

St. Margaret's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH



Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 6, 2026 ✠ 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 the Season after Pentecost

The long season after Pentecost, affectionately known as the "green season" thanks to the liturgical color of vestments and paraments, and as "Ordinary Time" in other traditions, is an extended outworking of the Christian life and the implications of our baptism into the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. The season concludes on the last Sunday after Pentecost when we celebrate the Feast of Christ in Majesty before the new liturgical year begins a week later with the first Sunday of Advent.

Land Acknowledgement

We gather at St. Margaret's on land that once belonged to the Nacotchtank people, who were forcibly removed from their land by white settlers and devastated by diseases they introduced. We recognize that this loss is not distant history, and the ongoing legacy of colonization continues to adversely shape our communities. We grieve their loss and repent of this history. We vow to carry forward the Nacotchtanks' legacy of respect for the land, the waters and all of God's creation. May our stewardship reflect gratitude, justice, and care; and may we live in right relationship with the earth and one another.

Prayer Requests

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



Leading Worship Today

September 6, 2026

10:30 a.m.

CELEBRANT <i>The ordained minister leading the service</i>	The Rev. Richard Weinberg
PREACHER <i>The minister (lay or ordained) who leads a reflection on how the appointed Scripture speaks to us today</i>	The Rev. Richard Weinberg
DEACON <i>The ordained minister or deacon candidate who proclaims the Gospel and sets the Eucharistic Table</i>	Jen Page
LECTORS <i>The lay ministers who read the Bible lessons appointed for the day</i>	Gene Batiste Helen Templin
MUSIC MINISTER <i>The person leading the music</i>	Timothy Duhr
VIRTUAL VERGER <i>The lay leader who serves as a kind of holy stage manager, ensuring the virtual worship service goes smoothly</i>	Daniel Rivera
ALTAR GUILD <i>Those who care for the altar, vestments, vessels and altar linens of the parish; prepare the sanctuary for services; and clean up afterward</i>	Jane Quenk
VERGER <i>The lay leader who serves as a kind of holy stage manager, ensuring the worship service goes smoothly</i>	Karen Daniel
CRUCIFER <i>The lay leader who carries the processional cross</i>	Heidi Mayor
INTERCESSOR <i>The lay minister who leads the Prayers of Our Community</i>	Ann Yonemura
TECH TEAM <i>The lay leader who assists our Audio-Visual Technician in filming our service and creating a welcoming virtual space</i>	Daniel Rivera Natalie Padre
VESTRY REPRESENTATIVE <i>The lay leader who serves on the Vestry and makes announcements during the service</i>	Jackie Maki
BREAD BAKER <i>The lay person who prepares the bread, which we take, bless, break, and share in the Eucharist</i>	Jenny Carson
CHALICISTS <i>The ministers (lay or ordained) who serve The Communion wine</i>	Paige Cottingham-Streater Carol Aschenbrener
USHERS <i>The lay people who distribute bulletins, collect the offering, and direct The Communion procession</i>	James Daniel Tim Green
WELCOME TABLE STAFFER <i>The lay person who sits at the Welcome Table to greet visitors</i>	Jenny Carson

The Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar today are given by the church in thanksgiving for our new Parish Administrator, Jacob Ivey; Seminarian, Allison Kramer; Deacon, the Rev. Jen Page; and Charlie's Floor Coordinator, James Herring.

We Gather in God's Name

Opening Voluntary

Andante

John Stainer (1840-1901)

The Welcome

Please stand in body or spirit and face the rear of the Nave, turning forward as the cross passes.

Hymn at the Procession

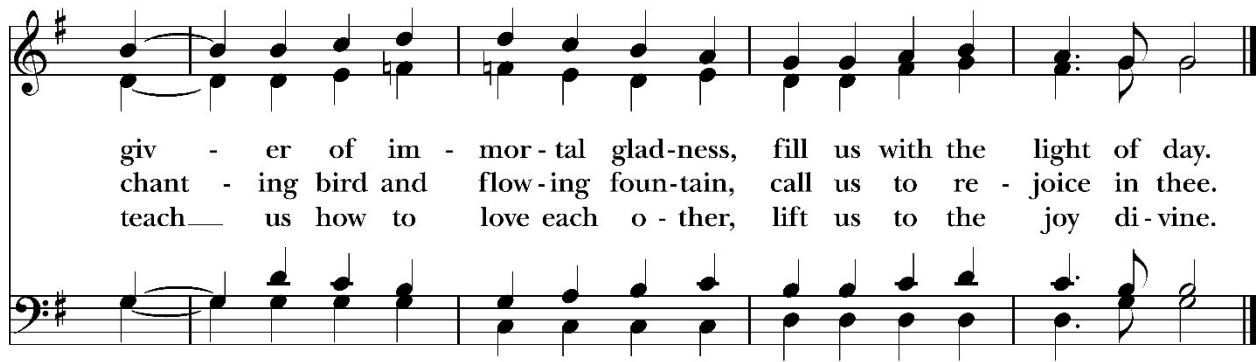
Joyful, joyful, we adore thee

Hymn to Joy

1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;
2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heaven re - flect thy rays,
3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,

hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore thee, prais-ing thee, their sun a - bove.
stars and an - gels sing a-round thee, cen - ter of un - bro-ken praise.
well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean-depth of hap - py rest!

Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness; drive the dark of doubt a - way;
Field and for - est, vale and moun-tain, bloom-ing mea-dow, flash - ing sea,
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our Bro - ther: all who live in love are thine;



Words: Henry Van Dyke (1852-1933). Music: *Hymn to Joy*, Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827); adapt. Edward Hodges (1796-1867), alt.

The Opening Acclamation

The People's responses are in bold.

Blessed be God: the one, holy, and undivided Trinity.
And blessed be Their reign, now and forever. Amen.

The Collect for Purity

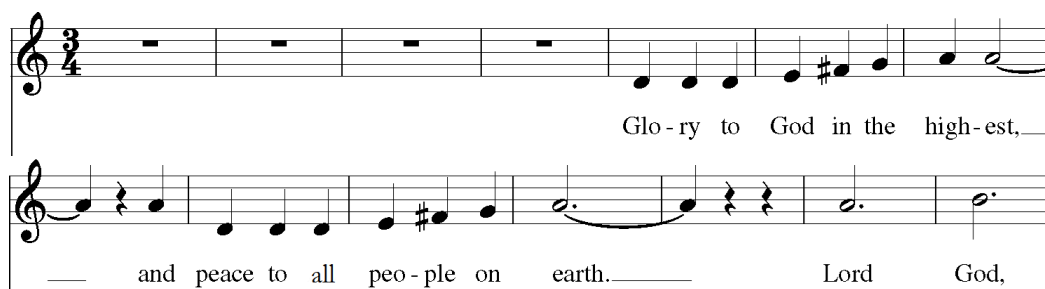
The Collect (pronounced cah-lect) for Purity is a distinctively Anglican prayer for the start of worship and has been included in every Book of Common Prayer since its first publication in 1549. It is translated from an 11th century Latin prayer.

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 Savior. Amen.

Gloria in Excelsis

Rutter

Literally meaning, "Glory in the highest," this is a short hymn of praise to the Trinity. Its opening verse is based on the song of the angels to the shepherds at the time of Jesus' birth, as reported in Luke 2:14. It is known as the "Angelic Hymn." It is also known as the "Greater Doxology," distinguishing it from the Gloria Patri, the "Lesser Doxology." It dates from the fourth century and was the canticle for the morning office in the Apostolic Constitutions. The Gloria in Excelsis is typically used in Episcopal parishes as part of the entrance rite during non-penitential seasons.



heav'n-ly One al - migh - ty God Cre - a - tor, we wor - ship

you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

($\text{♩} = \text{♩}$ of preceding - same beat as before, not slower)

Lord Je - sus Christ, Ho - ly Child of our Ma - ker

Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the right

hand of the Ma - ker re - ceive our prayer. For

you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the

Lord, you a - lone are the Most High,

Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit,

in the glo - ry of God E - ter - nal. A - men.

The Collect of the Day

The collect 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.

GRANT US, O GOD, to trust in you with all our heart; for as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast in your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

Please be seated.

We Proclaim and Respond to the Word of God

The First Lesson

Exodus 12:1-14

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 book of Exodus.

God said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell 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. If 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. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. This 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 God. For 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 God. The 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.

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

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 Cantor chants

Alleluia! Sing to God a new song; *
sing praise in the congregation of the faithful.
Let the people of Israel rejoice in their Maker; *
let the children of Zion be joyful in their Monarch.
Let them praise God's Name in the dance; *
let them sing praise with timbrel and harp.
For God takes pleasure in the people *
and adorns the poor with victory.
Let the faithful rejoice in triumph; *
let them be joyful on their beds.
Let the praises of God be in their throat *
and a two-edged sword in their hand,
To wreak vengeance on the nations *
and punishment on the peoples;
To bind their rulers in chains *
and their nobles with links of iron;
To inflict on them the judgment decreed; *
this is glory for all God's faithful people. Alleluia!

The Second Lesson

Romans 13:8-14

This reading, taken from the New Testament, is typically from a letter (epistle) to the early Church, the Acts of the Apostles, or the Revelation to John.

A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans.

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The 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." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides 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; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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Thanks be to God.

Please stand in body or spirit.

Hymn at the Sequence

Awake, my soul, and with the sun

Morning Hymn

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 A - wake, my soul, and with the sun thy
2 Lord, I my vows to thee re - new; dis -
3 Di - rect, con - trol, sug - gest, this day, all
*4 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise

dai - ly stage of du - ty run; shake off dull sloth, and
perse my sins as morn - ing dew; guard my first springs of
I de - sign, or do, or say; that all my powers, with
him, all crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye

joy - ful rise to pay thy morn - ing sac - ri - fice;
thought and will, and with thy - self my spi - rit fill.;
all their might, in thy sole glo - ry may u - nite.;
heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Words: Thomas Ken (1637-1711), alt. Music: *Morning Hymn*, melody François Hippolyte Barthélémon (1741-1808); harm. *The Church Hymnal for the Church Year*, 1917.

The Gospel Lesson

Matthew 18:15-20

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 Matthew.

Glory to you, O Christ.

Jesus said, "If 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. But 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. If 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. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Abba in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Praise be to Christ, the Word.

The Sermon

At the invitation of the preacher, please be seated.

All stand in body or spirit.

The Affirmation of Faith

Janet Morley is a British author, poet, and Christian feminist. This affirmation of faith is attributed to her.

O God, the source of our being and the goal of all our longing,
we believe and trust in you.
The whole earth is alive with your glory
and all that has life is sustained by you.
We commit ourselves to cherish your world and to seek your face.

O God, embodied in a human life,
we believe and trust in you.
Jesus our brother, born of the woman Mary,
you confronted the proud and the powerful,
and welcomed as your friends those of no account.

Holy Wisdom of God, firstborn of creation,
you emptied yourself of power,
and became foolishness for our sake.
You laboured with us upon the cross,
and have brought us forth to the hope of resurrection.

We commit ourselves to struggle against evil and to choose life.
O God, life-giving Spirit, Spirit of healing and comfort,
of integrity and truth, we believe and trust in you.
Warm-winged Spirit, brooding over creation,
rushing wind and Pentecostal fire,
we commit ourselves to work with you and renew our world.
Amen.

Please sit or kneel.

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 on the inside front cover of this bulletin.

As we gather on the unceded ancestral lands of the Nacotchtank people, the traditional territory of the Piscataway Conoy Tribe, let us pray with thankful and respectful hearts for the first people of this land. Holy One, **hear our prayer.**

For the Church throughout the world; and for ours, the Episcopal branch of the Jesus Movement. For all who find their way to St. Margaret's, including those worshiping with us today for the first time, that renewed in Word and Sacrament, we may be a people transformed by the saving grace of Christ. Holy One, **hear our prayer.**

For our nation and all in authority. For an end to political divisiveness, corruption, and wanton failure to govern responsibly. Grant to our leaders the courage to put the lives of those with less above the wants of those with more. Make us that beacon of freedom and equality, which you've called all nations to be. Holy One, **hear our prayer.**

For the concerns of our city. For those experiencing homelessness and those who lack access to affordable housing. Give to our leaders the wisdom to enact policies that justly meet our neighbors' needs. Equip us all to make our city more like your heavenly reign. Holy One, **hear our prayer.**

For all those who suffer or are in any kind of trouble, including the sick of our parish. For the lonely and the bereaved, and for all those in pain. Send your Spirit to bring healing and strength to persevere. Give to us who are close to those who suffer the strength to bear witness to their pain. Holy One, **hear our prayer.**

For all who have recently died. Grant to them a seat at your heavenly banquet and entrance to that place where there is no more death and no more pain, but life everlasting. Holy One, **hear our prayer.**

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

Holy One, **hear our prayer.**

The Confession of Sin

The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence is kept.

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 Absolution

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.**

The Peace

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

The People stand to 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 two 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.

Solo at the Offertory

O rest in the Lord (from *Elijah*)

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

Oh rest in the Lord, wait patiently for Him,
and He shall give thee thy heart's desires.
Commit thy way unto Him, and trust in Him,
and fret not thyself because of evil-doers.

Text: 1 & 2 Kings

Michael Walker, soloist

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.

God be 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.**

It is truly right, good, and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

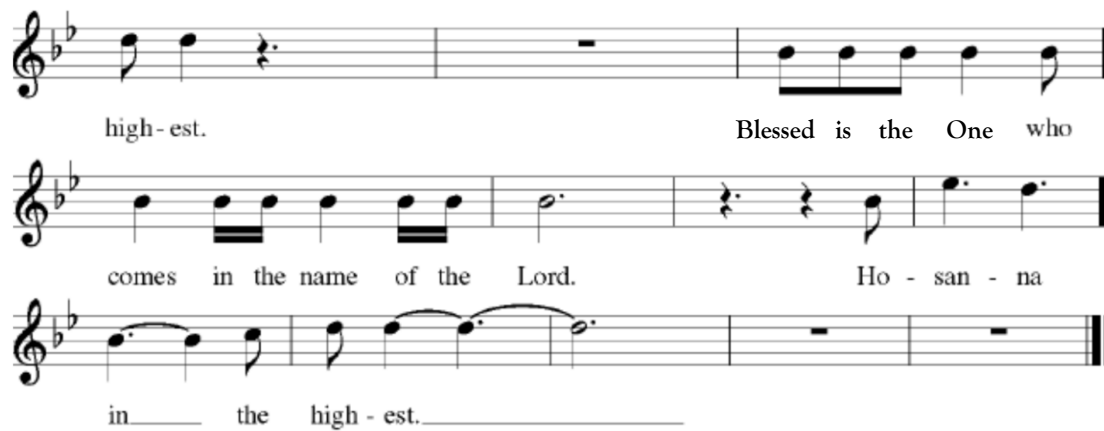
Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

Holy, Holy, Holy

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The Sanctus (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.

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love.

Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, 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."**

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."**

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your children, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

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, each in our own language,

Our Father/Mother/Creator
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.

Padre nuestro
que estás en el cielo,
santificado sea tu nombre;
venga a nosotros tu reino;
hágase tu voluntad,
en la tierra como en el cielo.
Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día;
Y perdona nuestras ofensas,
como también nosotros perdonamos
a los que nos ofenden.
No nos dejes caer en la tentación,
y líbranos del mal.
Porque tuyo es el reino,
tuyo es el poder, y tuya es la gloria,
ahora y por siempre. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread in silence.

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

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. Come forward as directed by the ushers and kneel or stand as you are able. If you need Communion brought to your seat, notify an usher.

The bread is freshly baked by a member of our community. Gluten-free wafers are available — make your need known to the minister. Receive the bread in open, outstretched hands and respond with "Amen." To receive the wine, sip from the chalice; the minister will guide it to your lips. Please note that intinction (dipping the bread into the wine) is not permitted. Respond with "Amen."

To receive a blessing instead, cross your hands over your chest.

Online worshipers may request consecrated gluten-free wafers by mail—contact Jane Quenk, Altar Guild chair, at jquenk@aol.com.

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.

A period of reverent silence may follow the music during Communion. We invite you to pray in the quiet of your heart.

The People stand in body or spirit.

Prayer after the Communion

God of abundance,
**you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation;
you have united us with Christ and one another;
and you have made us one with all your people
in heaven and on earth.**
Now send us forth
in the power of your Spirit,
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world
and continue for ever
in the risen life of Christ our Savior.
Amen.

Please be seated.

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

The priest blesses the people, and the people respond, 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.

As the cross passes, turn to face the rear of the Nave.



1 Sing - ing songs of ex - pec - ta - tion, on - ward
 2 One the light of God's own pres - ence, o'er his
 3 One the strain the lips of thou - sands lift as



goes the pil - grim band, through the night of
 ran - somed peo - ple shed, chas - ing far the
 from the heart of one; one the con - flict,



doubt and sor - row, march - ing to the prom - ised land.
 gloom and ter - ror, bright - ening all the path we tread:
 one the per - il, one the march in God be - gun:



Clear be - fore us through the dark - ness gleams and
 one the ob - ject of our jour - ney, one the
 one the glad - ness of re - joic - ing on the



burns the guid - ing light: trust - ing God we
 faith which nev - er tires, one the ear - nest
 far e - ter - nal shore, where the one al -



march to - geth - er step - ping fear - less through the night.
 look - ing for - ward, one the hope our God in - spires.
 might - y Fa - ther reigns in love for ev - er - more.

Words: Bernard Severin Ingemann (1789-1862) tr. Sabine Baring-Gould (1834-1924), alt. Music: Ton-y Botel, Thomas John Williams (1869-1944).

The Dismissal

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

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

Closing Voluntary

Fantasia

John Stainer

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St M's ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP

- ✦ **Sermons Are Now Available in Spotify!** Did you miss a Sunday or want to revisit a sermon that spoke to you? In addition to our [YouTube Channel](#) archive, St. Margaret's sermon recordings are now available as podcast episodes on Spotify! Whether you are commuting, taking a walk, or relaxing at home, you can easily listen on the go. Scan the QR code to subscribe and start listening today.



- ✦ **Weekly Sunday Eucharist Service | Sundays | 10:30 a.m.** Join us in person or online! Find the link at stmargaretsdc.org/worship.
- ✦ **Weekly Virtual Sunday Compline Service | Sundays | 8:00 p.m.** Join us via Zoom! Find the link at stmargaretsdc.org/worship.
- ✦ **Ordination to the Sacred Order of Deacons | Saturday, September 12 | 10:00 a.m.** Join us for this service at Washington National Cathedral at which our deacon intern Jen Page will be ordained by the Bishop as a vocational deacon.

CONNECT

- ✦ **St. Margaret's Go! (Class for Newcomers) | Sundays, September 13, 20, & 27 | 8:45 a.m.–10:00 a.m. (In-Person).** Whether you are brand new to St. Margaret's or seeking a deeper connection to our parish community, you are invited to join our three-part Go! Class. Led by Skye Landgraff, Ron Lorentzen, and Rev. Richard, this course explores Episcopal traditions, parish life, and what it means to grow in faith together. The first session on September 13 will be attended in person by Rev. Richard. To register and receive class materials, register at www.stmargaretsdc.org/connect.
- ✦ **Coffee Hour.** Join us for coffee and pastries in the Parish Hall immediately following the service. On Zoom? Linger for a virtual coffee hour to meet and greet with other parishioners.

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- ✦ **Godly Play Resumes (Children's Sunday School).** We are excited to announce that Sunday School for children ages 3 through 11 will begin on Sunday, September 27! Classes will take place every two weeks throughout the fall – please contact Bert Russ at 202-423-5642 to confirm your child's participation or ask questions.
- ✦ **Nave A/C Replacement and Worship Contingency Plan.** As a result of this project, *we will move worship into the Parish Hall on Sunday, September 13.* If the current system fails prior to replacement, any unscheduled move of worship to the Parish Hall will be made on Saturday by noon, and an email will be sent to inform the Parish.

- ✦ **On-the-Way Book & Bible Study | Every Other Monday | 6:30 p.m. on Zoom** Everyone is welcome but advance registration is required. Find the class on the website calendar to register at stmargaretsdc.org/calendar. We will continue reading *How to Know a Person* at our next meeting.

SERVE

- ✦ **Rummage Sale Volunteers Needed.** Please take your time to sign up for sorting and organizing the week before the sale. Fill out a form located at the back of the church and give it to an usher, or sign up online. Our big push begins the week beginning October 10, 2026. Many hands make light work. We are hoping for a huge turnout on Monday, October 12, the Indigenous Peoples' holiday.
- ✦ **Mustard Seed Charlie's Place Street Outreach | Wednesdays | 5:00 p.m.** 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 dropdown menu.

GIVE

- ✦ **Rummage Sale | Saturday, October 17 | 9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.** We are currently accepting donations of the following gently used items: women's, men's, and children's clothing/shoes; toys and games; jewelry and decorative items; non-electronic housewares; and linens. **We cannot accept books, furniture, bicycles, electronics, sporting goods, luggage, or anything with a plug.** Donation drop-off at Bancroft entrance. Due to staff vacations, for the time-being, drop-off times are Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m. Please call ahead to check availability if wanting to drop off on Tuesday or Thursday. You may also bring donations with you to worship on Sundays, 11:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m. Never leave anything outside. If you have questions, please contact Sally or Giselle at rummagesale@stmargaretsdc.org.
- ✦ **Faith-based Migrant Family Support.** Through the Faith in Action Committee and the Episcopal Diocese of Washington, St. Margaret's has been matched with a migrant family in need of support, a single mother raising two children. Two Spanish-speaking congregants are connecting with her to learn more about her life here, her resources, the family's challenges and their hopes for the future. If you would like to help this family, please donate via [Realm](#) and select "Migrant Support Fund" in the dropdown menu. We may also have targeted drives to provide this family with necessities. This is a particularly dangerous time for our migrant neighbors, but St Margaret's is committed to walking together with this family, connecting them with local resources and providing moral, spiritual and material support as we can. Contact Penny Anderson at penelopeanderson23@gmail.com to find out more.
- ✦ **Hospitality Fund.** Make a donation to help cover the costs of food, décor, and supplies for parish-wide events. Visit stmargaretsdc.org/give and select "Hospitality Fund" in the drop down menu.

✚ **Charlie's Place.** Our team recently earned their ServSafe Manager certifications! Even more exciting, Reggie personally assisted six unhoused neighbors—including our long-time volunteer Tamiko—in securing permanent housing this year. While program impact is soaring, individual giving is running behind (\$34.5k YTD vs. \$61.5k last year). Individual gifts and recurring pledges directly sustain our daily meals and services for unhoused neighbors. Please consider making a financial gift or pledge today. If you have questions or would like to volunteer, email Ellen Silva (esilva@stmargaretsdc.org) or Reggie Cox (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 (richard@stmargaretsdc.org). 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: 1830 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20009.

St. Margaret's Leadership

Clergy

The Rt. Rev. Mariann Edgar Budde | Bishop of Washington
The Rev. Richard M. Weinberg | Rector
The Rev. Francisco Serrano and The Rev. Jen Page | Deacons
**The Rev. Rachelle Sam, The Rev. Caron Gwynn, The Rev. Rachelle Sam,
and The Rev. Melanie Mullen** | Adjunct Priests

Vestry

Giselle Pole | Senior Warden
Ana-Mita Betancourt | Junior Warden
**Carol Aschenbrener, Gene Batiste, Jessica Church, Carolyn Eaves-Goff, Nellie Fagan, Jackie Maki,
Meredith Manning, Stephen Padre, Sally Russ, & Carline Watson** | Vestry Members
Amy Ruberl | Secretary
Sarah Padre | Treasurer

Parish Staff

Jacob Ivey | Parish Administrator
Dr. Timothy Duhr | Director of Liturgy & Music
Damon Clements | Sexton
John Bello | Maintenance Volunteer
Nivelyn Winston | Accountant
Allison Kramer | Seminarian
Daniel Rivera | Audio Visual Technician
Isabel Marcus & Michael Walker | Staff Singers

Charlie's Place Staff

Reggie Cox | Executive Director, Charlie's Place
Ellen Silva | Director of Advancement, Charlie's Place
James Herring | Floor Coordinator, Charlie's Place

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