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THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 2024 9:00 A.M. & 11:15 A.M. HOLY EUCHARIST – RITE TWO



The Rev. Peter W. Mayer, Rector The Rev. Patti Sachs, Associate Rector Al Todd, Associate for Contemporary Music

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WELCOME TO ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH

If you are visiting us for the first time, let us offer you an especially warm welcome. We hope that you will enjoy worshiping with us. Please join us for coffee hour in the Parish Hall from 10:15 a.m.—11:00 a.m. We would like to continue our relationship with you, so please fill out a visitor card which may be found in a pew packet or on our website's "Newcomers" page at www.st-margarets.org/newcomers.html.

SAFETY PROTOCOLS AT ST. MARGARET'S

Our COVID-19 safety protocols have been relaxed and mask wearing is optional. Hand sanitizer bottles are offered throughout the campus. In the event of an emergency, please stay calm, stay seated, and listen for instructions.

CHILDREN AT ST. MARGARET'S

Nursery care is provided on Sunday mornings by loving professionals for ages 0-3 from 8:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The Nursery is located on the lower floor of the Annex, the building attached to the Sanctuary.

During the 9:00 a.m. service when the Hymn before the Sermon begins, children ages three and a half through fifth grade are welcome to follow the wooden cross out to attend **Children's Chapel** with an age-appropriate lesson and music. They will return during announcements time.

We provide **Sunday School** for children ages 3-14 most Sundays from September through May. To sign up your child, email Emily DelSordo, Children's Formation Coordinator, at <u>emily@st-margarets.org</u>. Our Youth Group, fellowship for middle and high school students, meets on Sundays at 4:00 p.m. To register your youth, email Jeff Conover, Youth Ministries Leader, at <u>ieff@st-margarets.org</u>.

On Mondays from September through May, we offer an evening of **Faith and Fellowship**, with choir rehearsals (grades K-5) and activities for their younger siblings at 5:15 p.m., followed by a Fellowship dinner for all ages at 6:15 p.m., with crafts for children afterwards. Adult choir rehearsal and adult formation offerings take place after dinner at 7:00 p.m. Please check the church calendar at <u>www.st-margarets.org/calendar.html</u> to confirm programs are scheduled each week.

Our **Day School** has been accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children and named a Green School by the State of Maryland. For ages 2-6, the school offers a quality curriculum and special activities such as Spanish, STEM lessons, music, and physical education. After school activities are also offered, such as soccer, ballet, and basketball. The school also offers highly popular summer camps from June to August for ages 2-6. More information may be found on their website at <u>www.stmargaretsdayschool.org</u>, or by emailing Aleshia Marshall, Day School Director, at <u>smdsirector@outlook.com</u>.

Adult Formation at St. Margaret's

We offer adults a variety of ways to grow in faith. Our **Thursday Morning Book Club** meets through Zoom at 9:00 a.m., while our **Gospel Sessions** (formerly known as Senior Sessions) take place on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at 9:00 a.m., also on Zoom.

St. Margaret's is known for its **many outreach efforts** both locally and around the world. From Winter Relief, producing masks and prayer shawls, and assisting with feeding the hungry, we are an active and committed church. Our Endowment Grants annual program has provided millions of dollars to organizations here and across the globe. To get involved, visit our website's "Get Involved" page at <u>www.st-margarets.org/getinvolved.html</u>.

MUSIC AT ST. MARGARET'S

St. Margaret's is blessed with a **vibrant music ministry** that has something for everyone, presently consisting of an adult choir, a youth chorister program, a handbell ensemble, and the contemporary music ensemble Third Sunday Band. If you would like to find out more about our music ministry and are interested in joining any of our ensembles, please email Jim Douglas, Director of Music, at <u>music@st-margarets.org</u>. Membership in our choirs and ensembles is open to all, regardless of religious affiliation or background. Please visit the music page on the website at <u>https://www.st-margarets.org/music-overview.html</u>. The Music Ministry calendar may also be found on the website at <u>https://www.st-margarets.org/music-calendar.html</u>.

The **liturgy and music** for today is led by Associate for Contemporary Music Al Todd and the Third Sunday Band. It is drawn from The Book of Common Prayer, the 1982 Hymnal, and other resources as noted. Permission to print and live-stream music granted through OneLicense #A-709554 and CCLI #661345/#CSPL068962.

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As we prepare for worship, please be courteous and refrain from talking during the Prelude. Thank you.

Prelude

Ain't no grave Unfailing love I know who you are Claude Ely Chris Tomlin Cindy Owens

WELCOME

The People stand as they are able and sing the Hymn.



EASTER ACCLAMATION

Celebrant	Alleluia! Christ is risen.
People	The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Celebrant 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 Lord.

People Amen.

The People remain standing and sing the Song of Praise.

SONG OF PRAISE



COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant	The Lord be with you.
People	And also with you.
Celebrant	Let us pray.
	O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever.
People	Amen.

The People are seated.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Acts 4:5-12

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

The rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is, 'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.' There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

Lector	The	Wo	ord	of	the	Lord.	
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People Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL (read responsively by whole verse)

- 1 The Lord is my shepherd; * I shall not be in want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures * and leads me beside still waters.
- 3 He revives my soul * and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.
- Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
 I shall fear no evil; *
 for you are with me;
 your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; * you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.
- 6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, * and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Psalm 23

SECOND LESSON

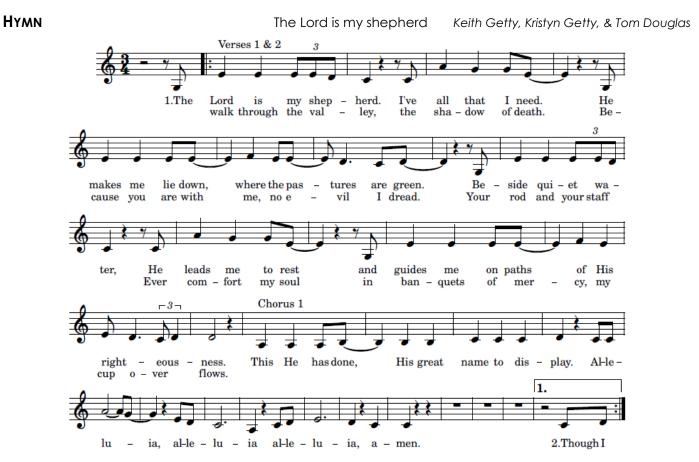
A reading from the first letter of John.

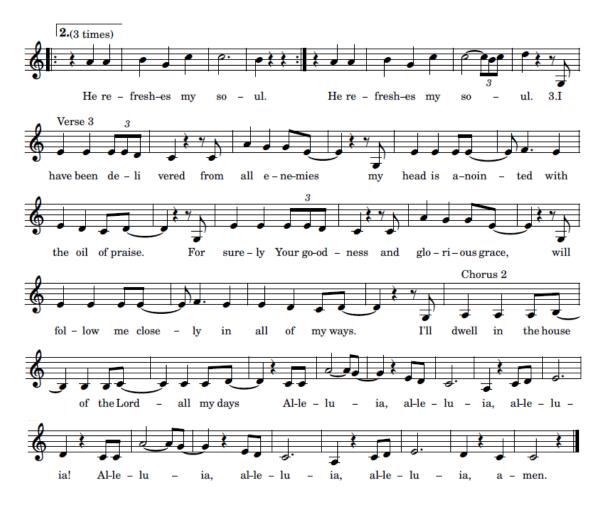
We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him. And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

LectorThe Word of the Lord.PeopleThanks be to God.

The People stand as they are able and sing the Hymn.

Children's Chapel begins here at the 9:00am service for children from **ages three and a half to fifth grade**. Children leave the nave during this Hymn following the cross which will come down the aisle and then go down to the All Saints' Lounge in the Annex. Children rejoin their parents at the Peace. Children three and under may attend but must be accompanied by a parent.





HOLY GOSPEL

John 10:11-18

PriestThe Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.PeopleGlory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.

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PriestThe Gospel of the Lord.PeoplePraise to you, Lord Christ.
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The People are seated.

SERMON

The Rev. Peter W. Mayer

The People stand as they are able.

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.

The People remain standing as able.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader	O God, we pray for your holy catholic Church;
People	That we all may be one.
Leader	Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
People	That your Name may be glorified by all people.
Leader	We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
People	That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.
Leader	We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
People	That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Form III

Leader	Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
People	That our works may find favor in your sight.
Leader	Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
People	That they may be delivered from their distress.
Leader	Give to the departed eternal rest.
People	Let light perpetual shine upon them.
Leader	We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
People	May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.
Leader	Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.
	In our global cycle of prayer, we pray for the Anglican Church of Australia. In our diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for St. Mark's on-the-Hill, Pikesville; St. Thomas', Owings Mills; Sherwood, Cockeysville.
Celebrant	Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
People	Amen.
PEACE	
Celebrant	The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People	And also with you.

The People greet one another in the name of the Lord and are seated.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOLY COMMUNION

To give by cell phone, text GIVESMC to 73256.

During the Offertory, all are welcome to bring their gift to the plate located in front of the altar. An usher will also walk up the center aisle with a plate for those who wish to offer their gift from their seat.

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Hallelujah

Leonard Cohen

A crown of thorns placed on His head He knew that He would soon be dead He said Father did you forget me, did you? They nailed Him to a wooden cross Soon all the world would feel the loss Of Christ the King before His Hallelujah Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah He hung His head and prepared to die Then lifted His face up to the sky Said I am coming home now Father to you A reed which held His final sip Was gently lifted to his lips He drank His last and gave His soul to glory The soldier who had used his sword To pierce the body of our Lord Said truly this is Jesus Christ our Savior He looked with fear upon his sword Then turned to face his Christ and Lord Fell to his knees crying Halleluiah Took from his head the thorny crown And wrapped him in a linen gown And laid him down to rest inside the tomb The holes in his hands, his feet and side Now in our hearts we know he died To save us from ourselves oh Hallelujah Three days went by again they came To move the stone to bless the slain With oil and spice anointing hallelujah But as they went to move the stone They saw that they were not alone But Jesus Christ has risen Hallelujah

The People stand as able at the direction of the Clergy.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer B

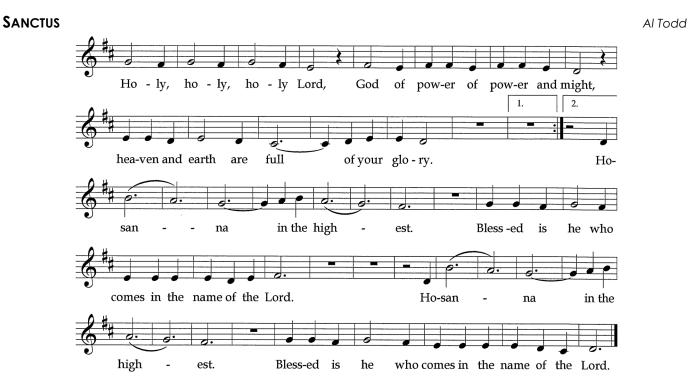
Celebrant	The Lord be with you.
People	And also with you.
Celebrant	Lift up your hearts.
People	We lift them to the Lord.
Celebrant	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People	It is right to give God thanks and praise.

The Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:



The Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life. On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ 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 he 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 all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory.

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the Ever-blessed Virgin Mary, Margaret and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

People Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we pray together,

Celebrant and People

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 God of promise, you have prepared a banquet for us.

Happy are those who are called to the Supper of the Lamb. People

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.



FRACTION ANTHEM

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Celebrant 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.

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 to receive a blessing. Gluten-free wafers are available. Indicate your wish for a gluten-free wafer by first extending your hands palms-down when at the Communion rail. These wafers are kept in a separate holder from which you are invited to take one.

COMMUNION MUSIC

When You shepherd me

Brian Doerksen

When You shepherd me I have everything that I need When You make me rest Beside a peaceful stream My soul is restored My strength is renewed When You shepherd me When You shepherd me Your rod and staff comfort me As You guide my steps I can trust Your lead Even when I walk through the valley shadowed with death I will not fear for You are with me I am overwhelmed by love Overtaken by Your mercy Lord Your goodness without end Will be the house in which I dwell When You shepherd me Your prepare a bountiful feast Even when my enemies Are closing in on me You anoint me with oil My cup overflows When You shepherd me

Shepherd walk beside me

Caroline Cobb

Oh Lord You're my shepherd and I am Your sheep With You close beside me oh what could I need You lead me to water and pastures green My soul is restored and my heart at peace And even in the valley of shadow and death My Shepherd You're with me to love and protect Your rod and Your staff are a comfort to me So even in valleys I'll trust Your lead Oh Shepherd walk beside me Help me follow where You guide me 'Til I dwell in Your house forever With You Shepherd with my Shepherd Oh Jesus Good Shepherd You'd lay down Your life To find Your lost lamb You would leave the Ninety-nine The thief comes to steal and to kill and destroy But You've come to raise us to lasting joy I know goodness and mercy will keep and come after me As I keep to my Shepherd's road my cup it will overflow

The People stand as they are able after all are served.

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

United Church of Canada

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Thank you, O Christ, for this feast of life. We are fed by your love; we are strengthened by your life. We are sent forth into this world to live your way and share your joy. We are now commissioned to: feed as we have been fed, forgive as we have been forgiven, love as we have been loved. Thanks be to God. Amen.

BLESSING

- Celebrant May God, who through the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ has given us the victory, give you joy and peace in your life and faith; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.
- People Amen.

The People remain standing and sing the Hymn.

HYMN



DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

God's love reaches me

Third Sunday Band

St. Margaret's Church

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