

ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH

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**The Third Sunday of Advent
Holy Eucharist, Rite II
December 16, 2018
11:15 a.m.**

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 Connect card (found in the pew racks) and drop the card in the collection plate or hand it to one of the clergy or ushers.

FORMATION

We provide **Sunday School** and Christian formation to children from ages 3 to 18 from Sept. – May from 10:15 to 11 a.m. There is no Sunday School this morning due to a special children's event in the Parish Hall. While children are always welcome at all services, professional **nursery** care for children ages six weeks to four years is provided from 8:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Nursery (downstairs in the church's annex building). **Adult Formation** is also offered during the 10:15 a.m. to 11 a.m. hour. The Seekers book study group meets in the administrative building. We also offer adult forums in the new building's Fellowship Hall periodically during this formation time period.

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 to receive a blessing. Gluten-free wafers are available. Indicate your request 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.

WORSHIP SERVICES

Worship services at St. Margaret's occur on Sundays at 7:30 a.m. (Rite I spoken service), and 9 a.m. & 11:15 a.m. (Rite II with music). We also have a Wednesday morning service at 7:30 a.m. in the administrative reception room. The Liturgy is from the Book of Common Prayer. Today's music this third Sunday of the month is provided by our Third Sunday Band, who uses contemporary Christian music and new versions of hymns throughout the service. We hope you enjoy the diverse offerings of music at St. Margaret's.

OUR MISSION

Transforming lives in Christ through worship, formation, and giving.

SOCIAL MEDIA

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THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 16, 2018
11:15 A.M.
THE HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II



INTROIT

Prepare Ye the Way
 Manger Throne
 I wonder as I wander
Third Sunday Band

John Michael Talbot
Julie Miller
Traditional Appalachian Carol

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Episcopal Church of the Resurrection

Leader

We have lit the first two Advent candles, one for hope and one for peace. Today we light the third candle, the candle of joy. Joy is like an underground spring that wells up within us, but joy is also a choice, an attitude. So today we open ourselves to joy, trusting that God has already planted it in us.

The candles of hope, peace, and joy are lit.

Leader Loving God,

People **we open ourselves to you. Show us the creative power of hope. Teach us the peace that comes from justice. Fill us with the kind of joy that cannot be contained, but must be shared. Prepare our hearts to be transformed by you that we may walk in the light of Christ.**

Leader

Rejoice in God always. For God has created you with the capacity for joy. Trust in God's good will for all of creation and open yourself this morning to God's gentle, transforming love and joy. **Amen.**

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

O come, O come, Emmanuel
 Verses 1, 2, 5-8 only

Veni, Veni, Emmanuel



(Dec. 23) 1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som
 (Dec. 17) 2 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, who or - derest
 (Dec. 18) 3 O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy
 (Dec. 19) 4 O come, thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, free them from
 (Dec. 20) 5 O come, thou Key of Da - vid, come, and o - pen
 (Dec. 21) 6 O come, thou Day - spring from on high, and cheer us
 (Dec. 22) 7 O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind in one the
 (Dec. 23) 8 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som



1 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile
 2 all things might - i - ly; to us the path of know - ledge
 3 tribes on Si - nai's height in an - cient times didst give the
 4 Sa - tan's ty - ran - ny that trust thy might - y power to
 5 wide our heaven - ly home; make safe the way that leads on
 6 by thy draw - ing nigh; dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of
 7 hearts of all man - kind; bid thou our sad di - vi - sions
 8 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile

1 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 2 show, and teach us in her ways to go.
 3 law, in cloud, and ma - jes - ty, and awe.
 4 save, and give them vic - tory o'er the grave. Re - joice! Re - joice!
 5 high, and close the path to mis - er - y.
 6 night, and death's dark shad - ow put to flight.
 7 cease, and be thy - self our King of Peace.
 8 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.

Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

The stanzas may be used as antiphons with "The Song of Mary" on the dates given.

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OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

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. **Amen.**

TRISAGION

David Hurd

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im -
 mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us. Ho - ly God,
 Ho - ly and Might - y, Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy
 up - on us. Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,
 Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST LESSON

Zephaniah 3:14-20

A reading from the prophet Zephaniah.

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion;
shout, O Israel!

Rejoice and exult with all your heart,
O daughter Jerusalem!

The LORD has taken away the judgments against you,
he has turned away your enemies.

The king of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst;
you shall fear disaster no more.

On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:

Do not fear, O Zion;
do not let your hands grow weak.

The LORD, your God, is in your midst,
a warrior who gives victory;

he will rejoice over you with gladness,
he will renew you in his love;

he will exult over you with loud singing
as on a day of festival.

I will remove disaster from you,
so that you will not bear reproach for it.

I will deal with all your oppressors
at that time.

And I will save the lame
and gather the outcast,

and I will change their shame into praise
and renown in all the earth.

At that time I will bring you home,
at the time when I gather you;

for I will make you renowned and praised
among all the peoples of the earth,

when I restore your fortunes
before your eyes, says the LORD.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSE *(said responsively by half verse)*

The First Song of Isaiah

Surely, it is God who saves me; *

I will trust in him and not be afraid.

For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, *

and he will be my Savior.

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing *

from the springs of salvation.

And on that day you shall say, *

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;

Make his deeds known among the peoples; *

see that they remember that his Name is exalted.

Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, *

and this is known in all the world.

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, *

for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.

SECOND READING

Philippians 4:4-7

A reading from the letter to the Philippians.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The people stand as they are able.

Children's Chapel begins here at the 9 a.m. service for children from ages three to second grade. Children leave the nave during this sequence hymn following behind the cross which will come down the aisle and then go into the downstairs annex classroom with the children rejoining their parents at The Peace.

As the Gospel moment approaches, and the book is processed and the music plays, everyone turns and reorients themselves to face where the Gospel is, for the teachings of Jesus reorient our lives towards Him, and at this moment, we become the Jesus Movement. –Presiding Bishop Michael Curry

SEQUENCE HYMN

On Jordan's stormy banks (Promised Land)

Stennett/Miller

1. On Jor - dan's stor - my banks I stand, And
 2. All o'er those wide ex - ten - ded plains, Shines
 3. No chill - ing winds nor pois - onous breath, Can
 4. When shall I reach that hap - py place, And

cast a wish - ful eye To Can - aan's fair and
 one e - ter - nal day There God, the Son and
 reach that health - ful shore, Sick - ness, sor - row,
 be for - ev - er blessed When shall I see my

hap - py land, Where my po - ssess - ions lie - 2. All
 pain and death, Are felt a
 Fa - ther's face, And in his bos - om

Chorus
 way, more. (Men) I am (Women) I am bound, I am bound, I am bound I am
 bound for Prom - ised Land I am bound, I am bound, I am
 bound, I am bound I am bound for Prom - ised Land 3. No
 4. When

GOSPEL

Luke 3:7-18

Priest The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire."

And the crowds asked him, "What then should we do?" In reply he said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise." Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?" He said to them, "Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you." Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what should we do?" He said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages."

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

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

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.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Marilyn D. McGee
In the Courtyard*

Leader

In patience and in hope,
let us offer our prayers to God,
saying with one voice,

**"We rejoice with joy
For the coming of the LORD is near."**

For all who walk in God's Holy Way:
those in the pews and in the pulpits;
those at home and on the streets;
for all who ponder God's promise in their hearts,
and all who carry the good news into the world,

**We rejoice with joy
For the coming of the LORD is near.**

For the nations and their leaders:
that eyes may be opened and ears unstopped,
and that peace and justice break forth in every land.

**We rejoice with joy
For the coming of the LORD is near.**

For all the world: heaven and earth,
the seas, and all that is in them.
For the early and the late rains,
and the precious crop from the earth.
For the gathering darkness and the light of hope.

**We rejoice with joy
For the coming of the LORD is near.**

For this community and all who live in it,
each member of the whole body:
friend and stranger, parent and child,
brother and sister, widow and orphan.
Strengthen weak hands, dear God,
and make firm the feeble.

**We rejoice with joy
For the coming of the LORD is near.**

For all who are nearest to you, O God:
the lonely, the out-of-work,
the fearful, the cold, the hungry, and sick, especially...
For the one who is sorry, and the one who is ashamed.
It is you, our God of hope, who sets all prisoners free.

We rejoice with joy

For the coming of the LORD is near.

For all the departed, and all who we remember,

We rejoice with joy

For the coming of the LORD is near.

Celebrant

We are waiting, O God, with all the patience we can muster. Beloved of angels and archangels, Lover of saints and sinners, God our Savior, to you alone we pray, **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SINS

re:Worship

Celebrant

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

The people may kneel or stand as able.

Celebrant and People

Holy God of Advent,

you come near to us,

yet we continue to seal our hearts

with indifference to a suffering world.

Open our hearts,

and make us more compassionate.

You approach us with bundles of mercy

to kindle our hope,

but we continue to build our lives

with the bricks of bitterness.

Cease our anger,

so we might become more forgiving.

And open our souls,

so we might become children of Advent.

ABSOLUTION

Thom Shuman

Celebrant

This is the good news: you will be swept away in the waters of mercy, salvation carrying you home to God's heart. Peace, serenity, healing, hope—these gifts, and more, are ours in this Advent season of watching and waiting. Thanks be to God. **Amen.**

PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The people stand as able, exchange the Peace and are seated.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Some children see Him
Third Sunday Band

Burt/Hudson

The people remain seated while offertory music is played, and bread and wine are brought to the altar. An offering of gifts is collected, and along with the bread and wine, they are presented to God as thanksgiving for the blessings poured out onto us. Our gifts: bread, wine, music and money, become sacramental in God's economy.

The people stand as able when directed.

HOLY COMMUNION

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Scottish Liturgy 1982

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

Worship and praise belong to you, God our maker. Out of nothing, you called all worlds to be, and still you draw the universe to its fulfilment. Dawn and evening celebrate your glory till time shall be no more.

In Christ your Son the life of heaven and earth were joined, sealing the promise of a new creation, given, yet still to come. Taught by your Spirit, we who bear your threefold likeness look for the City of Peace in whose light we are transfigured and the earth transformed.

As children of your redeeming purpose who await the coming of your Son, we offer you our praise, with angels and archangels and the whole company of heaven singing the hymn of your unending glory:

SANCTUS

Todd

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord,
5 God of pow - er of pow - er and might,
9 hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry
14 Ho - san -

19
na in the high - - - -

24
est. Bless - ed is He who comes in the

29
1
name of the Lord. Ho

34
2
name of the Lord.

The Celebrant continues

Glory and thanksgiving be to you, most loving Father. In Jesus you showed us yourself. Our hope is built on him, the first, the last, the living one. Obedient, even to accepting death, He opened the gate of glory and calls us now to share the life of heaven.

Before he was given up to suffering and death, alight with the vision of a feast that heralded a kingdom yet to come at supper with his disciples he took bread and offered you thanks. He broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying: "Take, eat. This is my Body; it is broken for you."

After supper, he took the cup, he offered you thanks, and gave it to them saying: "Drink this, all of you. This is my Blood of the new covenant; it is poured out for you, and for all, that sins may be forgiven. Do this in remembrance of me."

We now obey your Son's command. We recall his blessed passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension; and we look for the coming of his Kingdom. Made one with him, we offer you these gifts with them ourselves, a single, holy, living sacrifice.

Hear us, most merciful Father, and send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this bread and this wine, that, overshadowed by his life-giving power, they may be the Body and Blood of your Son, and we may be kindled with the fire of your love and renewed for the service of your Kingdom.

Help us, into the fellowship of Christ's Body to live and work to your praise and glory; may we grow together in unity and love until at last, in your new creation, we enter into our heritage in the company of the Virgin Mary, the apostles, and prophets, and of all our brothers and sisters living and departed. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory be to you, Lord of all ages, world without end.

LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant:

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

Celebrant & 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.**

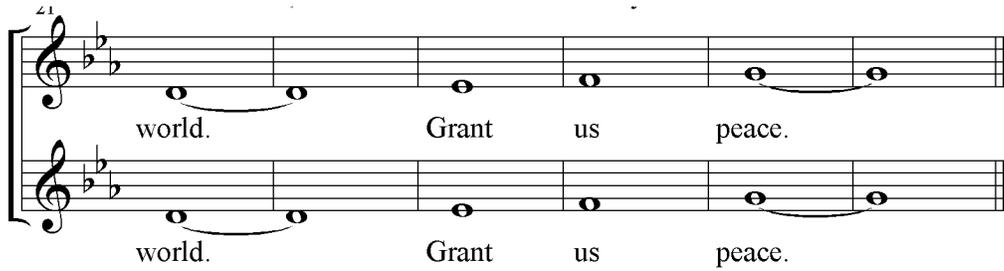
BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant God of promise, you have prepared a banquet for us.
People **Happy are those who are called to the Supper of the Lamb.**

FRACTION ANTHEM

Todd

Lamb of God, You take a-way the
Lamb of God, You take a-way the
sins of the world. world. Have
sins of the world. world. Have
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
mer - cy on us.
You take a-way the sins of the
Lamb of God, You take a-way the sins of the



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 MUSIC

Deliver us
 Creator of the Stars of Night
 Third Sunday Band

Andrew Peterman
 Trad/Arr. Third Sunday Band

After communion, the people stand as able when directed.

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.**

Please have your children gather around the children's cross in front of the pulpit during the postcommunion prayer. The children's cross will follow the torches out of the church, and proceed to the formation building for Sunday School, so parents are invited to join that procession!

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

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Celebrant
 Let us pray.

Celebrant and People
**God of all grace,
 may we live in expectation and hope,
 and may the gifts we have received at this table
 remind us not only of the gift of your Christ,
 but of your steady presence among us,
 that we may act faithfully
 in response to your love. Amen.**

BLESSING

May the grace of Jesus Christ, who is the same today, yesterday and forever, lead you to the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, and prepare you for the greater glory which is to come. **Amen.**

HYMN

Prepare the way, O Zion

Bereden väg för Svenska Kyrkan



1 Pre - pare the way, O Zi - on, your Christ is draw - ing near!
2 He brings God's rule, O Zi - on; he comes from heaven a - bove.
3 Fling wide your gates, O Zi - on; your Sa - vior's rule em - brace.



Let ev - ery hill and val - ley a lev - el way ap - pear.
His rule is peace and free - dom, and jus - tice, truth, and love.
His tid - ings of sal - va - tion pro - claim in ev - ery place.



Greet One who comes in glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry.
Lift high your praise re - sound - ing, for grace and joy a - bound - ing.
All lands will bow be - fore him, their voic - es will a - dore him.



Oh, blest is Christ that came in God's most ho - ly name.

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DISMISSAL

Celebrant
People

Alleluia. Alleluia. Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

POSTLUDE

I Pray on Christmas
Third Sunday Band

Harry Connick Jr.

In This Service

Celebrant
Preacher
Third Sunday Band Members

Eucharistic Ministers 11:15
Lectors 11:15
Acolytes 11:15
Altar Guild
Flower Guild
Coffeehour Hosts

The Rev. Patti Sachs
The Rev. Peter W. Mayer
Al Todd, Emilie Stafford, Alli Smith, John Koloski, Ernie Tucker, Deb Callahan, Jaime Wilson, Dusty Macmillan
Allison Johnson, Spencer Johnson
Sue Snyder, Sarah Hyde
Wes Reising, Emily Carroll, Hannah Carroll
Charlie Lang, Teresa Todd, Susie Byrom
Ann Lallande
Jan Little, Carol Williams

Join us this Christmas @ St. Margaret's

A Quiet Christmas
Wednesday, December 19
Noon, 7:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve Eucharist
Monday, December 24
4:00 p.m.*
*with music from
St. Margaret's children & youth*

Christmas Eve Eucharist
Monday, December 24
7:30 p.m.* & 10:30 p.m.
with the St. Margaret's adult choirs

Christmas Day Eucharist
Tuesday, December 25
10:00 a.m.

Christmas Lessons & Carols
Sunday, Dec. 30
9:00* & 11:15 a.m.*
New Year's Brunch — 10:20 a.m.
Bring a breakfast casserole to share

Children's Epiphany Pageant
Sunday, January 6 — 10:20 a.m.
Saturday, Jan. 5 — 9:00 a.m. Rehearsal

*Childcare provided