious choice, Al - le - lu - ia, A - men!
God's love shall ne - ver end, Al - le - lu - ia, A - men!
sing - ing for - e - ver - more, Al - le - lu - ia, A - men!

DISMISSAL

Priest Alleluia, alleluia! Let us go forth in the name of the Risen Christ.

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

POSTLUDE