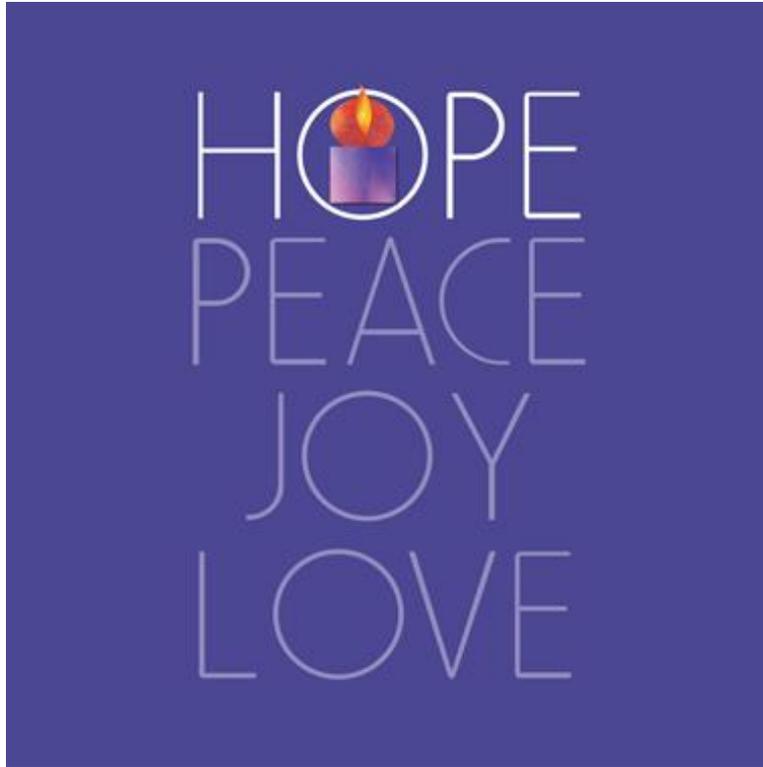


ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH

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The First Sunday of Advent
December 3, 2017
Holy Eucharist – Rite II
9:00 and 11:15 a.m.

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The Rev. Peter W. Mayer, Rector
The Rev. Dr. Henrietta Wiley, Interim Assistant Rector

Our St. Margaret's Church community consists of many fibers knitted together over three centuries. Our table has seated revolutionary fighters with agents of the Crown, slave owners and abolitionists. Our leadership includes partnered, married, single and divorced Christians. We welcome in love persons of every race, gender, culture, sexual orientation and gender identification. All people have a sacred worth and the fabric of St. Margaret's grows stronger with each new thread. It wraps in comfort the shoulders of the defeated and the hurt and has been raised as a banner to celebrate God's transforming wholeness in our midst. We welcome you to be part of our fabric as we grow in the centuries ahead.

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 worshiping 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 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. 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). **Children's Chapel** is offered during the first part of the 9 a.m. service for children from ages three to second grade. The children leave the nave during the 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. **Adult Formation** is also offered with our Seekers book study in the administration building and often we offer adult forums in the new building's Fellowship Hall.

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.

LITURGY AND MUSIC

The Liturgy for today is from The Book of Common Prayer, Planning for Rites and Rituals 2017, the Rev. Stephen M. Fearing, Council of Bishops 1995, Church of England, Presbyterian Church USA, Mt. Bethel UMC, and the United Methodist Church. The hymns are from the 1982 Hymnal.

IN THIS SERVICE

Eucharistic Minister @ 9:
Lectors @ 9:
Children's Chapel @ 9:
Acolytes @ 9:

Beth Knorr, Terry Otis
Harry Caldwell, Kate Caldwell
Danielle Rubino, Ernie Tucker, Ella Tomko
Nellie Bowers, Austin Canuel, Zacca Jackson, Elizabeth Luisi,
Lexi Pawelchak

Eucharistic Ministers @ 11:15:
Lectors @ 11:15:
Acolytes @ 11:15:
Altar Guild:
Flower Guild:
Coffeehour Hosts:
Keyboard:
Chorale Members:

Peg Overton, Sue Snyder
Rex Pingle, Sarah Hyde
Peter Saroch, Grace and Connor Feldmann
Elizabeth Parker, Susan Roberts, Gayle Smith
Richard Hays
Sarah Hyde, Teresa Todd, Stacy Mulder, Dana Timmer
James R. Fitzpatrick
Ryan Campbell, Brooke Kopack-Ware, Aeven O'Donnell,
Rita Venno, Abby Wenz



THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2017
9:00 & 11:15 A.M.
THE HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II



LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Leader Let us prepare our hearts
People **as we await the coming of our Lord.**
Leader Let us watch for the one who heard our cries
People **and shouldered the suffering of our world.**
Leader Let us anticipate the coming of Christ's eternal world
People **with wholeness, reconciliation and plenty for all.**
Leader Let us wait in expectation for the day
People **when God's glory is revealed in all its fullness.**

Leader
The Advent season is where we are called to put down our burdens and lift a song up to our God. It's a season where we worship fully, where love wins, where peace reigns, and where a new King is celebrated with each breath. By the lighting of this candle in Advent, we pray that expectation draws us together in unity, that our praise and worship might echo in these walls and also through our lives. **Amen.**

Today, we light the candle of expectation and Hope. May it remind each and everyone one of us of God's great promise to us in Jesus Christ, our hope and our Redeemer.

The Advent candle of Hope is lit.

PRELUDE

As the processional hymn begins, the people stand as able.

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.

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

Hurd

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

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

The people are seated.

LESSON

Isaiah 64:1-9

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,
so that the mountains would quake at your presence--
as when fire kindles brushwood
and the fire causes water to boil--
to make your name known to your adversaries,
so that the nations might tremble at your presence!
When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.
From ages past no one has heard,
no ear has perceived,
no eye has seen any God besides you,
who works for those who wait for him.
You meet those who gladly do right,
those who remember you in your ways.
But you were angry, and we sinned;
because you hid yourself we transgressed.
We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.
We all fade like a leaf,
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.
There is no one who calls on your name,
or attempts to take hold of you;
for you have hidden your face from us,
and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.
Yet, O Lord, you are our Father;
we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.
Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord,
and do not remember iniquity forever.
Now consider, we are all your people.

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

Sleepers, wake!

Wachet Auf

1 "Sleep - ers, wake!" A voice a - stounds us, the
2 Zi - on hears the watch - men sing - ing; her
3 Lamb of God, the heavens a - dore you; let

shout of ram - part - guards sur - rounds us: "A -
heart with joy - ful hope is spring - ing, she
saints and an - gels sing be - fore you, as

wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, a - rise!" Mid - night's peace their
wakes and hur - ries through the night. Forth he comes, her
harps and cym - bals swell the sound. Twelve great pearls, the

cry has bro - ken, their ur - gent sum - mons clear - ly spo -
Bride - groom glo - rious in strength of grace, in truth vic - to -
ci - ty's por - tals: through them we stream to join the im - mor -

ken: "The time has come, O maid - ens wise!
rious: her star is risen, her light grows bright.
tals as we with joy your throne sur - round.

Rise up, and give us light; the Bride - groom is in
 Now come, most wor - thy Lord, God's Son, In - car - nate
 No eye has known the sight, no ear heard such de -

sight. Al - le - lu - ia! Your lamps pre - pare and
 Word, Al - le - lu - ia! We fol - low all and
 light: Al - le - lu - ia! There - fore we sing to

has - ten there, that you the wed - ding feast may share."
 heed your call to come in - to the ban - quet hall.
 greet our King; for ev - er let our prais - es ring.

GOSPEL

Mark 13:24-37

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

Jesus said, "In those days, after that suffering,
 the sun will be darkened,
 and the moon will not give its light,
 and the stars will be falling from heaven,
 and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

"From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch.

Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

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

The people are seated.

SERMON

The Rev. Peter W. Mayer

A moment of silence is kept after the sermon.

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

Rev. Stephen M. Fearing

Leader

God of our Highest Hope,
we come to you this day as your servants,
gathered to worship you and you alone.
As we continue this Advent journey,
help us to focus on you and the true meaning of this season:
Help us to worship fully, O Lord.

Even as we share the joy we find in you with one another,
we are mindful of those for whom joy is hard to find,
for those who don't have enough clothes,
for those who don't have enough food,
for those who don't have enough shelter,
for those who don't have enough protection and justice,
Help us to bear the good fruit that the Baptist called us to bear,
being mindful of those around us who are without during this season of giving.
Help us to give more, O Lord.

Gracious God, may the joy we find
not be a commodity to be hoarded
but a gift to be shared with one another.

Help us to spend less, while giving more, O Lord.

We pray this day for the leaders of the world and of the church,

May they reflect your light into the dark corners of our world.

We pray for those on our parish prayer list...and all who are suffering in mind, body and spirit...

(The People add their own petitions either silently or aloud.)

May your tender mercy reach them

and fill their lives with your peace and healing grace.

We thank you for the certainty that those who have died are alive in your light...

(The People add their own petitions either silently or aloud.)

We pray for all of those bereaved,

that they would find comfort in their sorrow.

Celebrant

O God, shine forth upon your creation, stir up your strength, and come to help us, as we put our trust in you, through our Savior Jesus Christ, in the power of your holy spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

All kneel or remain standing as they are able.

Celebrant

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Celebrant and People

**Almighty God, our heavenly father,
who causes light to shine out of darkness
in the advent of our Lord Jesus Christ,
to take away the sins of the world;
we humbly confess our transgressions and ask your forgiveness.
We ask that the spirit of Christ may be born anew within us,
and that we may glorify his nativity
with hearts of compassion,
deeds of kindly service,
and the spirit of goodwill toward all mankind;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

ABSOLUTION

Celebrant

The God who promised never to leave us or forsake us has come to us in Jesus Christ who binds up the brokenhearted, heals all our infirmities, and relieves our burden of sin. So arise, shine; for your light has come. And the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. **Amen.**

PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

The Peace is then exchanged and the people are seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

HOLY COMMUNION

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.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Ascribe to the Lord
St. Margaret's Chorale

Dunn-Powell

The people stand as able.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer A

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.**

Celebrant

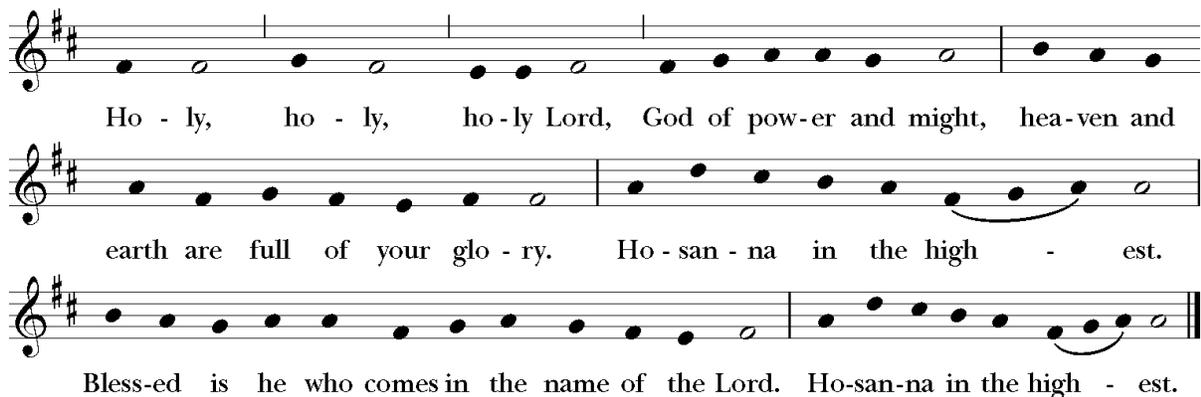
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

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:

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.

Then the Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant:

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

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

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 ANTHEM

Ave Maria
 St. Margaret's Chorale

Schubert

COMMUNION HYMN

My Lord, what a morning

Negro Spiritual

My Lord, what a morn-ing, My Lord, what a morn-ing,— O
 my Lord, what a morn-ing, When the stars be-gin to fall.

Unison

1. You'll hear the trum - pet sound, _____
 2. You'll hear the sin - ner mourn, _____ To wake the
 3. You'll hear the Chris - tian shout, _____

na - tions un - der - ground, _____ Look - ing to my God's right

hand, When the stars be - gin to fall. _____ *D.C.*

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.**

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant
 Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

**God for whom we wait,
 you have fed us with the bread of eternal life:
 keep us ever watchful.
 that we may be ready
 to welcome the Son of Man,
 Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

BLESSING

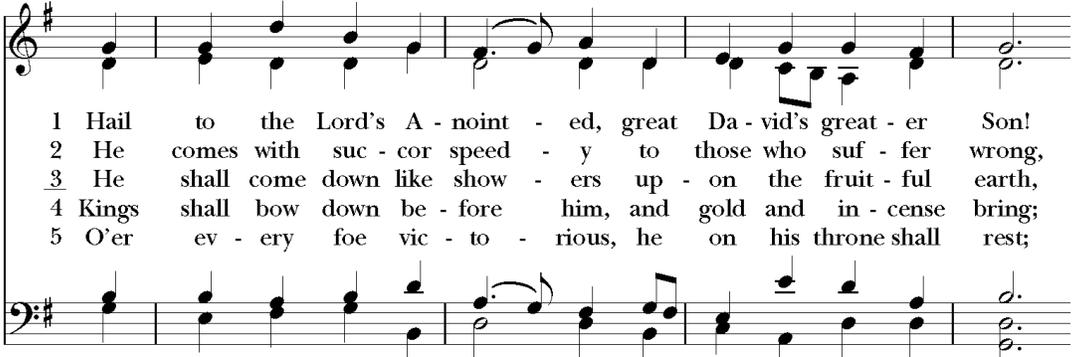
Celebrant

May he whose second Coming in power and great glory we await, make you steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and constant in love. **Amen.**

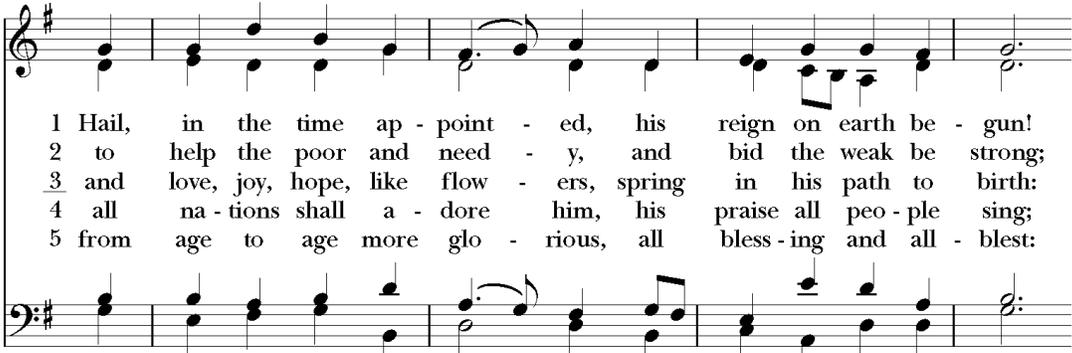
HYMN

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

Es flog ein kleins Waldvoglein



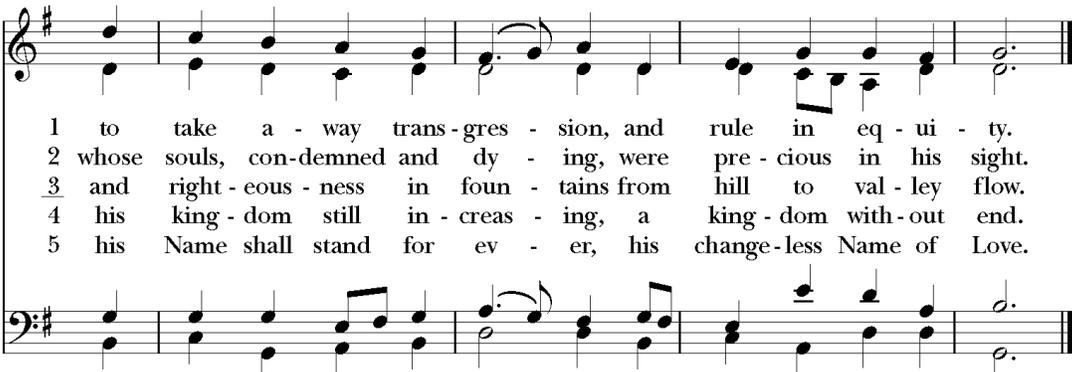
1 Hail to the Lord's A - noint - ed, great Da - vid's great - er Son!
2 He comes with suc - cor speed - y to those who suf - fer wrong,
3 He shall come down like show - ers up - on the fruit - ful earth,
4 Kings shall bow down be - fore him, and gold and in - cense bring;
5 O'er ev - ery foe vic - to - rious, he on his throne shall rest;



1 Hail, in the time ap - point - ed, his reign on earth be - gun!
2 to help the poor and need - y, and bid the weak be strong;
3 and love, joy, hope, like flow - ers, spring in his path to birth:
4 all na - tions shall a - dore him, his praise all peo - ple sing;
5 from age to age more glo - rious, all bless - ing and all - blest:



1 He comes to break op - pres - sion, to set the cap - tive free;
2 to give them songs for sigh - ing, their dark - ness turn to light,
3 be - fore him on the moun - tains shall peace, the her - ald, go;
4 to him shall prayer un - ceas - ing and dai - ly vows a - scend;
5 the tide of time shall nev - er his cov - e - nant re - move;



1 to take a - way trans - gres - sion, and rule in eq - ui - ty.
2 whose souls, con - demned and dy - ing, were pre - cious in his sight.
3 and right - eous - ness in foun - tains from hill to val - ley flow.
4 his king - dom still in - creas - ing, a king - dom with - out end.
5 his Name shall stand for ev - er, his change - less Name of Love.

DISMISSAL

Celebrant As we await our coming Savior, go in peace to love and serve the Lord. In the name of Christ.

People **Alleluia. Amen.**

POSTLUDE

ST. MARGARET'S STAFF

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