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THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II
AUGUST 30, 2015
9:00 A.M. & 11:15 A.M.

Sundays

7:30 a.m. – Holy Eucharist: Rite One, spoken
9:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist: Rite Two, with music, Children's Chapel
10:15 to 11:00 a.m. – Coffee Hour
11:15 a.m. – Holy Eucharist: Rite Two, with music

Wednesdays

7:30 a.m. – Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

Welcome to St. Margaret's Episcopal Church

If you are visiting us for the first time, let us offer you an especially warm welcome. We hope that you will enjoy worshipping with us. If at any moment in the service you are not sure what to do, ask any of your neighbors in the congregation—they will be happy to help you. We would like to continue our relationship with you, so please fill out a visitor card (found in the pew racks and on the back tables) and drop the card in the collection plate or hand it to one of the clergy or ushers following the service. We pray that your time here is a blessing to you as your presence is a blessing to us.

For Parents

While children are always welcome at all services, **professional nursery care for ages 0 to 4** is provided from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Nursery (downstairs classroom in day school.) Please ask an usher for assistance in locating the Nursery. From September through June, **Children's Chapel** for ages 5-9 is offered during the first part of the 9 a.m. service with the children rejoining their parents at the Peace. We provide **Sunday School** and formation to children from ages 3 to 16 from mid-Sept. to mid-May. We are now on summer break, but Sunday School will resume in Sept. **Adult formation** classes are provided as well. Please ask an usher for more information.

Communion

All are welcome to receive bread and wine during communion, including children. To receive bread, place your hands palms-up at the communion rail. To receive wine, assist the Eucharistic Minister in guiding the chalice to your lips, or you may intinct by dipping the bread in the wine. If you do not wish to receive the bread or wine, place your arms across your chest and you will receive a blessing. Gluten-free wafers are available for communion. Indicate your wish for a gluten-free wafer by first extending your hands palms down when at the communion rail. The square wafers are kept in a separate holder and you are invited to take one from this holder.

Liturgy & Music

The Liturgy for today is from The Book of Common Prayer and most of the music is from the 1982 Hymnal.





The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Eucharist: Rite II

August 30, 2015

9:00 a.m. & 11:15 a.m.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

PRELUDE

HYMN

Immortal, invisible, God only wise

St. Denio

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
 3 To all life thou giv - est, to both great and small;
 4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry, thou rul - est in light,

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;
 in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;
 thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
 we blos - som and flour - ish, like leaves on the tree,
 all laud we would ren - der: O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - tor - ious, thy great Name we praise.
 thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 then with - er and per - ish; but nought chan - geth thee.
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee.

ween the Cher - u - bim; we will praise you and
high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er.

Descant

5. Glo - ry to you, be -
5. Glo - ry to you, be - hold - ing the

hold - ing the depths; in the high vault of
depths; in the high vault of hea - ven, glo - ry to

hea - ven, 6. Glo - ry to you,
you. 6. Glo - ry to you, Fa - ther,

— Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit; we will
Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit; we will praise you and

high - ly ex - alt you Glo - ry to you!
high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The people are seated for the readings.

FIRST READING

Song of Solomon 2:8-13

A reading from the Song of Solomon.

The voice of my beloved!

Look, he comes,

leaping upon the mountains,

bounding over the hills.

My beloved is like a gazelle

or a young stag.

Look, there he stands

behind our wall,

gazing in at the windows,

looking through the lattice.

My beloved speaks and says to me:

"Arise, my love, my fair one,

and come away;

for now the winter is past,

the rain is over and gone.

The flowers appear on the earth;

the time of singing has come,

and the voice of the turtledove

is heard in our land.

The fig tree puts forth its figs,

and the vines are in blossom;

they give forth fragrance.

Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL

Psalm 45:1-2, 7-10

Refrain

Your throne, O God, en-dures for ev-er and ev-er.

- 1 My heart is stirring with a noble song;
let me recite what I have fashioned for the king; *
my tongue shall be the pen of a skilled writer.
- 2 You are the fairest of men; *
grace flows from your lips,
because God has blessed you for ever.

Refrain

- 7 Your throne, O God, endures for ever and ever, *
a scepter of righteousness is the scepter of your kingdom;
you love righteousness and hate iniquity.
- 8 Therefore God, your God, has anointed you *
with the oil of gladness above your fellows.
- 9 All your garments are fragrant with myrrh, aloes, and cassia, *
and the music of strings from ivory palaces makes you glad.

Refrain

- 10 Kings' daughters stand among the ladies of the court; *
on your right hand is the queen,
adorned with the gold of Ophir.

Refrain

SECOND LESSON

James 1:17-27

A reading from the letter of James.

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.

In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls. But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

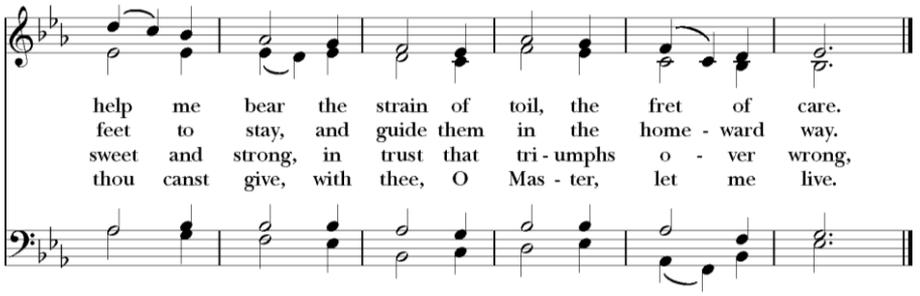
Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

The people stand as they are able.

HYMN O Master, let me walk with thee Maryton

1 O Mas - ter, let me walk with thee in low - ly
2 Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear,
3 Teach me thy pa - tience; still with thee in clos - er,
4 in hope that sends a shin - ing ray far down the

paths of ser - vice free; tell me thy se - cret;
win - ning word of love; teach me the way - ward
dear - er com - pa - ny, in work that keeps faith
fu - ture's broad - ening way, in peace that on - ly



Please note Children's Chapel is now on summer break.

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

'This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.' You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition."

Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile. For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The people are seated.

SERMON

The Rev. Jane Milliken Hague

A moment of silence is kept after the sermon.

The people stand as they are able.

THE NICENE CREED

Celebrant and People

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Leader

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, hear our prayer."

In thanksgiving for the loving kindness of our God, for the salvation of our souls, and for all the blessings of this life, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, and for the wisdom and vision to see the work of God and the Holy Spirit in other religions and other cultures in other countries, and in our own, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Katharine, our Presiding Bishop, Michael, our Presiding Bishop-elect, Eugene, our Bishop, Peter and Jane our Priests, and for all clergy and people, especially this congregation here gathered, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For Barack our President, for the leaders of all nations, for Larry our Governor, and for all in authority, that they may govern wisely and make just decisions for the welfare of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For the wisdom to serve as faithful stewards of your creation, leaving this earth in more Godly condition than we found it. That we may never forget that our common life depends upon each other's toil, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For women everywhere that they may receive full religious, social, economic, and political equality in their various cultural environments, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For all those injured or killed in natural disasters or mishaps, that they may be healed quickly and all who grieve the loss of life be comforted. For all those in peril on the sea, that they find safe harbor and refuge, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For all those in our midst lacking in basic needs, suffering in body and spirit that they may be relieved according to their several necessities, especially..., and those you may wish to name, either silently or aloud, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For all those who have served and continue to serve in the armed forces both at home and abroad. Greater love has no one than those who lay down their lives for others, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For all those who have departed this life in the sure and certain hope of the resurrection and life everlasting, especially..., and those you may wish to name, either silently or aloud, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Celebrant

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Celebrant and People

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

ABSOLUTION

Celebrant

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

THE PEACE

Celebrant

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People

And also with you.

The people greet one another with God's peace and then are seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOLY COMMUNION

The people remain seated while an offering of gifts is collected.

OFFERTORY

The people stand as able.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Enriching Our Worship II

Celebrant

The Lord be with you.

People

And also with you.

Celebrant

Lift up your hearts.

People

We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation.

Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us.

Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

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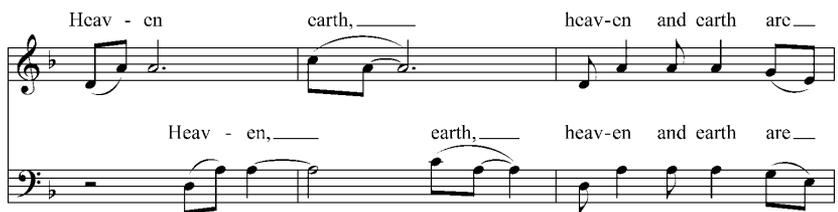
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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of power and might.



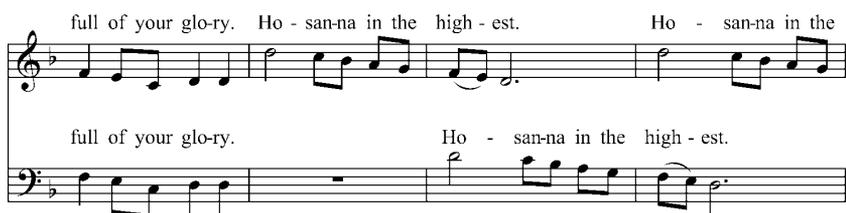
Ho - ly, — ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of power and might.

Heav - en earth, — heav-en and earth are —



Heav - en, — earth, — heav-en and earth are —

full of your glo-ry. Ho - san-na in the high - est. Ho - san-na in the



full of your glo-ry. Ho - san-na in the high - est.

high - est. Bless - ed, bless - ed



Ho - san-na in the high - est. Bless - ed, — bless - ed

is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Bless - ed, bless - ed



is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Bless - ed, — bless - ed

is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san-na in the

is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

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

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

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of four staves. The first two staves are a vocal line (treble and bass clefs) with lyrics: 'is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san-na in the'. The third and fourth staves are a continuo line (treble and bass clefs) with lyrics: 'is he who comes in the name of the Lord. high - est. Ho - san-na in the high - est. Ho - san-na in the high - est. Ho - san-na in the high - est.' The music is in a simple, homophonic style with a key signature of one flat (B-flat).

The Celebrant continues

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God.

To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God.

Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor.

He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, 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. Again, he gave thanks to you, 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."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves,

a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made. In the fullness of time bring us, with the blessed Mary, Margaret, and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

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

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Our Father, 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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

FRACTION ANTHEM

*Cantor**

O Lamb of God, you take a - way

the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.

Grant us your peace, grant us your peace.

**The congregation echoes each phrase of the cantor at the interval of one measure.*

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INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ lived and died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The people are seated.

Gluten-free wafers are available for communion. Indicate your wish for a gluten-free wafer by first extending your hands palms down when at the communion rail. The square wafers are kept in a separate holder and you are invited to take one from this holder.

COMMUNION HYMN

Lord Jesus, think on me

Southwell

1 Lord Je - sus, think on me, and purge a - way my sin;
2 Lord Je - sus, think on me, with care and woe op - pressed;
3 Lord Je - sus, think on me, nor let me go a - stray;
4 Lord Je - sus, think on me, that, when the flood is passed,
from harm - ful pas - sions set me free, and make me pure with - in.
let me thy lov - ing ser - vant be, and taste thy prom - ised rest.
through dark - ness and per - plex - i - ty point thou the heaven - ly way.
I may the e - ter - nal bright - ness see, and share thy joy at last.

COMMUNION HYMN

Blest are the pure in heart

Franconia

1 Blest are the pure in heart, for they shall see our God; the
2 The Lord, who left the heavens our life and peace to bring, to
3 he to the low - ly soul will still him - self im - part and
4 Lord, we thy pres - ence seek; may ours this bless - ing be; give

se - cret of the Lord is theirs, their soul is Christ's a - bode.
 dwell in low - li - ness with us, our pat - tern and our King;
 for his dwell - ing and his throne will choose the pure in heart.
 us a pure and low - ly heart, a tem - ple fit for thee.

After communion, the people stand as able.

SENDING FORTH OF EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

On most Sundays, we send out Eucharistic visitors to deliver the sacraments to those who cannot be with us. This is the prayer we use to send them on their way.

Celebrant In the name of this congregation I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, to *N.* that they may share with us in the sacrament of our Savior Jesus Christ.

People **We who are many are One Body, because we all share one Bread, and one Cup. Amen.**

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant
 Let us pray.

Celebrant and People
**Eternal God, heavenly Father,
 you have graciously accepted us
 as living members
 of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
 and you have fed us with spiritual food
 in the Sacrament of his 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 Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

HYMN

Rejoice, ye pure in heart

Marion

1 Re - joice, ye pure in heart! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing! Your
 2 With all the an - gel choirs, with all the saints of earth, pour
 3 Your clear ho - san - nas raise, and al - le - lu - ias loud; while
 4 Yes, on through life's long path, still chant - ing as ye go, from
 5 Still lift your stand - ard high, still march in firm ar - ray, as

1 glo - rious ban - ner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.
 2 out the strains of joy and bliss, true rap - ture, no - blest mirth.
 3 an - swering ech - oes up - ward float, like wreaths of in - cense cloud.
 4 youth to age, by night and day, in glad - ness and in woe.
 5 war - riors through the dark - ness toil, till dawns the gold - en day.

Refrain

Re - joice, re - joice, re - joice, give thanks, and sing.
 re - joice, re - joice,

*6 At last the march shall end;
 the wearied ones shall rest;
 the pilgrims find their Father's house,
 Jerusalem the blest.

Refrain

*7 Then on, ye pure in heart!
 Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!
 Your glorious banner wave on high
 the cross of Christ your King.

Refrain

DISMISSAL

Celebrant
People

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

POSTLUDE

IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Eucharistic Ministers 9am:	Doug Castonguay, Terry Otis
Lectors 9am:	Jeff Conover, Alice Conover
Acolytes 9am:	Nellie Bowers, Austin Canuel, Sophia Canuel, Lydia Goldthwait
Eucharistic Min. 11:15am:	Jim Weekley, Sue Snyder
Lectors 11:15am:	Mel Kessler, Maggie Wilmore
Acolytes 11:15am:	Julia Drooff, Dominic Rospigliosi
Altar Guild:	Wendy Gargano, Elizabeth Parker, Nikki Charlson
Flower Guild:	Ann Lallande
Coffeeshour Hosts:	Leah Drooff, Randy Goff, Judy Hall, Lynne Killam

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

For your prayers: Wes Wubbenhorst, Suzie Clifton, Carol Ferguson, Mike, Rita, Michael Brogan, Rozzie Poppafotis, Joyce Hall, the SMC staff.

For your prayers long-term: Leila Youngren, Christopher Salvatore, Michael O'Rourke, Eve Thorson, Mike Vision, David Chapman, Meghan Rambo, Nancy Fullmer, Barbara Ridout, Sylvia Gazzo, Amber Hart, Paul DeVries, Roger Rambo, Kathleen Purdy, Brooke Hope, Sandra Graham Boenig, Nick Goldsborough, Audrey Stover, Richard Arcot, Margaret Miller, Marjorie Ollila, Marvin Floom, Richard Matta, Mark and Dana, Matsie Boumans, Jenny Booras, Jill Smith, Jack, John, David Cramer, Pepe Grau, Thomas Peterson, Jaimie, Carol, Platon, Gail Mayberry, Gayle Moriarity, Bill Thomas, Frank, Mia Bradley, Graciela, Ginger Hildebrand, Sharon Keim, the Palermo Family, Heather, Audrey, Hilda Kersh, Linda Brice, Kent Johnson, Jaimie K., Richard Riley, Carol Saunders, Shelia and Family, Sally Amass, Rocky, Erin Gosman, Lynne, Jason Rezaian and his wife Yegi, Amanda Freeland, Berta, Mark Cammarata, Courtney Marie, Tom Hanrahan, Maureen Jackson, Gail Pelton, Leo, Charlie Bryan, Susan H., Patricia Kelly, Beth Crossman, Cammy, Jerry Vasa, Mark Lorton, Marianne, Jenny Bell, Dusty MacMillan, Roy Haugh, Katie French.

For those in the military: Josh, Evan, Jon, Tom, Richard, Keith, Sarah, Chris, Jay, James, Ross, Margaret, Philip, Jacob, Pete, Michael, Michael, Tim, Ryan, Glen, Shaanel, Matthew, Steven, Daniel, Heidi, Garrett, Joel, Justin, Joshua, Zachary, Conrad, Jake, Kevin, Michael, Victoria, Amelia, and their families.

A Note on Today's Readings

Welcome to our parish. The Sunday Gospel readings return to Mark's Gospel today. This passage recounts one of the occasions when Jesus took the Pharisees and other experts on the Law to task for putting more emphasis on ceremonial and dietary rules than on the "weightier" requirements of God. It is not outer conformity to the Law but an inner change that brings us into a right relationship with God and with others.

For the remainder of this Church year, we read portions of the "Wisdom Literature" of the Hebrew scriptures. Even though some of the books are ascribed to writers of an earlier time, these books come from the last few centuries before Christ. The Song of Solomon is a wedding song in which a bride and groom are portrayed expressing their love and desire. In the Wisdom tradition these passages are taken as allegories of God's love for the people and our love for God. God comes to us to ravish us with the divine love and to join us in the divine life.

Today we begin reading through the letter of James. This epistle encourages us to live our faith in concrete actions of love and mercy. True religion is based on carrying out its faith in lives of righteousness and mercy.

As the people of God we gather to remember what God has done, to remember God's principles for living, and to realign ourselves with God. Out of our relationship with God, re-established in our liturgical and sacramental encounter, comes the power to confront and overcome evil, and the righteousness which draws others to God.

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Announcements for Aug. 30, 2015

Sunday School Registration and Classes

We are now taking registration for Sunday School classes for the 2015-16 school year. Automated registration is available on the St. Margaret's website (www.st-margarets.org) or you can fill out the form located in the narthex and the church office. Open House to meet teachers is on Sept. 13th and the first day of classes is Sept. 20.

Faith & Fellowship Nights

On Monday, Sept. 14, we will begin our Faith & Fellowship evenings (formerly Pick and Mix) starting with Acolyte practice at 5pm in the church, Spirit Singers (ages 6-10) practice at 5pm in the choir room, Chorale (ages 11-16) practice at 5:30pm choir room, crafts for kids at 5:30 in the parish hall, a fellowship dinner (donations appreciated) in the parish hall at 6pm, Motet Ensemble rehearsal at 6:30pm in the choir room, and an adult formation book study at 6:45pm in the adult classroom of the new building. Childcare will be provided from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the nursery.

Foyers Forming for the Fall

St. Margaret's Foyer ministry will begin again in September. The Foyers Team will be assigning interested members into groups during August. If you wish to continue to participate, please contact one of the team members listed below. If you have not participated before, please consider joining us. Foyer Groups are a fun and easy way for parishioners to gather together on a regular, informal basis, to develop new friendships, deepen old ones, and connect with other parishioners. Each small group consists of 6-8 parishioners who meet between September and May. Foyers will kick off this season with an event on September 20 at 4 p.m. at the church. For more information, contact:

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St. Margaret's Guild Meeting on Sept. 9

St. Margaret's Guild will meet on Weds., Sept. 9, at 1 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of our new building. (The Guild will resume meeting the first Weds of the month in Oct.) The program will feature a presentation by parishioner Pat Hall on her pilgrimage to the Holy Land with Bishop Sutton. All are welcome. For more information, email Judy Hall at judy.hall0404@gmail.com.

New Adult Book Study Starting 9/14

Vestry member Ernie Tucker will lead a discussion on Reza Aslan's *No god but God* over five Monday evenings from 6:45 to 8 p.m. during Faith & Fellowship Nights (Sept. 14, 21, 28 and Oct. 5 & 12). This book is a general introduction to the origins, history, present, and future of the Muslim faith. Ernie, who received his Ph.D. from the University of Chicago, is a professor of Middle Eastern history at the Naval Academy. Check Dragon Tales or our website for a link to purchase the book. For questions, contact Ernie at est4@aol.com.

Stewardship Forum for Newcomers

The St. Margaret's Stewardship Committee is holding a listening session for newcomers (those who have started attending SMC in the last two years) from 10:30 to 11 a.m. in the church on Sunday, September 6th. The Committee will be seeking spending priorities for the year 2016.

Flu Shots on Sept. 20th

Rite Aid staff will be in the parish hall on Sunday, Sept. 20th from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. to provide both flu (regular and senior versions) and pneumonia vaccinations. Costs will be shared in Dragon Tales. For questions, contact Pat Hall at 410-956-5120.

Bylaws Vote on Sept. 20th

There will be a special vote on Sept. 20th, at 10:15 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall regarding changes in the bylaws regarding youth vestry representatives and a change in the calendar for annual and vestry meetings. Please stop by and cast your vote. Look for information about the vote on our website at www.st-margarets.org.

New Building Celebration on Sept. 27th

Join us for a celebration of the church's new formation building on Sunday, Sept. 27th, at 10:15 a.m., gathering at the exterior front doors. After a short program and ribbon cutting, Sunday School teachers will gather their students for class and there will be a reception in the new Fellowship Hall (with self-guided tours available).

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