St. Margaret's
EPISCOPAL CHURCH



All Saints' Day

with Renewal of Baptismal Vows

November 1, 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 All Saints' Day

All Saints' Day, November 1, is one of the seven Principal Feasts in the Episcopal Church calendar. From very early times, the word "saint" was most associated with persons of heroic sanctity, whose deeds were recalled with gratitude by later generations. By the tenth century, it became customary to set aside another day on which the Church remembered that vast body of the faithful who, though no less members of the company of the redeemed, are unknown in the wider fellowship of the Church. This day became known as All Souls' Day, November 2, a day for remembrance of family members and friends. In keeping with this practice, we will recall by name those who have been a part of the broader St. Margaret's community who have died this past year.

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

When Eucharistic Prayer D is used, the Prayers of the People are omitted. Any prayer requests submitted today will be read next Sunday during worship.

Leading Worship Today

November 1, 2026	10:30 a.m.
CELEBRANT *The ordained minister leading the service*	The Rev. Richard Weinberg
PREACHER *The minister (lay or ordained) who leads a reflection on how the appointed Scripture speaks to us today*	The Rev. Richard Weinberg
DEACON *The ordained minister or deacon candidate who proclaims the Gospel and sets the Eucharistic Table*	The Rev. Francisco Serrano
LECTORS *The lay ministers who read the Bible lessons appointed for the day*	John Williams Annie Elliott
MUSIC MINISTER *The person leading the music*	Timothy Duhr
VIRTUAL VERGER *The lay leader who serves as a kind of holy stage manager, ensuring the virtual worship service goes smoothly*	Daniel Rivera
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*	Helen Templin Vida Adjei
VERGER *The lay leader who serves as a kind of holy stage manager, ensuring the worship service goes smoothly*	Gene Batiste
CRUCIFER *The lay leader who carries the processional cross*	Heidi Mayor
TECH TEAM *The lay leader who assists our Audio-Visual Technician in filming our service and creating a welcoming virtual space*	Daniel Rivera
VESTRY REPRESENTATIVE *The lay leader who serves on the Vestry and makes announcements during the service*	Ana-Mita Betancourt
BREAD BAKER *The lay person who prepares the bread, which we take, bless, break, and share in the Eucharist*	Kim Johnston
CHALICISTS *The ministers (lay or ordained) who serve The Communion wine*	Paige Cottingham-Streater John Williams
USHERS *The lay people who distribute bulletins, collect the offering, and direct The Communion procession*	Tim Green Carolyn Eaves-Goff
WELCOME TABLE STAFFER *The lay person who sits at the Welcome Table to greet visitors*	Sally Russ

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

Elegy — C. Hubert H. Parry (1848-1918)

The Welcome

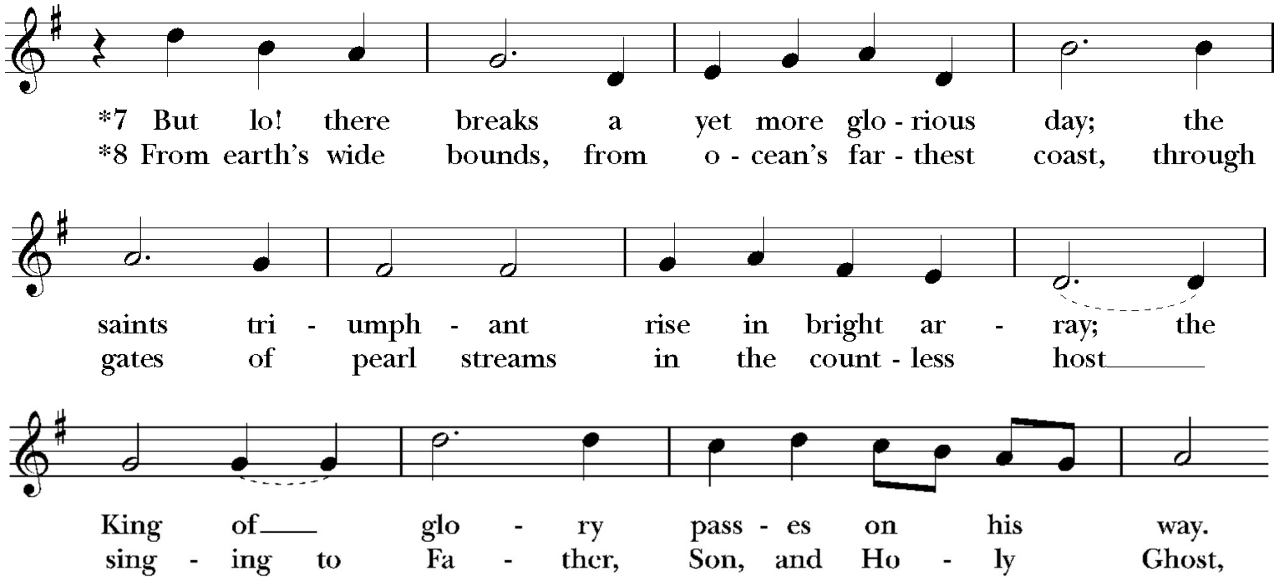
Please stand in body or spirit and face the rear of the Nave, turning forward as the cross passes.

Hymn at the Procession

For all the saints — *Sine Nomine*




*5 And when the strife is fierce, the war-fare long, steals on the ear the
*6 The gold-en eve-ning bright-ens in the west; soon, soon to faith-ful
dis-tant tri-umph song, and hearts are brave a-gain, and arms are
war-riors com-eth rest; sweet is the calm of par-a-dise the
strong.
blest.
Al-lc-lu-ia, al-lc-lu-ia!


*7 But lo! there breaks a yet more glo-rious day; the
*8 From earth's wide bounds, from o-cean's far-thest coast, through
saints tri-umph-ant rise in bright ar-ray; the
gates of pearl streams in the count-less host
King of glo-ry pass-es on his way.
sing-ing to Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost,



Words: William Walsham How (1823-1897). Music: *Sine Nomine*, Ralph Vaughn Williams (1872-1958).

The Opening Acclamation

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

Blessed be God: Source of all being, Incarnate Word, and Holy Spirit,
And blessed be God's reign, now and for ever. Amen.
There is one Body and one Spirit;
There is one hope in God's call to us;
One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
One God and Creator of all.

The Comfortable Words

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to God.

Come to me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. (Matthew 11:28)

For God so loved the world that they gave their only Child, that whoever believes in Christ should not perish but have eternal life. (John 3:16)

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. (1 Timothy 1:15)

If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Maker, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. (1 John 2:1-2)

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.*

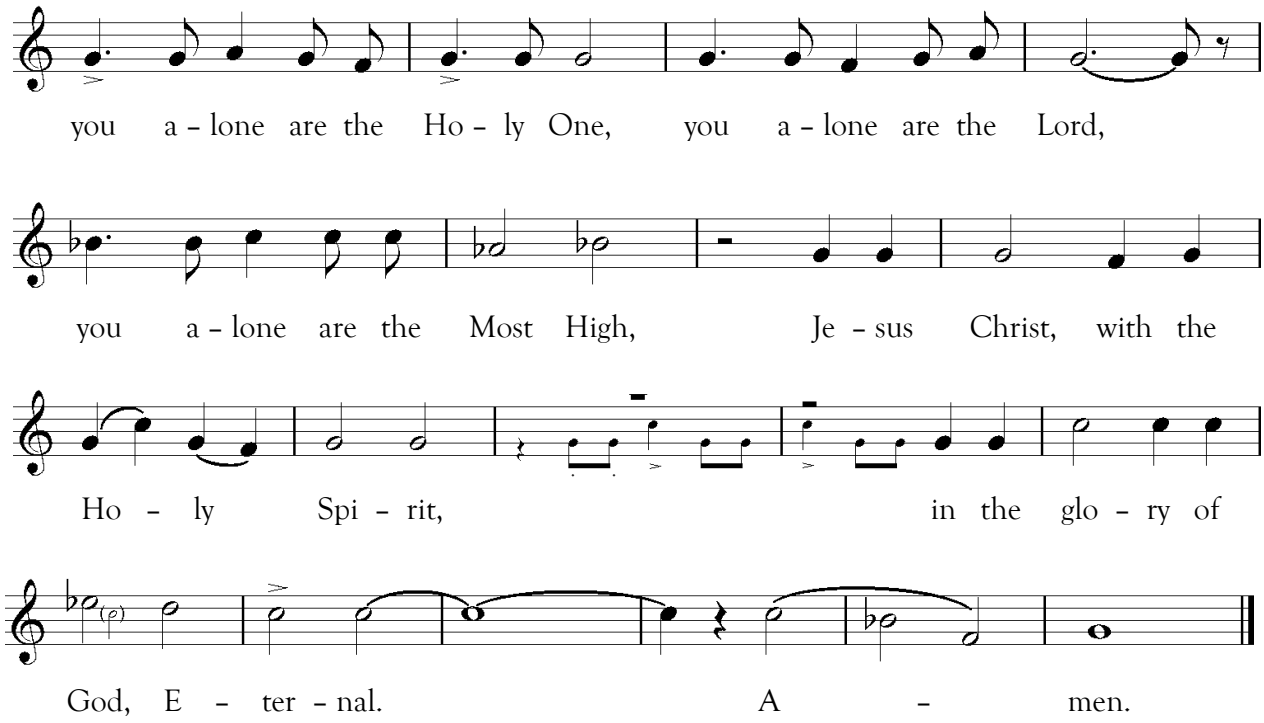
Almighty God, **to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Gloria in Excelsis

Mathias

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.*





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.

ALMIGHTY GOD, you have knit together all the redeemed in the mystical body of Christ: Give us grace to follow your saints in all holy living, that we may come to those inexpressible joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

We Proclaim and Respond to the Word of God

The First Lesson

Revelation 7:9-17

This reading is from the Book of Revelation, which was written by John and is canonically the last book of New Testament.

A reading from the revelation to John.

After this I, John, looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,

"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might
be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to the elder, you are the one that knows." Then the elder said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

"For this reason they are before the throne of God,
and worship God day and night within God's temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.
They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat;
for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

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

Psalm 34:1-10, 22 *Benedicam Dominum* Chant: Gerre Hancock (1934-2012)

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

I will bless God at all times, *
and praise shall ever be in my mouth.

I will glory in the Holy One; *
let the humble hear and rejoice.

Proclaim with me the greatness of God; *
let us exalt God's Name together.

I sought, and God answered me *
and delivered me out of all my terror.

Look upon the Most High and be radiant, *
and let not your faces be ashamed.

I called in my affliction and God heard me *
and saved me from all my troubles.

The angels encompass those who fear God, *
and God will deliver them.

Taste and see that God is good; *
happy are they who trust in the Most High!

Fear the Most High, you that are God's saints, *
for those who fear God lack nothing.

The young lions lack and suffer hunger, *
but those who seek God lack nothing that is good.

O God, you will ransom the life of your servants, *
and none will be punished who trust in you.

The Second Lesson

1 John 3:1-3

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 first letter of John.

See what love the Abba has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know Jesus Christ. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when Jesus Christ is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

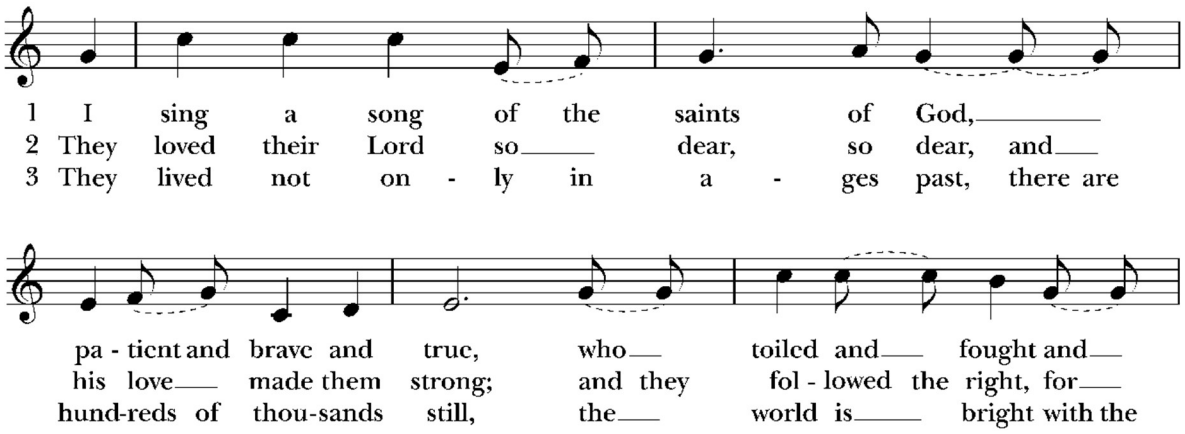
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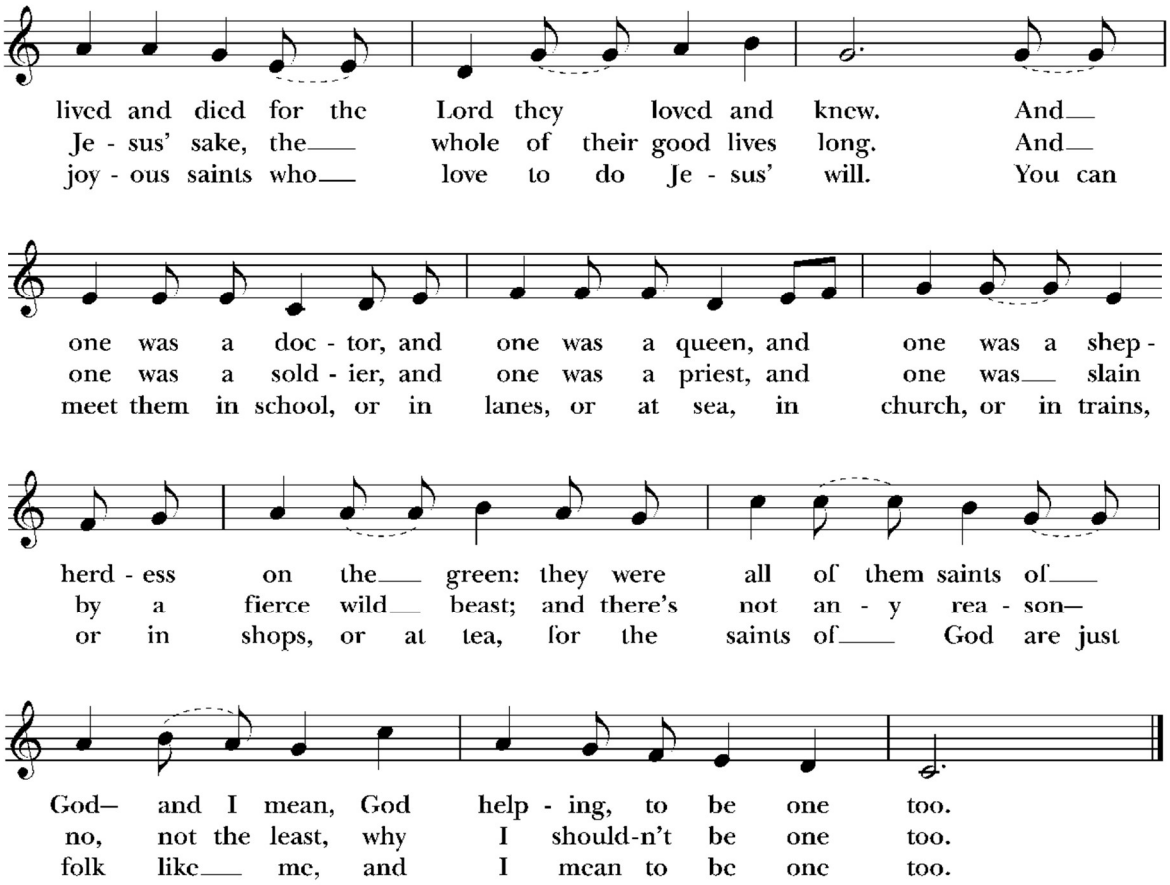
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Hymn at the Sequence

I sing a song of the saints — *Grand Isle*

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."





Words: Lesbia Scott (1898-1986), alt. Music: *Grand Isle*, John Henry Hopkins (1861-1945).

The Gospel Lesson

Matthew 5:1-12

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 saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against

you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

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 Renewal of Baptismal Vows

Through the Paschal mystery, dear friends, we are buried with Christ by Baptism into his death, and raised with Christ to newness of life. I call upon you, therefore, to renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and all his works, and promised to serve God faithfully in the holy Catholic Church.

Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?
I do.

Do you believe in God the Father?
I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again, ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. Christ will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?
I will, with God's help.

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?
I will, with God's help.

Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?
I will, with God's help.

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?
I will, with God's help.

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?
I will, with God's help.

May Almighty God, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by the grace in Christ Jesus our Savior. **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 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

And I saw a new heaven — Edgar Bainton (1880-1956)

And I saw a new heaven and a new earth:
for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away;
and there was no more sea.

And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem,
coming down from God out of heaven,
prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

And I heard a great voice out of Heaven, saying,
Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men,
and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people,
and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.

And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes;
and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying,
neither shall there be any more pain:
for the former things are passed away.

Text: Revelation 21

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.



It is truly right to glorify you, Holy One, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever. Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance. Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing:

Sanctus & Benedictus

Mathias

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.

We acclaim you, holy God, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Holy God, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your Word to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, Jesus lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose Jesus gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for Christ who died and rose for us, you sent the Holy Spirit, your own first gift for those who believe, to complete your work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for Jesus to be glorified by you, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, **"Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."**

After supper 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 shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of Sin. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."**

Almighty God, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and descent among the dead, proclaiming Christ's resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting Christ's coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to you, and we pray to you, our God.

God our Creator, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, O God, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

Remember all who have died in the peace of Christ; those whose faith is known to you alone; and especially those whose deaths have touched our community in the past year, including… Bring them and all the faithful departed into the place of eternal joy.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with matriarchs, patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, with St. Margaret and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever.



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,

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,

and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

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.

Solo at the Communion

Down to the river to pray — arr. Ken Medema (b. 1943)

As I went down to the river to pray, stuydyin' about that good ole way
And who shall wear the starry crown, good Lord, show me the way.

O sister, let's go down, come on down. O brother let's go down to the river to pray.
Lord, listen to your children prayin', O Lord, send your Spirit in this place.
Send us love, send us power, send us grace.
Something's gonna happen like the world has never known,
When the people of the Lord get down to pray.
A door's gonna swing open and the walls come tumblin' down,
When the people of the Lord get down to pray.

Isabel Marcus, soloist

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

Eternal God,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Jesus 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.

Hymn at the Procession

Ye holy angels bright — *Darwall's 148th*



Words: Richard Baxter (1615-1691); rev. John Hampden Gurney (1802-1862). Music: *Darwall's 148th*, melody and bass John Darwall (1731-1789); harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889), alt.; desc. Sydney Hugo Nicholson (1875-1947).

The Dismissal

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

Closing Voluntary Allegro maestoso e vivace (from *Organ Sonata II*) Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

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- **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).
- **St. Margaret's Day Festival Holy Eucharist | Sunday, November 15.** Don your tartan or red attire and join us for our annual service in honor of our patroness, St. Margaret of Scotland. Weather permitting, the service will begin with a procession around the block led by bagpiper Jeffrey Herbert. A time of fellowship and hospitality will commence following the service. To bring a food item, such as a dessert or appetizer, sign up using the included QR code.

CONNECT

- **St. Margaret's New Member Service |** New members, join us on St. Margaret's Day, Sunday, November 15, at the 10:30 am service for a special moment of welcome and thanksgiving. As a member since November 2025, you will be recognized for answering the call to take part in the life, worship, and governance of the Church. Please register using the QR code by November 2 to receive a certificate on St. Margaret's Day.
- **St. M's Young Adults Friendsgiving Potluck |** Members of St. Margaret's Young Adults group are invited to gather for a cozy Friendsgiving potluck at the home of Izy Speed on Thursday, November 12 at 6:30 PM. Friends, partners, and spouses are welcome—Please RSVP using the QR code or directly to Josh Daley (jpdaley2003@gmail.com).
- **Time to Sign Up for Fall Potlucks |** If you are interested in attending a potluck during this fall season scan the included QR code, or sign-up using the sheet located in the parish hall. Have a question? Contact Jim Wolford at jim.wolford@comcast.net .

Upcoming Potlucks

- *November 1, at 5pm, hosted by John McCall & Dan Hicks*
- *November 7, at 6:30pm hosted by Gene Batiste & Scott Honeychurch*
- *November 21, at 6pm hosted by Kathleen Hobson & Atul Gawande*

LEARN

- **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. The class will not meet on Monday, November 2, but resumes on Monday, November 16 with a new book, *Job and the Mystery of Suffering* by Fr. Richard Rohr.
- **Grounded in Prayer this Election Season |** As Election Day approaches on Tuesday, November 3, we invite you to stay anchored in prayer and hope through several upcoming opportunities:
    - **Election Day Online Prayer Vigil |** Tuesday, Nov 3, 9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. ET. A 12-hour continuous virtual prayer vigil hosted by the Episcopal Benedictine community, featuring reflections from leaders across the country. Bishop Mariann will offer a live reflection at 6:30 p.m. ET. Scan the QR code to learn more.
    - **National Election Night Compline |** Tuesday, Nov 3 at 8:00 p.m. ET. A nationwide online prayer service hosted by The Episcopal Church Division of Public Policy, Partnership, and Witness (Spanish interpretation available). Scan the QR code to learn more.

SERVE

- **Charlie's Place Advisory Board |** Charlie's Place is starting to put together an advisory board. The purpose of the board is to help with strategic planning and widen our circle of individual donors. We are looking for people who are interested in meeting 4 times a year, volunteering in various capacities, and helping to introduce Charlie's Place to their social networks. If you're interested, please reach out to Ellen Silva (202 744 3896) esilva@stmargaretsdc.org who is interviewing potential candidates.

Rummage Sale 2026: A Success!

Thank you to everyone: our incredible volunteers, maintenance crew, section leaders, nourishment team, bakers, and, of course, all of our shoppers, who helped make this year's sale a huge success! We received more donations than ever before, and while getting everything organized was a monumental task, many hands truly made light work. More than just a fundraiser, the sale was a wonderful expression of our community in action, and a joyful way to open our doors, share our mission, and welcome our neighbors.



- **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

Charlie's Place Thanksgiving

Thursday, November 19th, 12:00pm - 3:00 PM

Join us as Charlie's Place hosts a community meal for our neighbors. The meal will be prepared by Vincent, our former chef and kitchen coordinator, along with a team of volunteers.

Interested in volunteering or have a question? Email Charlie's Place Executive Director, Reggie Cox at rcox@stmargarets.org for more information.

CHARLIE'S PLACE
BREAKFAST | HEALTHCARE | COUNSELING
SERVING OUR HOMELESS NEIGHBORS SINCE 1990

Donations Needed!

- Turkey
- Ham
- Apple Pie
- Sweet Potato Pie
- Canned Sodas
- Rolls

What is my pledge used for?

Almost all giving from parishioners comes from pledges (offering plate donations are just a sliver of income from individuals). All pledged income goes toward our parish's annual operating budget. That budget covers $56,000 of the operating costs of Charlie's Place, our ministry for people who are experiencing homelessness and the biggest way our parish responds to the needs outside our parish. While Charlie's Place has its own budget, solicits direct donations from members of our parish and others, and receives grants, the St. Margaret's budget supports Charlie's Place in the form of some of the time each month of some of our staff and building costs. If you want to support the vital work of our parish through Charlie's Place and other ministries, you are invited to pledge at **www.stmargaretsdc.org/stewardship2027** (or use the QR code).

WHERE THE GIVING PATH LEADS
St M's
2027
STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

Pledges → go toward → Budget → funds

Operating and supporting Charlie's Place

Some of the time of our **rector, parish administrator** and **sexton** each month is directed toward operating and overseeing the programs and work of Charlie's Place.

Our **building** hosts Charlie's Place, and the St. Margaret's budget pays for a portion of the utilities, cleaning and supplies that Charlie's Place uses.

Financial Update

The included financial statement shows the church's budget to actual expenses for 2026 through September 30th. The lines that do not have a budget are a combination of activity in the church's investment accounts and inflows/outflows for designated funds (primarily money tracked for certain purposes). In other activity, there is the cost of the new air conditioner for the Nave ($307,802) which was paid for by transferring funds from prior year contributions to the building and capital campaigns as well as a small amount from prior year surpluses (basically savings). There is also a net gain on the money held in the 4 investment accounts of $155,572. $132,000 of that figure is unrealized gains which means that we could lose that amount if the financial markets go down instead of up.

		Jan - Sept 26	Annual Budget	% of Budget
REVENUE				
	Giving	510,109	657,000	77.6%
	Other Income	36,922	62,987	58.6%
	Fundraiser Income	1,080	36,500	2.9%
	Charlie's Place	163,978	265,000	61.9%
	Transfers from Funds	17,000	17,000	100.0%
	Other Activity	502,474		
		1,231,563	1,038,487	
EXPENSE				
	Staff	325,409	366,418	88.8%
	Admin Related	174,184	307,280	56.7%
	Programs/Ministries	13,905	31,090	44.7%
	Charlie's Place	236,817	272,366	86.9%
	Diocesan Contribution	27,559	36,745	75.%
	Other Activity	654,629		
		1,432,503	1,013,899	
	Net - Operations	24,054		
	Net - Charlie's Place	(72,839)		
	HVAC Cost	(307,802)		
	Net - Other Funds	155,647		
Total Surplus(Deficit)		(200,940)	24,588	

The largest area of concern is the individual giving for Charlie's Place (CP). This income is at only 35% of the budget for the year and expenses are over where they should be for 2026. Historically, there are a lot of individual gifts to CPs in December; if you are planning a year end gift, the sooner you are able to send your contribution, the better.

Sarah Padre,
Treasurer

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, 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
Izy Speed | 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, & Linyan Luo | 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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