St. Margaret's
EPISCOPAL CHURCH



Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

November 8, 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

November 8, 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. Caron Gwynn
DEACON *The ordained minister or deacon candidate who proclaims the Gospel and sets the Eucharistic Table*	The Rev. Jen Page
LECTORS *The lay ministers who read the Bible lessons appointed for the day*	Carol Aschenbrener Tad Johnston
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*	Jane Quenk
VERGER *The lay leader who serves as a kind of holy stage manager, ensuring the worship service goes smoothly*	Karen Daniel
CRUCIFER *The lay leader who carries the processional cross*	Ron Lorentzen
INTERCESSOR *The lay minister who leads the Prayers of Our Community*	Dan Hicks
TECH TEAM *The lay leader who assists our Audio-Visual Technician in filming our service and creating a welcoming virtual space*	Daniel Rivera Natalie Padre
VESTRY REPRESENTATIVE *The lay leader who serves on the Vestry and makes announcements during the service*	Jackie Maki
BREAD BAKER *The lay person who prepares the bread, which we take, bless, break, and share in the Eucharist*	Jenny Carson
CHALICISTS *The ministers (lay or ordained) who serve The Communion wine*	Susannah Cernojevich Carolyn Eaves-Goff
USHERS *The lay people who distribute bulletins, collect the offering, and direct The Communion procession*	Ana-Mita Betancourt Carol Aschenbrener
WELCOME TABLE STAFFER *The lay person who sits at the Welcome Table to greet visitors*	Tim Green
LAY EUCHARISTIC VISITOR *The lay or ordained person who brings the Eucharist to those unable to attend worship*	The Rev. Francisco Serrano Carolyn Eaves-Goff

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

Canzona — Johann Caspar Kerll (1627-1693)

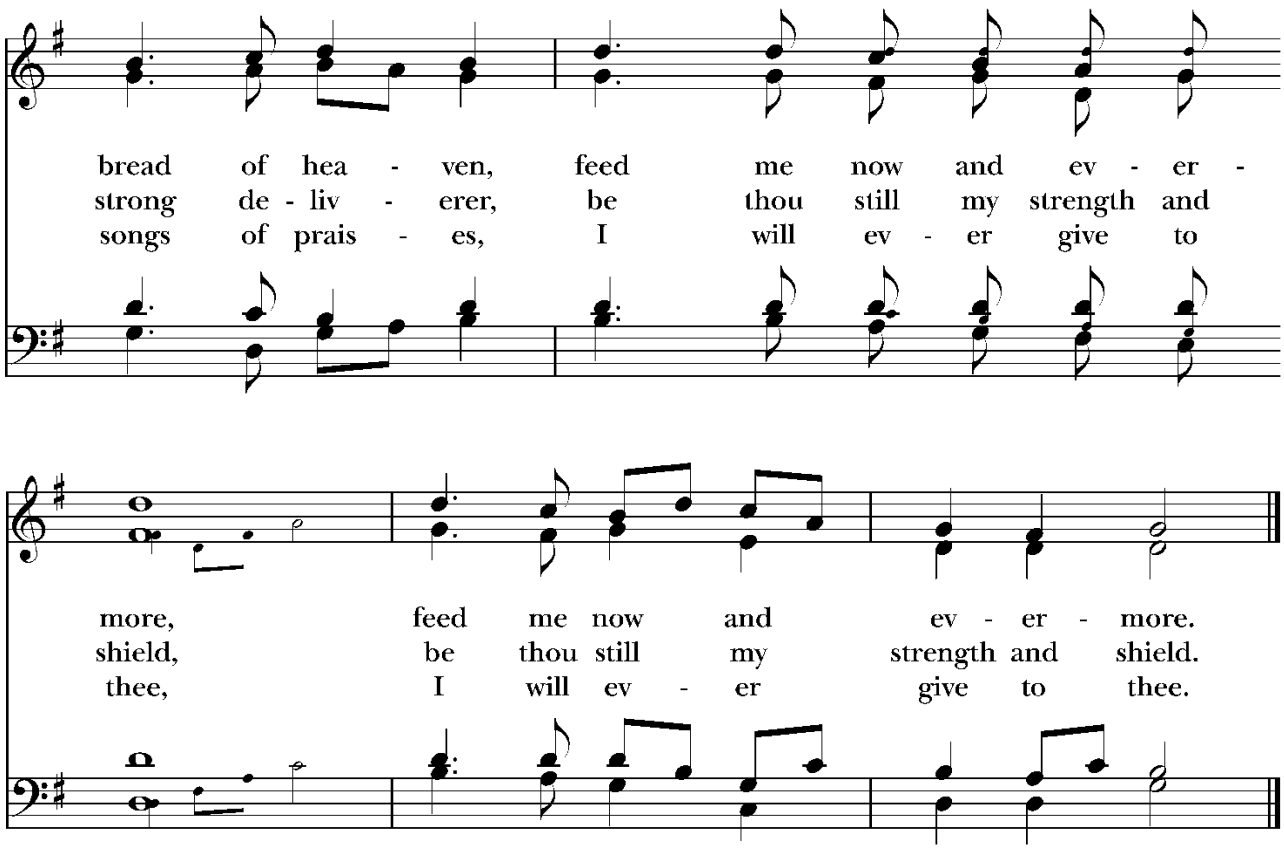
The Welcome

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

Hymn at the Procession

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah — *Cwm Rhondda*





Words: William Williams (1717-1791); tr. Peter Williams (1722-1796), alt. Music: *Cwm Rhondda*, John Hughes (1873-1932).

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.

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.*

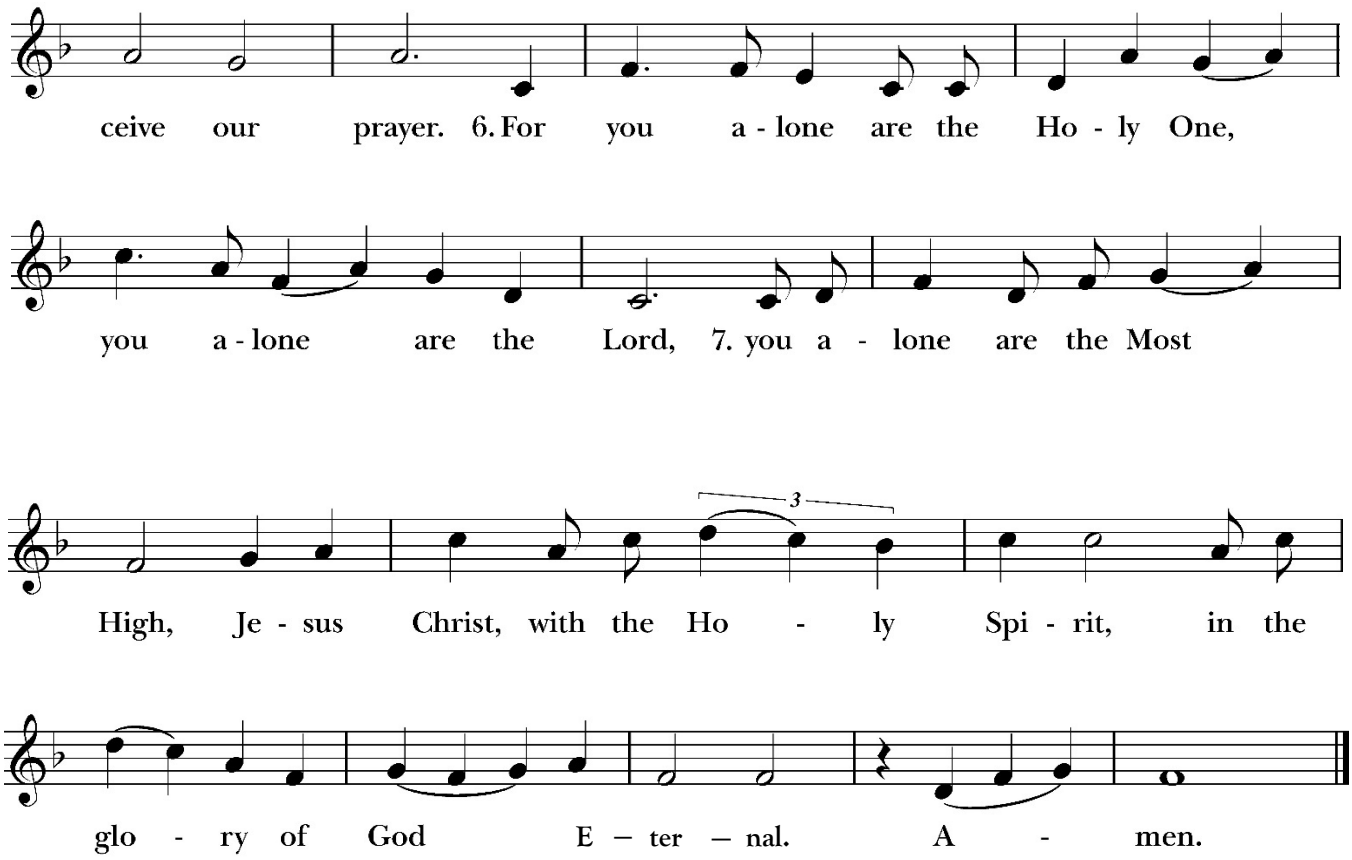
Almighty God, **to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Gloria in Excelsis

Powell

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.*





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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, who sent Jesus into the world to destroy the powers of evil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may grow in holiness of life; and that, when Christ comes with power and great majesty, we may share in the glory of all the redeemed; this we pray in the name of the Trinity, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

We Proclaim and Respond to the Word of God

The First Lesson

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25

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 Joshua.

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many.

"Now therefore revere Yhwh and serve God in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve God. Now if you are unwilling to serve God, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve Yhwh."

Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake Yhwh to serve other gods; for it is our Yhwh who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. Yhwh protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and Yhwh drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve Yhwh for he is our God."

But Joshua said to the people, "You cannot serve Yhwh for Yhwh is a holy God. Yhwh is a jealous God; Yhwh will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. If you forsake God and serve foreign gods, then Yhwh will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good." And the people said to Joshua, "No, we will serve Yhwh!" Then Joshua said to the people, "You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen Yhwh, to serve." And they said, "We are witnesses." He said, "Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to Yhwh, the God of Israel." The people said to Joshua, "Yhwh our God we will serve, and Yhwh we will obey." So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.

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

Psalm 78:1-7

Attendite, populе Chant: C. Hylton Stewart (1884-1932)

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

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 gave your decrees to Jacob
and established a law for Israel, *
which you commanded them to teach their children;

That the generations to come might know,
and the children yet unborn, *
that they in their turn might tell it to their children;

So that they might put their trust in you, *
and not forget your deeds,
but keep your commandments.

The Second Lesson

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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 to the Thessalonians.

We do not want you to be uninformed, sisters and brothers, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, Christ will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of God, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of Jesus Christ, will by no means precede those who have died. For Christ himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Christ in the air; and so we will be with God forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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Thanks be to God.

Please stand in body or spirit.

Hymn at the Sequence

Jesus lives! thy terrors now — *Mowsley*

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."



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The Gospel Lesson

Matthew 25:1-13

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, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

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 back cover of this bulletin.

As we gather this Native American Indian Heritage Month 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

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our bishop, Mariann; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

Silence

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of God, including those visiting St. Margaret's today for the first time. Pray that they may find and be found by God.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the departed, especially those we now name in the silence of our hearts. Pray for those who have died.

Silence

And continuing with prayers submitted by members of our community…

Silence

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

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

Josh Daley

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

Teach me, O Lord — Thomas Attwood (1765-1838)

Teach me, O Lord, the way of thy statutes; and I shall keep it unto the end.

Text: Psalm 119:33

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.**

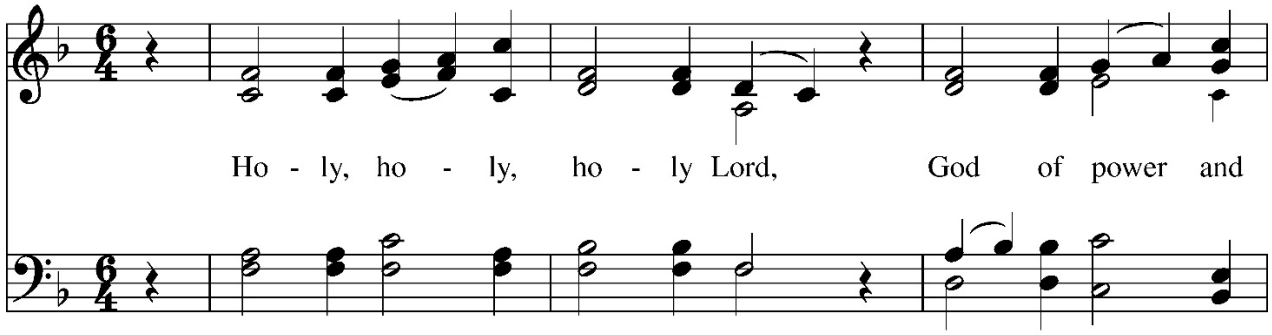
O God of mystery and promise, you invite us to discover you in the intimate places of ourselves and our lives. You invite us to discover you within the complexities of our humanity, in passionate and tender loving, in struggle and pain, in confusion and unknowing, in flashes of insight and wisdom. You also call us beyond ourselves to places of imagination, beyond the silent stars, in the deep rhythms of the ocean, in the unending cycles of day and night, seasons of life and death.

So this day, with angels and archangels, with saints and ancestors, with the seas and earth and sky, with animals and birds, with our friends and those unknown to us, with all creation we join in the song of your unending glory:

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.





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 praise you that in Jesus you have revealed yourself to us, making known the wonder and richness of our humanity. We give you thanks for his self-giving love, his healing touch, his vulnerability and gentleness: for the sacrifice that triumphs over sin and death and makes all things new.

Before Jesus gave up his life for us, he shared himself, his flesh and blood, with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks for it, and gave it to them saying: **"This is my body given for you. Do this to remember me."**

So too after they had eaten, Jesus took the cup, gave thanks for it, and gave it to them saying: **"This is my blood poured out in love for you. Do this to remember me."**

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

Come now Spirit of God upon these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. As we eat and drink these bodily things, make us like Christ: one body, food for the world, one blood poured out for the life of all. Touch us with your gentle creativity and fire us with longing for the new age of justice and peace. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Redeemer.

With Christ, and through Christ, and in Christ, to you, O God, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory forever. **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.

Solo at the Communion

My Lord, what a morning arr. H.T. Burleigh (1866-1949)

Negro Spirituals are powerful, beautiful music of sorrow and of hope created by enslaved Africans brought to America as part of the largest forced migration in history. While there is little information to guide us as to the music's original creators, these songs were passed orally by the enslaved from person to person and community to community, just as their ancestors had done.

Eileen Guenther, author of In Their Own Words: Slave Life and the Power of Spirituals, *writes the following about this call-and-response Spiritual: "*My Lord, what a morning *provides a detailed and dramatic description of judgement day, at which time the stars will fall and the slaves will know with certainty they will be delivered."*

My Lord, what a morning, when the stars begin to fall.
Done quit all my worldly ways, join that heavenly band.

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

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.

Sending Forth of Lay Eucharistic Visitors

Ministers from the parish are commissioned to take bread and wine to members of our community who cannot worship with us in person, due to illness or disability.

We send you forth bearing these holy gifts that those to whom you go may share with us in Christ's body and blood. **May you carry the prayers of all of us as you take this sacrament of Christ's presence. 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.



Words: Georg Weissel (1590-1635); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878)
Music: *Truro,* melody from *Psalmodia Evangelica,* Part II, 1789; harm. Lowell Mason (1792-1872), alt.

The Dismissal

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

Closing Voluntary

Prelude in C — J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

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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).

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.

- **Native American Heritage Month 2026: Honoring the First Peoples of This Land |** This November, St. Margaret's joins communities across the nation in commemorating Native American Heritage Month, honoring the rich histories, cultures, resilience, and enduring contributions of Indigenous peoples. It is also a time for truth-telling, remembrance, and renewed commitment to justice, reconciliation, and belonging. **Scan the included QR code to learn more and view the full list of available resources, courtesy of the Racial Justice Committee.**

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.

- **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.

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BREAKFAST | HEALTHCARE | COUNSELING
SERVING OUR HOMELESS NEIGHBORS SINCE 1990

Donations Needed!

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

You still have time to make your stewardship pledge!

For those who have submitted their pledge of financial gifts to St. Margaret's in 2027, thank you! For those who are still discerning whether to pledge or how much to pledge, here are some thoughts to consider:

Why are you asking me to pledge?
As Christians, we are called to share our time, talent, and treasure. Pledging is the treasure portion of that. Pledging with our treasure (our income/financial resources) is also a spiritual practice that connects our personal generosity and faith directly to the mission of our parish. Collecting pledges also enables our parish's leaders to develop next year's annual operating budget and plan.

How much should I pledge?
First, the act of making a commitment matters more than the specific dollar amount. Promising to share from your financial resources is part of a spiritual practice and your connection to St. Margaret's because it shows your participation in God's work in the world. The sharing of your financial resources is a personal/family decision that you are invited to make on your own in any way you see fit. Pray about it, and ask God to guide your decision. Some people follow a tithing model and give 10% of their income. The criteria you use to determine a pledge amount is up to you.

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STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

Pledge at *www.stmargaretsdc.org/stewardship2027*, or use the QR code.

SPOTLIGHT

2027 Vestry Nominations

On **Sunday, February 7, 2027,** St. Margaret's will hold its Annual Meeting, at which we will elect one Senior Warden and six Vestry members. We will also host a Vestry Candidates' Forum on **Sunday, January 31, 2026**.

This announcement serves as official notice of the Annual Meeting and as an invitation to all parish members to nominate individuals for Vestry election.

The Vestry—an elected body of twelve parishioners, together with the Rector—carries out essential responsibilities, including defining and articulating the congregation's mission; supporting the church's goals through words and actions; ensuring effective organization and planning; and overseeing parish resources and finances.

Requirements for Vestry service are outlined in the Vestry Covenant which can be accessed through the included QR code.

Candidates will be asked to:

- Provide a photograph and complete a questionnaire outlining their experience and interest in Vestry service
- Participate in the Vestry Candidates' Forum on **January 31, 2027**

Nominees should also consider the current Vestry meeting schedule, which meets on the **third Tuesday evening of each month**. Participation in the annual Vestry Retreat on a Saturday in Lent is also expected. Dates under consideration include February 20, February 27, or March 6, 2027; please indicate your availability when confirming your candidacy.

Current Vestry members can be viewed through the included QR code

2027 Parish Election

For the 2027 parish election, we will elect **one Senior Warden** and **six Vestry members**.

Incumbents Seeking Re-election

- **Sally Russ** is completing the second year of her first two-year term and is standing for re-election to a second term.

Departing from the Vestry

- **Carol Aschenbrener, Jackie Maki,** and **Meredith Manning** are concluding their first terms and are not seeking re-election.
- Senior Warden **Giselle Pole**; **Carolyn Eaves-Goff**; and **Carline Watson** are completing their second consecutive two-year term and are rolling off the Vestry.

Continuing Vestry Members

- Continuing into the second year of their second terms are **Gene Batiste; Junior Warden Ana-Mita Betancourt; Jessica Church;** and **Nellie Fagan.**
- Continuing into the second year of their first term is **Stephen Padre**.

For questions about Vestry service, or to submit a nomination (yourself or another parishioner), please contact a member of the Nominating Committee no later than January 10, 2027.

Nominating Committee Members

- Giselle Pole, Chair – gisellepole@gmail.com
- Carline Watson – carline.watson@me.com
- Chris Kimmel - chriskimmel918@gmail.com
- Jade Williams - jadekristawilliams@gmail.com
- The Rev. Richard Weinberg – richard@stmargaretsdc.org

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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