

ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH

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**The Fourth Sunday of Advent
Holy Eucharist, Rite II
December 23, 2018
9:00 & 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. Locations of classes can be provided by one of our ushers. 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 and the music from the "Hymnal 1982," "Wonder, Love, and Praise," and "Voices Found" or as otherwise noted.

OUR MISSION

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

SOCIAL MEDIA

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THE HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II**



INTROIT

"Hodie Christus natus est" (from Ceremony of Carols)
Youth Chorale

Benjamin Britten

*Hodie Christus natus est,
Hodie Salvator apparuit,
Hodie intera canunt angeli,
Laetantur archangeli,
Hodie exsultant justi dicentes,
Gloria in excelsis deo. Alleluia!*

Today Christ is born;
Today the Savior has appeared;
Today the angels sing,
The archangels rejoice,
Today the righteous rejoice, saying:
Glory to God in the highest. Alleluia!

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Episcopal Church of the Resurrection

Leader

The first three Advent candles we lit were for hope, peace, and joy. Today we light the fourth candle--the candle of love. With this flame we signify the love of God that surrounds and fills us at all times. There is no greater power than love. It is stronger than rulers and empires, stronger than grief or despair, stronger than even death. We love, because God loves us.

The four candles of Advent are lit.

Leader

Loving God,

Leader and People

we open ourselves to you this Christmas season.

Light our lives with your imagination.

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.**

Magnify your love within us.

**Prepare our hearts to be transformed by you
that we may walk in the light of Christ. Amen.**

The people stand as they are able.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Tell out, my soul

Birmingham

1 Tell out, my soul, the great - ness of the Lord!
 2 Tell out, my soul, the great - ness of his Name!
 3 Tell out, my soul, the great - ness of his might!
 4 Tell out, my soul, the glo - ries of his word!

Un - num - bered bless - ings give my spi - rit voice;
 Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
 Powers and do - min - ions lay their glo - ry by.
 Firm is his prom - ise, and his mer - cy sure.

ten - der to me the prom - ise of his word;
 his mer - cy sure, from age to age the same;
 Proud hearts and stub - born wills are put to flight,
 Tell out, my soul, the great - ness of the Lord

in God my Sa - vior shall my heart re - joice.
 his ho - ly Name—the Lord, the Might - y One.
 the hun - gry fed, the hum - ble lift - ed high.
 to chil - dren's chil - dren and for ev - er - more!

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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.

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The people are seated.

FIRST LESSON

Micah 5:2-5a

A reading from the book of Micah.

You, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah,
who are one of the little clans of Judah,
from you shall come forth for me
one who is to rule in Israel,
whose origin is from of old,
from ancient days.

Therefore he shall give them up until the time
when she who is in labor has brought forth;
then the rest of his kindred shall return
to the people of Israel.

And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord,
in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God.

And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great
to the ends of the earth;
and he shall be the one of peace.

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

RESPONSE *(said responsively by half verse)*

The Song of Mary

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; *
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.

From this day all generations will call me blessed: *
the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name.

He has mercy on those who fear him *
in every generation.

He has shown the strength of his arm, *
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, *
and has lifted up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things, *
and the rich he has sent away empty.

He has come to the help of his servant Israel, *
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,

The promise he made to our fathers, *
to Abraham and his children for ever.

SECOND READING

Hebrews 10:5-10

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

When Christ came into the world, he said,
"Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired,
but a body you have prepared for me;
in burnt offerings and sin offerings
you have taken no pleasure.

Then I said, 'See, God, I have come to do your will, O God'
(in the scroll of the book it is written of me)."

When he said above, "You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings" (these are offered according to the law), then he added, "See, I have come to do your will." He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

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

Hark! the glad sound! the Savior comes

Richmond

1 Hark! the glad sound! the Sa - vior comes, the Sa - vior
2 He comes, the pri - soners to re - lease in Sa - tan's
3 He comes, the bro - ken heart to bind, the bleed - ing
4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of Peace, thy wel - come

prom - ised long; let ev - ery heart pre -
bond - age held; the gates of brass be -
soul to cure; and with the trea - sures
shall pro - claim; and heaven's e - ter - nal

pare a throne, and ev - ery voice a song.
fore him burst, the i - ron fet - ters yield.
of his grace to en - rich the hum - ble poor.
arch - es ring with thy be - lov - ed Name.

GOSPEL

Luke 1:39-45

Priest The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth.

When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

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

The people are seated as directed by the priest.

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 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

He shall feed his flock (from Messiah)
Alice Conover and Sarah Balcom, soloists

George Frideric Handel

He shall feed his flock like a shepherd. And He shall gather the lambs with His arm.
And carry them in His bosom, And gently lead those that are with young.

The people remain seated while offertory music is sung, 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

Hurd

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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.**

AGNUS DEI

Hurd

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:
 have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
 sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
 you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

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

Esurientes (from Magnificat BWV 243)
Hilary Bolea, soloist

J.S. Bach

Esurientes implevit bonis et divites dimisit inanes.

The hungry he has filled with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty.

COMMUNION HYMN

The angel Gabriel from heaven came

Gabriel's Message

1 The an - gel Ga - bri - el from hea - ven came,
 2 "For know a bless - ed Mo - ther thou shalt be,
 3 Then gen - tle Ma - ry meek - ly bowed her head,
 4 Of her, Em - man - u - el, the Christ, was born
 his wings as drift - ed snow, his eyes as flame;
 all gen - er - a - tions laud and hon - or thee,
 "To me be as it pleas - eth God," she said,
 in Beth - le - hem, all on a Christ - mas morn,

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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. 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

O come, o come Emmanuel

Veni, Veni Emmanuel

1 O come, O come, Em - ma - nu - el, And ran - som cap - tive
Lower Voices 2 O come, thou Rod of Jes - se, free Thine own from Sa - tan's
Upper Voices 3 O come, thou Day - spring, come and cheer Our spi - rits by thine
4 O come, thou Key of Da - vid, come, And o - pen wide our
5 O come, O come, thou Lord of Might, Who to thy tribes on

Is - ra - el, That mourns in lone - ly ex - ile
ty - ran - ny; From depths of hell thy peo - ple
ad - vent here; Dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of
heav'n - ly home; Make safe the way that leads on the
Si - nai's height, In an - cient times did give the

here, Un - til the Son of God ap - pear:
save, And give them vic - tory o'er the grave:
night, And death's dark sha - dows put to flight:
high, And close the path to mi - se - ry:
law In cloud and ma - jes - ty and awe:

Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - ma - nu - el Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.

DISMISSAL

Celebrant
People

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

POSTLUDE

In This Service

Music
Eucharistic Ministers 9:00
Lectors 9:00
Children's Chapel
Acolytes 9:00

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

Jim Douglas, Youth Chorale, Alice Conover, Sarah Balcom, Hilary Bolea
Katy Strother, Terry Otis
Barbara Marder, Jean Clarke
Sarah Balcom, Sydney Davis, Froggi Jackson
Nellie Bowers, Sunny Bowers, Katherine Parker, Matthew Parker,
Sarah Mayer
Stacia Bontempo, Jim Reising
Jim Hall, Pat Hall
Ben Tolley, Emily Carroll, Hannah Carroll, Dylan Bishop
Jeanne Nardi, Jan Little, Mary Lester
Mary Kirkeby
Kathy Lang, Charlie Lang, Laurie Tomko, Toby Tomko, Vera Torrence,
Holly Williams, Brian Williams

Join us this
Christmas
@ St. Margaret's

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*

