

St. Margaret's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH



Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 27, 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 Nacotchtank's 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 27, 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>	Skye Landgraf
DEACON <i>The ordained minister or deacon candidate who proclaims the Gospel and sets the Eucharistic Table</i>	The Rev. Francisco Serrano
LECTORS <i>The lay ministers who read the Bible lessons appointed for the day</i>	Ann Yonemura Terry Adlhock
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>	Helen Templin
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>	Ben Warder
INTERCESSOR <i>The lay minister who leads the Prayers of Our Community</i>	Dan Hicks
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>	Nellie Fagan
BREAD BAKER <i>The lay person who prepares the bread, which we take, bless, break, and share in the Eucharist</i>	Karen Daniel
CHALICISTS <i>The ministers (lay or ordained) who serve The Communion wine</i>	Helen Templin Farar Elliott
USHERS <i>The lay people who distribute bulletins, collect the offering, and direct The Communion procession</i>	Dan Hicks Tim Green
WELCOME TABLE STAFFER <i>The lay person who sits at the Welcome Table to greet visitors</i>	Jess Church

One of These Names Could Be Yours!

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. No matter your age and stage of life, you bring something special to our church family. If you are looking for ways to connect with parish members and share your gifts with the community, we welcome your service!

To learn more, visit www.stmargaretsdc.org/vounteer, or email office@stmargaretsdc.org.

We Gather in God's Name

Opening Voluntary

Voluntary

John Stanley (1712-1786)

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

Come, thou fount of every blessing

Nettleton

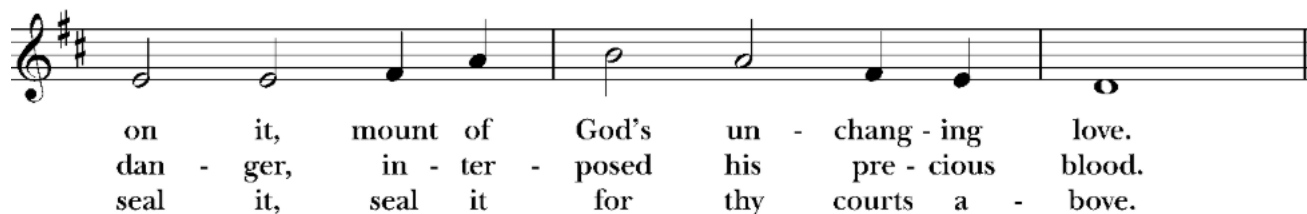
1 Come, thou fount of ev - ery bless - ing, tune my
2 Here I find my great - est trea - sure; hith - er,
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly

heart to sing thy grace! Streams of mer - cy nev - er
by thy help, I've come; and I hope, by thy good
I'm con - strained to be! Let thy good - ness, like a

ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
fet - ter, bind my wan - dering heart to thee:

Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by
Je - sus sought me when a stran - ger wan - dering
prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to

flam - ing tongues a - bove. Praise the mount! Oh, fix me
from the fold of God; he, to res - cue me from
leave the God I love; here's my heart, oh, take and



Words: Robert Robinson (1735-1790), alt. Music: *Nettleton*, melody from *A Repository of Sacred Music, Part II*, 1813; harm. Gerre Hancock (b. 1934).

The Opening Acclamation

The People's responses are in **bold**.

Blessed be the one, holy, and living God,

Glory to God for ever and ever. Gloria a Dios por los siglos de los siglos.

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:**

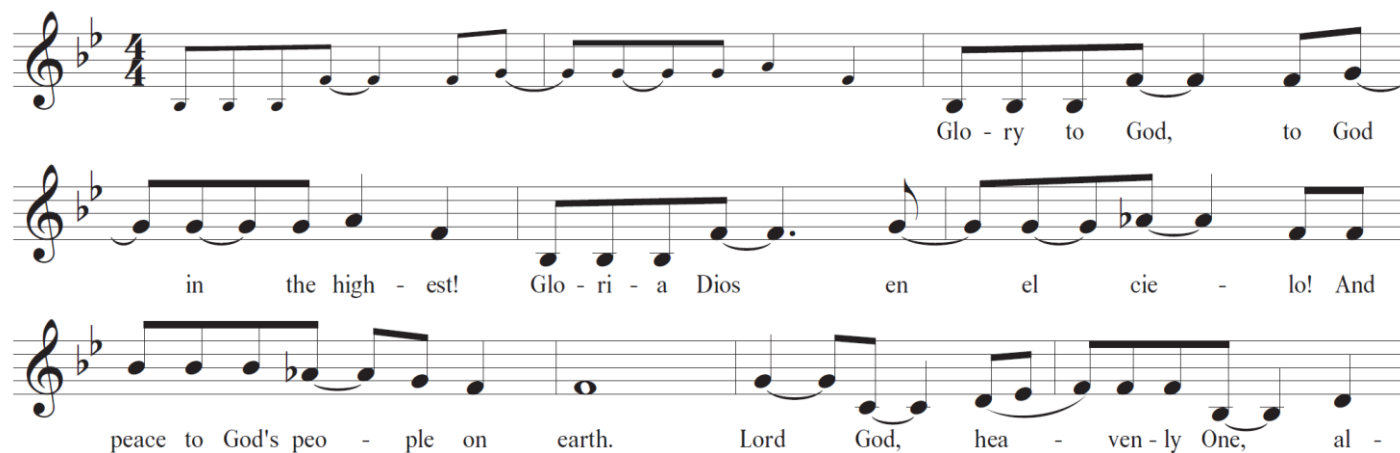
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Savior. Amen.

Gloria in Excelsis

Misa Margarita

Papdakos

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.



migh - ty God, Cre - a - tor, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we
praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Child of our Mak - er,
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
Mak - er: re - ceive our prayer. For you a - lone are the Lord,
you a - lone are the Most High, Most High, Je - sus Christ
with the Ho - ly Spi - rit in the glo - ry of God
e - ter - nal! Glo - ry to God, to God in the high - est!
Glo - ri - a Dios en el cie - lo! Glo - ri - a! Glo - ri - a! A - men! 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.

O GOD, you declare your mighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

We Proclaim and Respond to the Word of God

The First Lesson

Exodus 17:1-7

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.

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as God commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test God?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to God, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." God said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested God, saying, "Is God among us or not?"

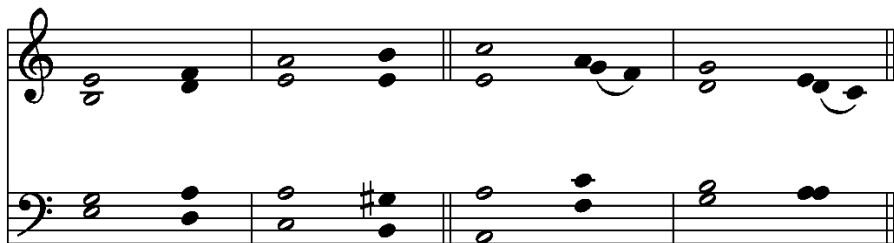
Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Thanks be to God.

Psalms 78:1-4, 12-16

Attendite, popule

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



Hear my teaching, O my people; *
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

I will open my mouth in a parable; *
I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.

That which we have heard and known,
and what our forebears have told us; *
we will not hide from their children.

We will recount to generations to come
your praiseworthy deeds and your power, O God, *
and the wonderful works you have done.

You worked marvels in the sight of their forebears, *
in the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan.

You split open the sea and let them pass through; *
you made the waters stand up like walls.

You led them with a cloud by day, *
and all the night through with a glow of fire.

You split the hard rocks in the wilderness *
and gave them drink as from the great deep.

†You brought streams out of the cliff, *
and the waters gushed out like rivers.

The Second Lesson

Philippians 2:1-13

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 the letter to the Philippians.

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,
but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form,
he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is the Messiah,
to the glory of God the Creator.

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for their good pleasure.

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

Thanks be to God.

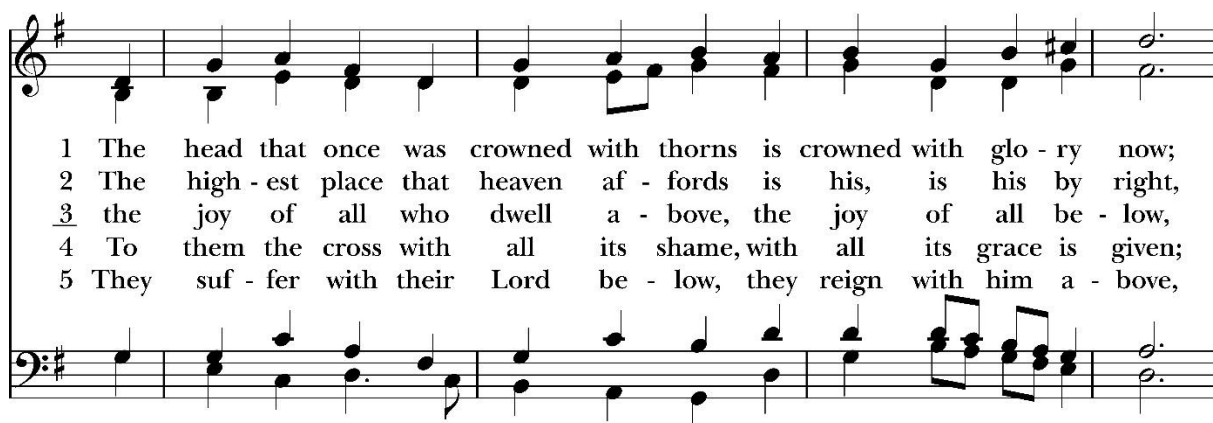
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Hymn at the Sequence

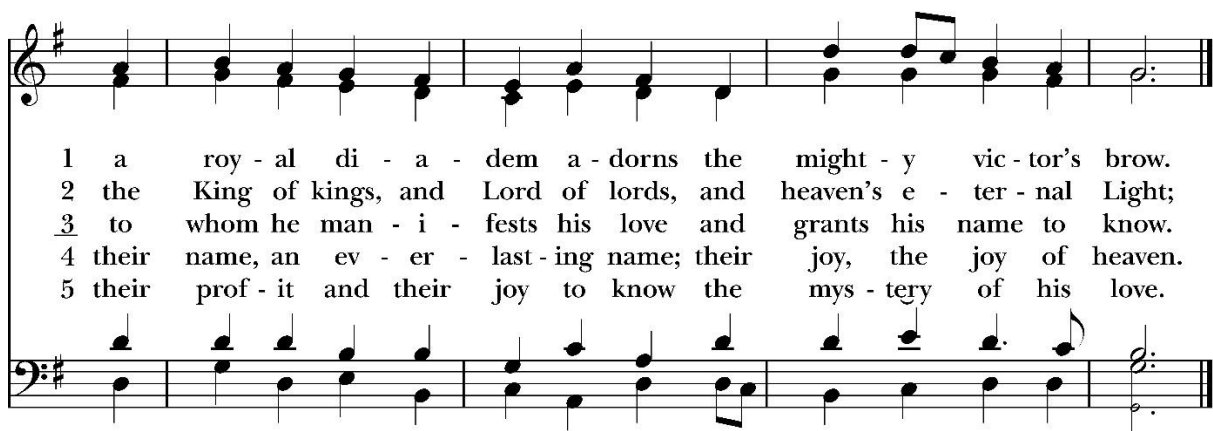
The head that once was crowned with thorns

St. Magnus

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 The head that once was crowned with thorns is crowned with glo - ry now;
2 The high - est place that heaven af - fords is his, is his by right,
3 the joy of all who dwell a - bove, the joy of all be - low,
4 To them the cross with all its shame, with all its grace is given;
5 They suf - fer with their Lord be - low, they reign with him a - bove,



1 a roy - al di - a - dem a - dorns the might - y vic - tor's brow.
2 the King of kings, and Lord of lords, and heaven's e - ter - nal Light;
3 to whom he man - i - fests his love and grants his name to know.
4 their name, an ev - er - last - ing name; their joy, the joy of heaven.
5 their prof - it and their joy to know the mys - tery of his love.

6 The cross he bore is life and health,
though shame and death to him:
his people's hope, his people's wealth,
their everlasting theme.

Words: Thomas Kelly (1769-1855). Music: St. Magnus, melody from *Divine Companion*, 1707; harm, William Henry Monk (1823-1889), after John Pyke Hullah (19th cent.).

The Gospel Lesson

Matthew 21:23-32

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.

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things."

"What do you think? A parent had two children and went to the first and said, 'Daughter, go and work in the vineyard today.' She answered, 'I will not'; but later she changed her mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I will go'; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of their parent?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him."

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

Hispanic Creed

During National Hispanic Heritage Month, we confess our faith using the Hispanic Creed drawn from The United Methodist Spanish Hymnal.

We believe in God, **the Father Almighty
Creator of the heavens and the earth;
Creator of all peoples and all cultures;
Creator of all tongues and races.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ, his Son, our Lord,
God made flesh in a person for all humanity,**

**God made flesh in an age for all the ages,
God made flesh in one culture for all cultures,
God made flesh in love and grace for all creation.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit
Through whom God incarnate in Jesus Christ
Makes his presence known in our peoples and our cultures;
Through whom, God Creator of all that exists,
Gives us power to become new creatures;
Whose infinite gifts make us one people: the body of Christ.**

**We believe in the Church Universal
Because it is a sign of God's Reign,
Whose faithfulness is shown in its many hues
Where all the colors paint a single landscape,
Where all tongues sing the same praise.
We believe in the Reign of God – the day of the Great Fiesta
When all the colors of creation will form a harmonious rainbow,
When all peoples will join in joyful banquet,
When all tongues of the universe will sing the same song.**

**And because we believe, we commit ourselves:
To believe for those who do not believe,
To love for those who do not love,
To dream for those who do not dream,
Until the day when hope becomes reality. 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 back 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.

Silence

For God's people throughout the world; for our bishop, Mariann; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. May we remember in our churches especially the Hispanic leaders, teachers, and theologians who have been part of our Christian faith tradition.

Silence

For the poor, the hungry, and the oppressed, including our neighbors experiencing homelessness. For those in any need or trouble.

Silence

In thanksgiving for the lives of all Hispanic Americans and the many contributions they have made—and continue to make—to our country. Make us stronger as one nation because of our diverse gifts and experiences. Enrich our minds, bodies, and spirits, we pray, as we celebrate together on this beautiful day.

Silence

For all the departed, especially those known to us who have recently died.

Silence

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

Silence

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.

Stewardship Testimony

Annie Elliott & John William

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](tel:73256) 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.

Anthem at the Offertory

At the name of Jesus

Ralph Vaughan Williams

At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow,
every tongue confess him King of glory now;
this the Father's pleasure, that we call him Lord,
who from the beginning was the mighty Word.

At his voice creation sprang once to sight,
All the Angel faces, all the hosts of light
Thrones and dominations, stars upon their way,
All the heavenly orders, in their great array.

Humbled for a season, to receive a name
from the lips of sinners unto whom he came;
faithfully he bore it spotless to the last,
brought it back victorious when from death he passed.

Bore it up triumphant with its human light,
through all ranks of creatures to the central height;
to the eternal Godhead, to the Father's throne,
filled it with the glory of his triumph won.

Name him, Christians, name him, with love strong as death,
but with awe and wonder, and with bated breath;
he is God the Saviour, he is Christ the Lord,
ever to be worshipped, trusted and adored.

In your hearts enthrone him; there let him subdue
all that is not holy, all that is not true;
crown him as your captain in temptation's hour,
let his will enfold you with its light and power.

Christians, this Lord Jesus shall return again,
With his Father's glory, with his Angel train;
For all wreaths of empire meet upon his brow,
And our hearts confess him King of glory now.

Text: Caroline M. Noel (1817-1877)

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:

Sanctus & Benedictus

Pruner

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

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

might, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Blessed is the One who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the

high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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, ye faith - ful, sing with glad - ness, wake your no - blest,
 2 Sing how he came forth from hea - ven, bowed him - self to
 3 So, he tast - ed death for mor - tals, he, of hu - man -
 4 Now on high, yet ev - er with us, from his Fa - ther's



sweet - est strain, with the prais - es of your Sa - vior
 Beth - lehem's cave, stooped to wear the ser - vant's ves - ture,
 kind the head, sin - less one, a - mong the sin - ful,
 throne the Son rules and guides the world he ran - somed,



let his house res - ound a - gain; him let all your
 bore the pain, the cross, the grave, passed with - in the
 Prince of life, a - mong the dead; thus he wrought the
 till the ap - point - ed work be done, till he see, re -



mu - sic hon - or, and your songs ex - alt his reign.
 gates of dark - ness, thence his ban - ished ones to save.
 full re - demp - tion, and the cap - tor cap - tive led.
 newed and per - fect, all things gath - ered in - to one.

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The Dismissal

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

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

Closing Voluntary

Fuga

Thomas Sanders Dupuis (1733-1796)

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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.
- ✚ **Weekly Virtual Centering Prayer | Wednesdays | 7:30 a.m.-8:00 a.m.** Join fellow parishioners over Zoom to practice early morning centering prayer—a form of silent Christian contemplative prayer. stmargaretsdc.org/calendar for Zoom information. For questions, please connect with: Anne Hopewell, Linda Heaney, Ann Yonemura, Ron Lorentzen (rklorentzen@gmail.com), and Skye Landgraf (skye.tao@gmail.com).



CONNECT

- ✚ **Fall Potlucks | October 25 - November 21.** If you are interested in hosting a potluck during the fall, please contact Jim Wolford at jim.wolford@comcast.net.
- ✚ **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.

LEARN

Rector's Book Launch & Forum: Unlocking the Power of Prayer | Sunday, September 27 | Following the 10:30 a.m. service. Join Rev. Richard for the launch of his new book and a forum conversation exploring prayer as one of our deepest tools for discernment — how we listen for God's voice, sit with uncertainty, and open ourselves to being changed. Digital copies will be available, and there will be time for questions and conversation. **To learn more and get a free digital copy visit <https://stmargaretsdc.org/powerofprayer/> or scan the included QR code.**



- ✚ **Godly Play.** Sunday school is back! Sharon Dove and Bert Russ are leading Godly Play classes for children, starting on Sunday, September 27. Classes are from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m., after which the children re-join their families during the church service. Classes will be every other Sunday (9/27, 10/11, 10/25, etc.) throughout the school year. If you are interested in having your child attend, or have questions, please feel free to email bertruss@stanfordalumni.org for more information.
- ✚ **Creation, Discernment, and the Plastics We Carry: A Forum on the Environmental and Health Impacts of Plastics | Sunday, October 4 | Following the 10:30 a.m. service.** Join us for a forum exploring our daily relationship with plastic. We're honored to welcome Dr. Diane Bild, a Washington-based physician who spent her career at the National Institutes of Health and is a member of both P-SNAP (the Physician and Scientist Network Addressing Plastics and Health) and Beyond Plastics. Dr. Bild will present on the environmental and human health impacts of plastics. Parishioner and chair of St. Margaret's Creation Care Committee, Patty Nicoson, will describe some simple, practical steps she has taken and that we can take to make a real difference in reducing our reliance on single-use

plastic. This forum grows out of ongoing conversation among members interested in creation care and climate concerns.

- ✚ **Celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month | September 15–October 15, 2026.** Each year, from September 15 through October 15, our nation observes Hispanic Heritage Month, honoring the histories, cultures, faith, resilience, and extraordinary contributions of Hispanic and Latino people in the United States. For us as Episcopalians committed to racial justice and reconciliation, this month invites us to do more than celebrate cultural heritage. **To learn more about the ways you can engage during this important month, go to <https://stmargaretsdc.org/2027-hhm/> or scan the included QR code.**



- ✚ **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.
- ✚ **Call for Bulletin Proofreaders.** We would like to increase proofreading rota for the weekly bulletins. If you are interested, please email Tim Duhr at tduhr@stmargaretdc.org.
- ✚ **Mustard Seed Charlie's Place Street Outreach | Wednesdays | 4:30 p.m.** Join our deacon, the Rev. Francisco Serrano, for weekly street outreach to our neighbor's 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. Donation drop-off at Bancroft entrance, Monday through Friday 9a.m. 5p.m. If you have questions, please contact Sally or Giselle at rummagesale@stmargaretsdc.org.
- ✚ **Where the Giving Path Leads — the 2027 Stewardship Campaign.** You are invited to discern your financial support of the parish in 2027. With the theme of "Where the Giving Path Leads," the 2027 stewardship campaign is a time to prayerfully seek and listen to the Spirit. We are seeking a total of \$675,000 in pledges—a commitment from individuals and families to give a specific amount for 2027, whether a one-time offering, monthly giving, or something in between. A collective commitment of \$675,000 in pledges will enable our parish to continue its mission in our community and beyond. **To learn more about the 2027 stewardship campaign and the ways you can give visit <http://www.stmargaretsdc.org/stewardship2027> or scan the included QR code.**



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
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Meredith Manning, Stephen Padre, Sally Russ, & Carline Watson** | Vestry Members
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Sarah Padre | Treasurer

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