

St. Margaret's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH



Light in the Darkness

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The Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 17, 2024 ✠ 10:30 a.m.

Welcome to St. Margaret's Episcopal Church

St. Margaret's is a warm place to renew faith in God, care for one another, and thrive in a diverse, LGBTQIA-affirming, and inclusive community. Visitors, please fill out a CONNECT card hanging on the backs of the pews.

In Person or Online, There's a Place for You Here

St. Margaret's worship services are livestreamed for our online congregation. By participating in this service, you acknowledge that you may be visible on live or archived video. If you are uncomfortable about the possibility of appearing on video, please see an usher to be reseated in a more private area.

About Lent

The season now known as Lent (from an Old English word meaning "spring," the time of lengthening days) is observed in preparation for the Paschal feast—the celebration at Easter of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent, a 40-day period of fasting (excluding Sundays) that ends at the Great Vigil of Easter on Holy Saturday and is followed by the Great Fifty Days of Eastertide. Today Lent has reacquired its significance as the final preparation of adult candidates for baptism. Joining with them, all Christians are invited "to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word" (BCP, p. 265).

About Today's Biblical Texts

The four readings used today (Old Testament, Psalm, New Testament, and Gospel) are taken from *A Women's Lectionary for the Whole Church, Year B*, by Hebrew biblical scholar and Episcopal priest, the Rev. Dr. Wilda Gafney. This completely new set of lectionary texts is built from the ground up and includes new gender-expansive translations of texts selected to tell the Good News through the stories of women who are often on the margins of scripture. Building upon St. Margaret's trailblazing history as a parish that celebrates the leadership of women in our Church, St. Margaret's began use of this new, 3-year lectionary in Advent 2022. In so doing, we hope the lectionary invites women, men, and nonbinary people alike to engage the scriptures in new ways and in that engagement, to find themselves and their questions represented.

Kids' Corner

Our worship service is enriched by the participation of everyone present. Children are welcome in our services, and we encourage parents to involve their children by singing joyfully with them, leading them in prayer, modeling good listening, and sharing with them the sacrament of Holy Eucharist. Please know that the Kids' Corner—in the front of the Nave, on the right side, facing the altar—is also a place where kids can worship while engaging in playful activities with other children. Please ask an usher for help locating it.

Leading Worship Today

March 17, 2024

10:30 a.m.

CELEBRANT *The ordained minister leading the service*

The Rev. Diana Gustafson

PREACHER *The minister (lay or ordained) who leads a reflection on how the appointed Scripture speaks to us today*

The Rev. Diana Gustafson

DEACON *The ordained minister who proclaims the Gospel Lesson and sets the Eucharistic Table*

The Rev. Francisco Serrano

LECTORS *The lay ministers who read the Bible lessons appointed for the day*

Isabelle Melese-d'Hospital
Annika Mitic

VIRTUAL VERGER *The lay leader who serves as a kind of holy stage manager, ensuring the virtual worship service goes smoothly*

Robin Lumsdaine

ALTAR GUILD *Those who care for the altar, vestments, vessels, and altar linens of the parish; prepare the sanctuary for services; and clean up afterward*

Lou Rollinson

VERGER *The lay leader who serves as a kind of holy stage manager, ensuring the worship service goes smoothly*

Karen Daniel

CRUCIFER *The lay leader who carries the processional cross*

Ron Lorentzen

INTERCESSOR *The lay minister who leads the Prayers of the People*

Farar Elliott

TECH TEAM *The lay leaders who assist in filming our service and creating a welcoming virtual space*

Patty Lemmerman

VESTRY REPRESENTATIVES *The lay leaders who serve on the Vestry and make announcements during the service*

Ron Lorentzen
Mary Mervenne

BREAD BAKER *The lay person who prepares the bread, which we take, bless, break, and share in the Eucharist*

Alex Alderman

CHALICISTS *The lay or ordained ministers who bear the cup with the consecrated wine*

Ron Lorentzen
Jen Mariano

USHERS *Those greeting the congregation and directing the distribution of Communion*

Tim Green
Josh Daniel

HEALING MINISTERS *The lay or ordained leaders who offer healing prayers during The Communion*

Ron Lorentzen
Sally Russ

We Gather in God's Name

When the service is accompanied by music, it often begins with an instrumental piece of music, during which the congregation can prepare for worship.

Opening Voluntary

Prelude on an Irish Air

C.V. Stanford (1852-1924)

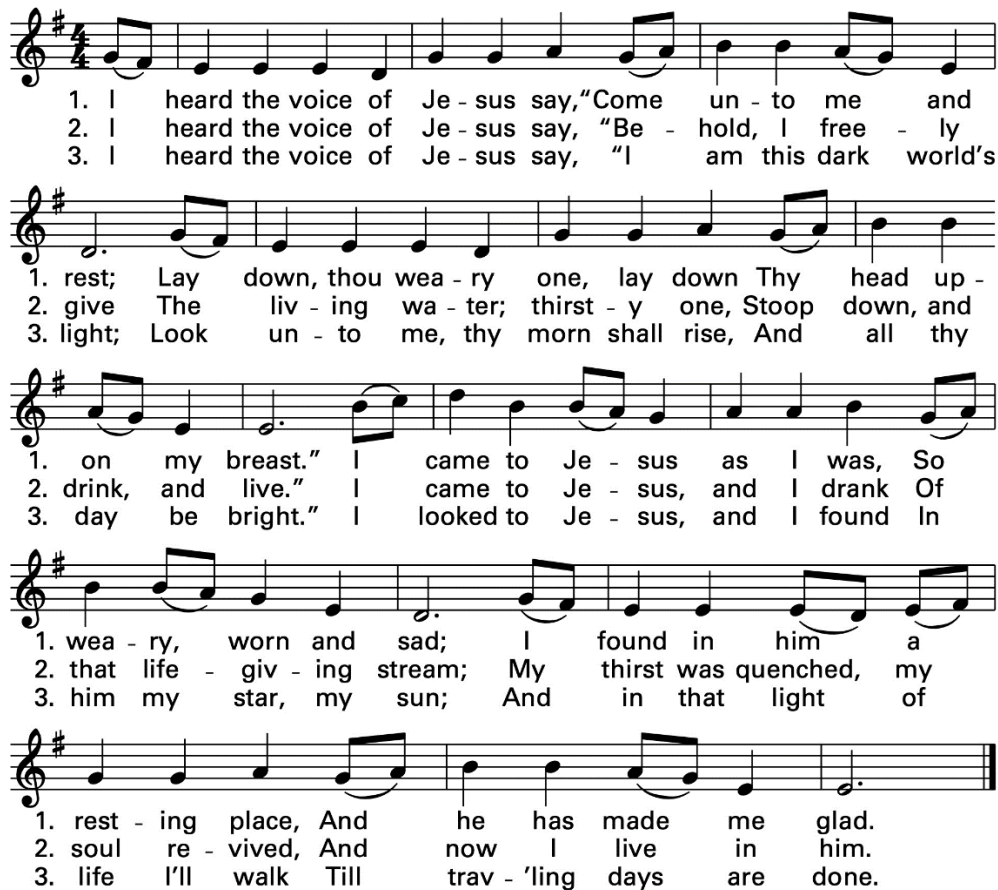
The Welcome

Please stand in body or spirit.

Hymn at the Procession

I heard the voice of Jesus say

Kingsfold



1. I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and
2. I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly
3. I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's

1. rest; Lay down, thou wea - ry one, lay down Thy head up -
2. give The liv - ing wa - ter; thirst - y one, Stoop down, and
3. light; Look un - to me, thy morn shall rise, And all thy

1. on my breast." I came to Je - sus as I was, So
2. drink, and live." I came to Je - sus, and I drank Of
3. day be bright." I looked to Je - sus, and I found In

1. wea - ry, worn and sad; I found in him a
2. that life - giv - ing stream; My thirst was quenched, my
3. him my star, my sun; And in that light of

1. rest - ing place, And he has made me glad.
2. soul re - vived, And now I live in him.
3. life I'll walk Till trav - 'ling days are done.

The Penitential Order

The People's responses are in bold.

Blessed be the God of our salvation.

Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Most High, our God, is the only God. Love God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these."

Mark 12:29-31

Please kneel or sit.

The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God.

God of all mercy,

**we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.**

**We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.**

**We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.**

**Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. Amen.**

The Celebrant says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

In the early church, in the east, the Greek supplication Kyrie eleison ("Lord, have mercy") was the common response to intercessory biddings addressed to the people. It is now used in the Eucharist at the entrance rite or the general intercessions.

Se - ñor, ten pie - dad, Se - ñor, ten
 pie - dad, Se - ñor, ten pie - dad de no - so - tros.
 Cri - sto ten pie - dad. Cri -
 sto, ten pie - dad. Cri - sto ten
 pie - dad de no - so - tros. Se - ñor, ten
 pie - dad. Se - ñor, ten pie - dad. Se - ñor, ten
 pie - dad de no - so - tros.

Translation of the Spanish:

Lord, have mercy on us. Christ, have mercy on us. Lord, have mercy on us.

The Collect of the Day

The collect (pronounced cah-lect) is the prayer appointed for each day that "collects" or captures the theme of the day or season of the Church year. It summarizes the attributes of God as revealed in the scriptures for the day.

God be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY AND MERCIFUL GOD, whose gift of Grace delivers us from suffering, have mercy on us. Grant us the wisdom to know and strength to resist the forces that divide us one from one another and from your Divine teachings; fill our hearts with love for our neighbors and those we are told are our enemies, so that we may truly live out the teachings of your son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit as one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

We Proclaim and Respond to the Word of God

The First Lesson

Genesis 4:17–24

This reading is from the Old Testament (or Hebrew Scriptures), which Jesus knew and from which he often referred or quoted.

A reading from the first book of Genesis.

¹⁷Now Cain knew his woman and she conceived and gave birth to Enoch and he built a city and named it Enoch after his child Enoch. ¹⁸Then born to Enoch was Irad, and Irad fathered Mehujael and Mehujael fathered Methushael and Methushael fathered Lamech. ¹⁹Then, Lamech took two women: the name of the one was Adah and the name of the second, Zillah. ²⁰And Adah gave birth to Jabal; he was the ancestor of those who live in tents surrounded by livestock. ²¹And the name of his brother was Jubal; he was the ancestor of all those who take up the lyre and pipe. ²²Then Zillah gave birth to Tubal-Cain who forged every kind of implement of bronze and iron. And the sister of Tubal-Cain was Naamah.

²³Lamech said to his women:

"Adah and Zillah, hear my voice;
you women of Lamech, hear well what I say:
I have killed a man for wounding me,
and a boy-child for striking me.

²⁴If sevenfold Cain is avenged,
then Lamech seventy and seven."

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

Thanks be to God.

The psalms are poems from the Old Testament (or Hebrew Scriptures). They cover every mood of humanity's relationship with God and one another.

The Choir sings

¹Happy are all who revere the FOUNT OF LIFE,
walking in her ways.
²Of the labor of your hands shall you eat;
you shall be happy and it shall go well with you.
³Your woman, a fruitful vine flanking your house;
your children, olive shoots around your table.
⁴Thus shall the person be blessed
who reveres the SOURCE OF LIFE.
⁵The WELLSPRING OF LIFE bless you from Zion
and may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem
all the days of your life.
⁶And, may you see your children's children.
Peace be upon Israel!

The Second Lesson

1 Corinthians 7:1–17

This reading, taken from the New Testament, is from a letter (epistle) to the early Church.

A reading from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians.

¹Now, about what you have written: It is good for a man not to take hold of a woman. ²But because of sexual immorality, each man should have his own woman and each woman her own man. ³For the wife, the husband should do his duty and likewise the wife for her husband. ⁴For the wife does not have authority over her own body, rather the husband does; likewise the husband does not have authority over his own body, yet the wife does. ⁵Do not ever defraud each another except by agreement for a time to devote yourselves to prayer, and then come together again so that Satan may not tempt you because of your lack of self-control. ⁶This I say as a concession, not a command. ⁷I wish that all were as I myself am. But each has their own gift from God, indeed one to one and another to another.

⁸To the unmarried and the widows I say that it is good for them to remain so. ⁹But if they are not showing self-control, they should marry; for it is better to marry than to burn. ¹⁰To the married I give this command—not I but the Most High—a woman should not separate from her man, ¹¹though if she does separate, let her remain unmarried or else be reconciled to her man; also a man should not divorce his woman. ¹²To the rest I say—I and not the Most High—that if a believer has a woman who is an unbeliever and she agrees to live with him, he should not divorce her. ¹³And if a woman has a man who is an unbeliever and he agrees to live with her, she should not divorce him. ¹⁴For the unbelieving man is made holy through his woman, and the unbelieving woman is made holy through

her man. Otherwise, your children would be unclean, yet now they are holy. ¹⁵Now if the unbeliever leaves, let them leave; a sister or brother is not bound in such circumstances. It is to peace that God has called you. ¹⁶For woman, how do you know whether you will save your man, and how do you know, man, whether you will save your woman? ¹⁷However let each walk through life as the Holy One has designated and as God has called them. This is what I instruct all the churches.

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Thanks be to God.

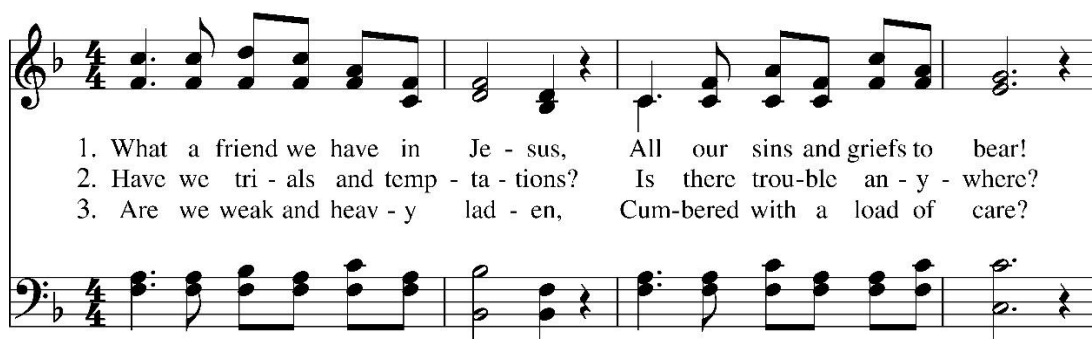
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Hymn at the Sequence

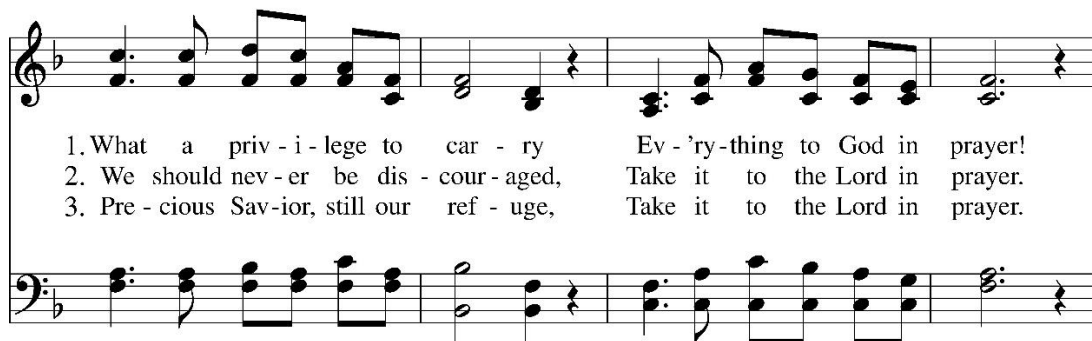
What a friend we have in Jesus

Converse

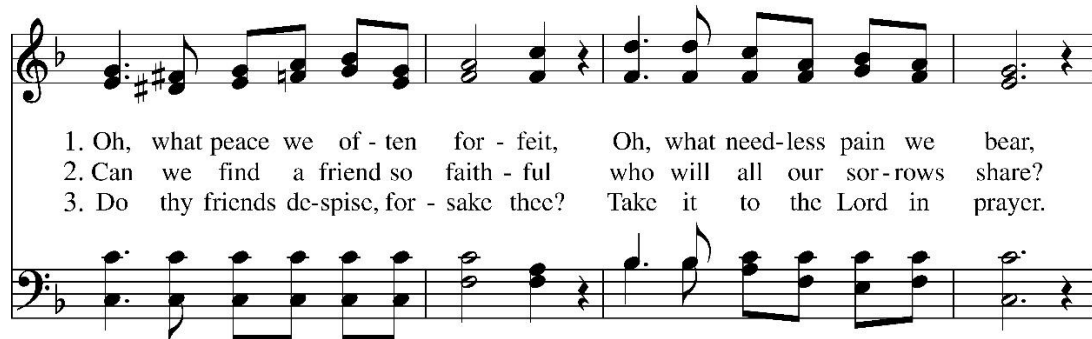
The sequence hymn moves us toward the summit of the Liturgy of the Word—the reading of the Holy Gospel. Gospel means “good news”—specifically the “good news of Jesus.”



1. What a friend we have in Je - sus, All our sins and griefs to bear!
 2. Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou-ble an - y - where?
 3. Are we weak and heav - y lad - en, Cum-bered with a load of care?



1. What a priv-i-lege to car - ry Ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!
 2. We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged, Take it to the Lord in prayer.
 3. Pre - cious Sav-ior, still our ref - uge, Take it to the Lord in prayer.



1. Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit, Oh, what need-less pain we bear,
 2. Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor-rows share?
 3. Do thy friends de-spise, for - sake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



Words: Joseph Scriven (1819-1866). Music: Charles C. Converse (1832-1918).

The Gospel Lesson

Mark 10:1-16

This reading is taken from one of the four gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John), which depict the life, teachings, death, resurrection, and ascension of our Savior Jesus Christ. We stand as we are able for the Gospel reading to show the particular importance placed on Jesus' words and actions.

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Christ.

¹Now Jesus arose from and went to the region of Judea and beyond the Jordan and crowds of women, children, and men again gathered around him, and as was his custom, again he taught them.

²Then came Pharisees, asking him if it was permissible for a man to divorce, testing Jesus. ³But he answered, saying to them, "What did Moses command you?" ⁴Now, they said, "Moses allowed writing a document of release and divorce." ⁵But Jesus said to them, "Because of your hard-heartedness he inscribed this commandment for you all. ⁶But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them female and male.' ⁷'Because of this a man shall leave his mother and father and be joined to his woman,⁸ and the two shall become one flesh.' Thus they are no longer two, but one flesh.⁹ Therefore what God has joined together, let no mortal separate." ¹⁰Then in the house, again the disciples asked Jesus about this. ¹¹He said to them, "Whoever divorces his woman and marries another commits adultery against her; ¹²and if she divorces her man and marries another, she commits adultery."

¹³Also, women and men were bringing him children so that he might hold them and the disciples rebuked them. ¹⁴Yet when Jesus saw he became angry and said to them, "Let the children come to me; do not prevent them. For to such ones the reign of God belongs. ¹⁵Truly I tell you all, whoever does not receive the reign of God as a little child will not enter it." ¹⁶Then he embraced them, blessing them, laying his hands on them.

This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Praise be to Christ, the Word.

The Sermon

The Rev. Diana V. Gustafson

At the invitation of the preacher, please be seated. After the sermon, please stand in body or spirit.

The Affirmation of Faith

"A Woman's Creed" was written by Malinia Devananda for Lifting Women's Voices: Prayers to Change the World (2009), a collection of prayers written by women from across the Anglican Communion and organized according to themes of the U.N. Millennium Development Goals.

We believe in God,
the source of love,
who created humanity in God's own image and likeness,
who blessed them and asked them to procreate,
nurture and preserve God's creation for prosperity.

We believe in Jesus Christ,
God incarnate,
who was born of a woman
and was a carpenter,
who identified himself with women, men and children,
transforming them to have life abundantly.

We believe in the Holy Spirit
active before creation
who through the ages
has inspired Christians without number,
who continues to inspire us
to usher in the reign of God,
where no one is cast out, lonely, or bereft.

Please kneel or sit.

The Prayers of Our Community

The intercessor gives voice to the prayer requests submitted online by members of our community worshiping in person or on Zoom. To submit your own prayer request, please use the QR code in the back of this bulletin.

Sisters, brothers, and siblings, the Spirit of God dwells in you. Let us appeal to our God, saying, "We call to you, O Lord; *Lord, hear our voice.*"

Breathe new life into your Church, O Lord. Where our bones are dried up, where our hope is lost, cause your life-giving breath to enter. Give us confidence in the truth that the same Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead dwells in us. We call to you, O Lord; **Lord, hear our voice.**

Many are they who wait for you, O Lord. Speak into the souls of those suffering throughout the world, a word of hope. We call to you, O Lord; **Lord, hear our voice.**

Creating God, it is the wind of your Spirit that sweeps across this planet. Renew and refresh your creation; bring forth newness in dead places. We call to you, O Lord; **Lord, hear our voice.**

With you, O Lord, there is plenteous redemption. Restore the hope of this city. Renew our trust that you have a life-giving future in mind for us. We call to you, O Lord; **Lord, hear our voice.**

God, we trust your Son Jesus to be for us resurrection and life. Give to the dead your life. Assure the living with the promise of resurrection. We call to you, O Lord; **Lord, hear our voice.**

And continuing with prayers submitted by members of our community...

We call to you, O Lord; **Lord, hear our voice.**

The celebrant adds this concluding collect

O Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you:" Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Creator and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever.

Amen.

The Peace

The peace of Christ be always with you. **And also with you.**

The People share signs of peace with one another and then are seated.

The Offertory

Having gathered, listened to the Word of God, affirmed our faith, and shared in the peace, we are prepared for the drama and miracle of the Holy Eucharist. At the offertory, we gratefully offer back to God some of what God has given us, symbolically in the bread and wine, and in the money we give.

Don't have cash for the collection plate? Text MAGGIE and your donation amount to [73256](https://www.givemaggie.com) to give to St. Margaret's using your text messaging (e.g., MAGGIE \$50). As a first-time giver, it will take you approximately 2 minutes to set up your payment method. Once your first text gift is processed, the payment method is saved for future gifts and allows for a faster and more convenient giving experience. Standard text message rates do apply.

Anthem at the Offertory

Lead me, Lord

S.S. Wesley (1810-1876)

Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness; make thy way plain before my face.

For it is thou, Lord, thou, Lord only, that makest me dwell in safety.

text: Psalm 5:8 & 4:9

We Make Eucharist Together

The Great Thanksgiving

The word Eucharist comes from the Greek for "thanksgiving." In the Great Thanksgiving, we do what Jesus himself asked us to do: thank God and recall all that God has done for us in the life, death, and resurrection of Christ. The Great Thanksgiving—or Eucharistic Prayer—is a long prayer with four parts. Each of these four parts corresponds to a different action of Jesus at the Last Supper, where he took, blessed, broke, and gave bread and wine as sacraments of his body and blood. We begin the Great Thanksgiving with the Sursum Corda, meaning "Lift up your hearts" in Latin.

Please stand in body or spirit.

God is with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Holy One.**

Let us give thanks to the Most High our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise. **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home. **By your will they were created and have their being.**

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the stewards of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another. **Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

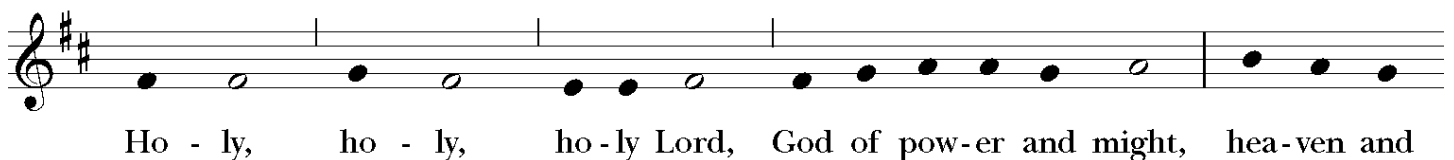
Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace. **By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.**

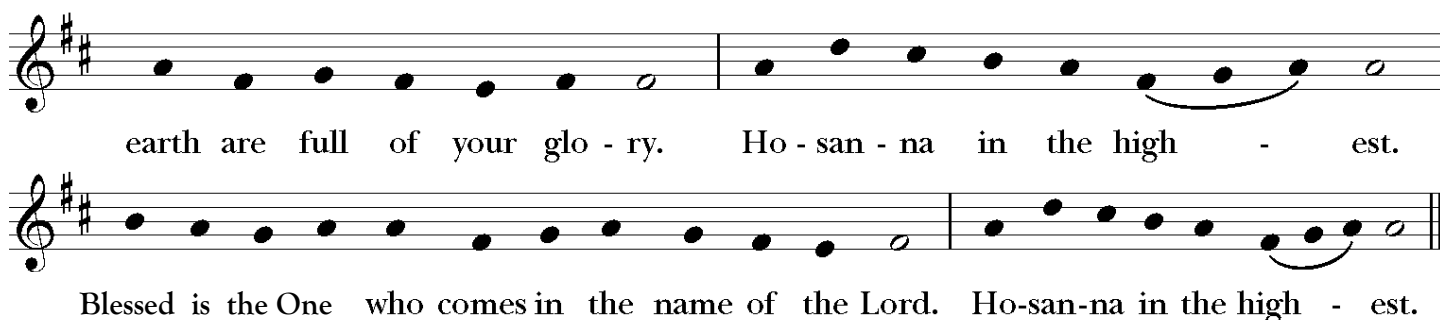
And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Sanctus & Benedictus

Hurd

The Sanctus & Benedictus (Holy, Holy, Holy) is the hymn of praise that never ceases before God and is based on Isaiah 6:3.





We recall God's acts of salvation history. The celebrant says the "Words of Institution" that Jesus said at the Last Supper. At the Memorial Acclamation we remember Christ's death, resurrection, and promise to return at the end of time. During the prayer, the Holy Spirit is invoked to bless and sanctify the gifts of bread and wine.

And so, Mother, we who have been redeemed by Christ, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, **"Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."**

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, gave thanks, 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."**

Remembering now Jesus' work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving, **We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of Christ's coming.**

Lord God of our Mothers and Fathers; God of Abraham, Sarah, and Hagar; of Isaac and Rebekah, and of Jacob, Leah, and Rachel; God and Mother of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in Christ's name. **Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

Accept these prayers and praises, Mother, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.

The Amen



The Lord's Prayer

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray, each in our own language,

**Our Father/Mother/Creator *Padre nuestro... Vater unser... Ama namin... Baba Yetu...*
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.**

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread in silence.

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us. **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

The Invitation

These are the gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ lived, died, and rose again for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Please be seated.

All who seek God and a deeper life in Christ are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

- *The bread is freshly baked by a member of our community. Gluten-free wafers are also available; please make your need known to the minister.*
- *Please receive the bread in open and outstretched hands. Respond to receiving the bread by saying, "Amen."*
- *To receive the wine, sip from the chalice, which will be guided gently to your lips by the minister. Please note that intinction (dipping the bread into the wine) is not permitted. Respond to receiving the wine by saying, "Amen."*
- *We all make a full communion and receive Christ's body and blood whether receiving in either or both the bread and wine.*
- *If you prefer to receive a blessing instead of communion, please indicate your choice by crossing your hands across your chest.*
- *Those who wish to have Communion brought to them at their seat should notify an usher.*

- *For members of our community who know they will be worshipping online, we are happy to mail consecrated, gluten-free wafers for you to commune yourself. To make your request, please email Jane Quenk (jquenk@aol.com), chair of the Altar Guild.*

The Prayer for Spiritual Communion

Those who are watching online and will not receive may wish to pray this prayer.

My Jesus,
I believe that you are truly present
in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar.
I love you above all things,
and long for you in my soul.
Since I cannot receive you in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood,
come spiritually into my heart.
Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace;
let me never be separated from you.
May I live in you, and you in me,
in this life and the life to come. Amen.

The Prayers for Healing

During distribution of The Communion, healing ministers will be available in the side chapel to pray with anyone who needs prayers for healing of mind, body, spirit, or relationship. Whether the prayers are for you or someone in your life, our ministers are ready to listen and offer support.

Please stand in body or spirit.

The Prayer after the Communion

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.**

Please be seated.

The Announcements

Clergy and lay leaders greet the congregation and invite people to connect with our parish community, learn about the faith, or to volunteer in service. Please see the weekly bulletin insert for more information.

Please stand in body or spirit.

The Blessing

May God, who does not despise the broken spirit, give to you a contrite heart. **Amen.**

May Christ, who bore our sins in his body on the tree, heal you by his wounds. **Amen.**

May the Holy Spirit, who leads us into all truth, speak to you words of pardon and peace. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God almighty, Source of all being, Incarnate Word, and Holy Spirit, be with you now and remain with you always. **Amen.**

We Go Forth in the Name of Christ

As the celebration ends, we are charged to reach out beyond our own church to the world around us.

Hymn at the Procession

Lord, who throughout these forty days

St. Flavian

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G minor, indicated by one flat (Bb) on the treble clef. The key signature is G minor, and the time signature is 4/4. The score consists of two systems of music. The first system contains five lines of lyrics, and the second system contains five lines of lyrics. The lyrics are as follows:

1 Lord, who through-out these for - ty days for us didst fast and pray,
2 As thou with Sa - tan didst con-tend, and didst the vic-tory win,
3 As thou didst hun-ger bear and thirst, so teach us, gra-cious Lord,
4 And through these days of pen - i - tence, and through thy Pas-sion - tide,
5 A - bid with us, that so, this life of suf - fering o - ver - past,

1 teach us with thee to mourn our sins, and close by thee to stay.
2 O give us strength in thee to fight, in thee to con-quer sin.
3 to die to self, and chief - ly live by thy most ho - ly word.
4 yea, ev - er - more, in life and death, Je - sus! with us a - bid.
5 an Eas - ter of un - end - ing joy we may at - tain at last!

Words: Claudia Frances Hernaman (1838-1898) Music: *St. Flavian*, melody from *Day's Psalter*, 1562; adapt. and harm. Richard Redhead (1820-1901)

The Dismissal

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

Closing Voluntary

Voluntary in g minor

John Stanley (1712-1786)

WORSHIP

- ✠ **Weekly Sunday Eucharist Service** at 10:30 a.m. Join us in person or online!
- ✠ **Weekly Virtual Sunday Compline Service** at 8:00 p.m. Join us via Zoom! Find the link at stmargaretsdc.org/worship.
- ✠ **Schedule of Services for Holy Week & Easter Day**
 - **The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday, March 24**, Join at 10:30 a.m., in person or online for this service of Holy Eucharist with the Liturgy of the Palms, Procession, and the Reading of the Passion.
 - **Maundy Thursday, March 28**, Join at 6:30 p.m., in person or online for this service of Holy Eucharist with Foot Washing and Stripping of the Altar. Incense will be used at this service.
 - **Good Friday, March 29**
 - **Traditional Liturgy of the Day** at Noon with Veneration of the Cross and Distribution of the Reserved Sacrament. Join in person or online.
 - Nave open 1:30-2:30 p.m. for praying the **Stations of the Cross** individually.
 - **Holy Saturday, March 30**, Join in person for this simple Liturgy of the Word at 10:00 a.m.
 - **The Great Vigil of Easter, March 30**, Traditional first Service of Easter at 7:00 p.m. Join in person or online. Incense will be used at this service.
 - **The Sunday of the Resurrection: Easter Day, March 31**, Festival Holy Eucharist at 10:30 a.m. Join in person or online. Prelude begins at 10:15 a.m.

CONNECT

- ✠ **Lunch in Our Neighborhood: 12:15 p.m., today at Mi Casa.** Find the link to RSVP at stmargaretsdc.org/connect. For more information, contact Daniel Sherman (dss16a@acu.edu) or JD Mancini (john.d.mancini622@gmail.com).
- ✠ **Pastoral Care.** If you or a loved one is in need of prayer or assistance, our clergy would love to provide pastoral care. Those who are sick, in the hospital, recovering from surgery, grieving, or dealing with an unexpected crisis or challenge may be visited by clergy or by trained members of the parish. Sometimes telephone calls or virtual meetings are preferred. Please let us know by calling the Parish Office at 202-232-2995 or by emailing the Rector, the Rev. Richard Weinberg at richard@stmargaretsdc.org, or the Associate Rector, the Rev. Diana Gustafson at diana@stmargaretsdc.org to request a visit, meeting, or phone call. Some parish volunteers are also licensed to take Communion to parishioners who are in the hospital or are homebound. Arrangements can be made by contacting clergy directly or through the church office. **If you're a member in an emergency or crisis**, or if you suspect the death of a loved one is near and wish to have a priest administer Last Rites, it is best to call the Rector directly on his mobile: 202-489-8727.

LEARN

✚ **Loving our Neighbors through Medical Debt Relief: Forum on Sunday, April 21 at 12:15 pm.** Medical debt spurs individual bankruptcies and stops people from seeking necessary health care. Black, Indigenous and People of Color are more likely to be saddled with medical debt. The racial justice and health equity implications of medical debt are significant. Our forum speakers will include Eva Stahl, VP of Public Policy & Program Management at RIP Medical Debt, the leading national nonprofit abolishing medical debt, and representatives from Tzedek DC, a DC legal aid agency assisting people with debt issues, and Temple Sinai DC, which recently concluded a successful debt relief campaign. The panel will kick off St. M's campaign to raise at least \$10,000, eliminating \$1 million or more in medical debt in DC, Montgomery County and Prince George's County, by leveraging RIP Medical Debt's process of buying bundled medical debt at a deep discount. Co-sponsored by St. M's Racial Justice Task Force and Faith in Action Committee. Join via Zoom using the same link as the service or in person.

✚ **Embracing Lament: Six-Week Lenten Workshop: Wednesday Evenings, February 21, 28, March 6, 13, 20, 27, 6:30 to 8:00; join the discussion via Zoom at 7:00.** Share a meal of soup and bread before joining a discussion of ancient and personal lament, led by the Rev. Dr. Robert Phillips, Canon for Leadership Development and Congressional Care in the Diocese of Washington.

Sacred texts tell us that in times of crisis the ancient Israelites used images, symbols, and metaphors to express the pain of their trauma. The Book of Psalms in Hebrew Scripture encompasses the vast range of emotions experienced by a people who had a relationship with God that was sometimes strong and resilient, but often fragile and tenuous. In fragile and tenuous times, they embraced lament psalms as sacred poetry with which they could complain to God in faith. When we lament the profound losses in our lives, we can avoid tendencies of denial that distort our understanding and corrupt our ability to move toward healing and wholeness.

During this Lenten season, we will embark on a journey toward the development of our own personal lament psalms using symbols, metaphors, and images to facilitate an honest spiritual dialogue. By writing our own lament, we build a bridge from the painful grief of personal brokenness to a space imbued with grace for personal healing and growth. **Find the link to sign up for one or all the sessions and to bring bread or soup at stmargaretsdc.org/connect.** The series will conclude with a Service of Lament on March 27.

✚ **Godly Play:** Second Sunday of the month at 10:00 a.m., in the Multipurpose Room. For children ages 5–7 (kindergarten through 2nd grade), Godly Play is a Montessori-type program for children that explores the mystery of God's presence in our lives. Godly Play engages what is most exciting about religious education: God inviting us into—and pursuing us in the midst of—Scripture and spiritual experience. Godly Play practice teaches children to listen for God and to make authentic and creative responses to God's call in our lives. To sign up, or for more information, email the Rev. Richard Weinberg at richard@stmargaretsdc.org.

✚ **On-the-Way Book & Bible Study:** Every other Monday at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome but advance registration is required. Find the class on the website calendar to register at www.stmargaretsdc.org/calendar. Our next meeting is March 25, we will be taking up a new book selection. The book is *The Physics of Angels: Exploring the Realm Where Science and Spirit Meet* by Matthew Fox and Rupert Sheldrake.

✚ **Charlie's Place Bible Study and Prayer Group:** Tuesdays at 7:30 a.m. You are invited to join this weekly gathering where individuals of diverse backgrounds and lived experiences come together to

study God's word and experience the power of prayer in community. For details email Reggie Cox at rcox@stmargaretsdc.org.

SERVE

- ✝ **Prayer Shawls and Baptismal Blankets:** We are excited to announce a new knitting ministry at St. Margaret's. Everyone is invited to participate in St. Margaret's Prayer Shawl Ministry by making a shawl, lap robe, baby blanket, or baptism stroller blanket. If you know someone who is recently ill or would like a prayer shawl that is blessed by one of our clergy, please let us know. To donate a handmade item or recommend a recipient, please contact the Rev. Diana V. Gustafson at diana@stmargaretsdc.org. Contact Kathleen Scholl at KKScholl@aol.com with any questions. regarding the Prayer Shawl Ministry. Find more information at stmargaretsdc.org/volunteer.
- ✝ **Calling All Vocalists!** Do you like to sing? The St. Margaret's Choir is looking for you. The Choir sings a range of styles of choral music, both traditional and contemporary. Although sightreading skills are not necessary, some choral experience is desirable, as well as the ability to match pitch and read music. To indicate your interest, email Tim Duhr at tduhr@stmargaretsdc.org.
- ✝ **Worship Volunteers:** The richness of our worship together depends upon all of us playing a role, as called and as possible. We have serving opportunities for every personality, skill set, season, and schedule. Volunteers serve by welcoming visitors, tending the altar, reading during the service, supporting the clergy, or working on our Tech Team. If you are looking for ways to connect with parish members and to share your gifts with the community, please email office@stmargaretsdc.org.
- ✝ **Mustard Seed Charlie's Place Street Outreach:** Join our deacon, the Rev. Francisco Serrano, for weekly street outreach to our neighbors experiencing homelessness in Dupont Circle. Volunteers will meet at St. Margaret's and then bring beverages, snacks, and other gestures of love to Dupont Circle to deepen relationships with our community. Questions? Email Francisco at serranofrancisco388@gmail.com. To help fund this ministry, please give to the Rector's Discretionary Fund by check or online at stmargaretsdc.org/give. Be sure to select "Rector's Discretionary Fund" in the drop-down menu.

GIVE

- ✝ **Defeat the Deficit Update:** We are pleased to announce that not only did we meet our goal of \$53,000, but surpassed it, raising a total of \$54,500! This remarkable achievement is a testament to the strength and commitment of our community. Many thanks for your generosity! To modify an existing pledge, email the Parish Office (office@stmargaretsdc.org). Make a new pledge by visiting stmargaretcdc.org/give and clicking on the link "2024 Intended Giving Card." One-time gifts may be made via Realm at stmargaretcdc.org/give by selecting "Defeat the Deficit" in the dropdown menu.
- ✝ **Appeal for Flower Fund Contributions:** Easter will be here soon! Please consider contributing to the Flower Fund. You can contribute on Realm, by designating your contribution as "Flower Fund." If you wish to have a memorial statement related to your gift published in the Easter Day bulletin, please send an email to office@stmargaretsdc.org with "Flower Fund Memorial" as the subject and include the text of your memorial in the email by March 18.
- ✝ **Donate to the Hospitality Fund:** We continue to encourage donations to this fund, which covers the cost of weekly Sunday coffee hours and parish-wide receptions such as those after the St. Margaret's Day service, the Bishop's visitation, and Christmas services. Donate online at stmargaretsdc.org/give,

and be sure to select "Hospitality Fund" in the dropdown menu. We will publicly thank you in the order your donation is received.

- ✚ **Donations for Charlie's Place:** Charlie's Place needs the following articles of clothing for both men and women: hats, jeans, hoodies, socks, underwear, coats, and t-shirts. Water bottles, ceramic mugs, toothbrushes, toothpaste, and soap, as well as travel-size containers of lotion and deodorant are needed. Deliver from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Email Reggie Cox with questions at rcox@stmargaretsdc.org.
- ✚ **1894 Society:** St. Margaret's 1894 Society recognizes those who have graciously named our beloved parish as the beneficiary of a planned gift. These donors' lasting and thoughtful contributions will help ensure St. Margaret's can fulfill her mission as a warm place to renew faith in God, care for one another, and help build a diverse, LGBTQIA-affirming, and inclusive community. To learn more about planned giving, making a long-term and special financial commitment to the church, and joining the 1894 Society, please talk to our Rector. The 1894 Society brochure and Intended Giving Card can be found at stmargaretsdc.org/give.
- ✚ **Donate:** If you would like to make a donation to St. Margaret's, visit stmargaretsdc.org/give, text MAGGIE and your donation amount to [73256](tel:73256), or mail a check to the Parish Office.

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Scan the QR code below to submit your prayer requests so that the intercessor may read them aloud during today's service.



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