

# ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH

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**The Second Sunday of Advent  
Holy Eucharist, Rite II  
December 8, 2019  
9:00 & 11:15 a.m.**

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## 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 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). 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.

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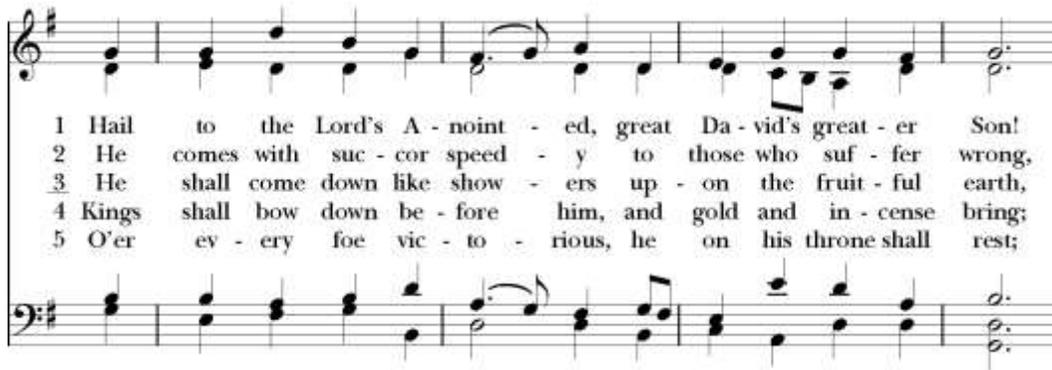
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*Absolution by Thom Shuman*

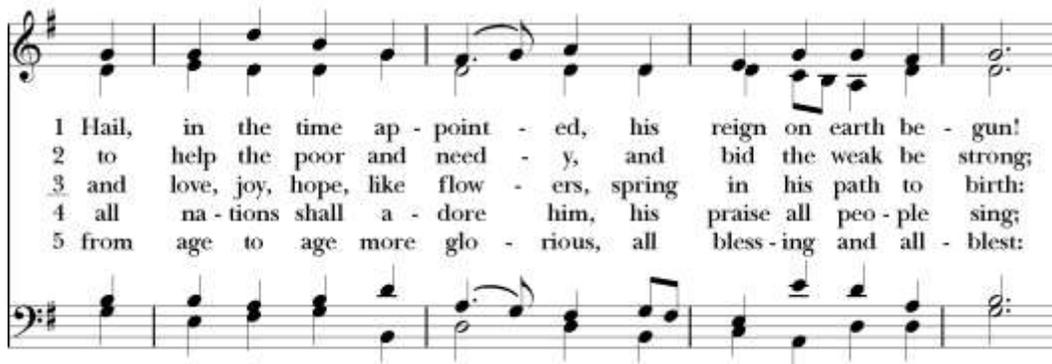
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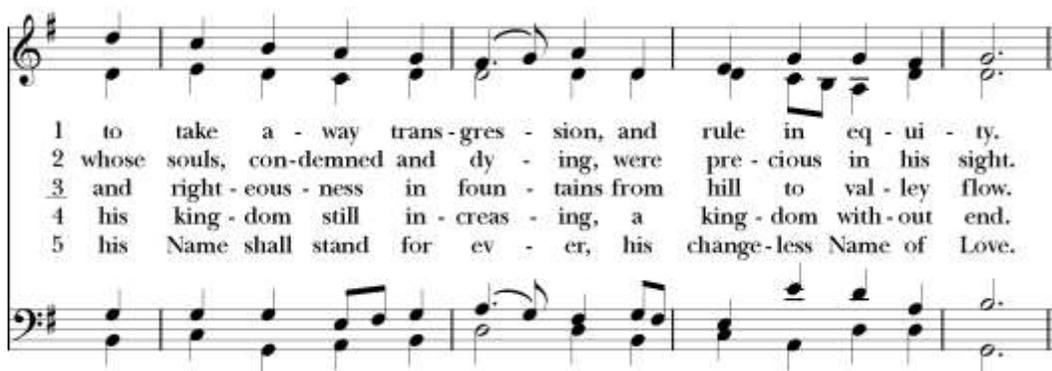
1 Hail to the Lord's A - noint - ed, great Da - vid's great - er Son!  
 2 He comes with suc - cor speed - y to those who suf - fer wrong,  
 3 He shall come down like show - ers up - on the fruit - ful earth,  
 4 Kings shall bow down be - fore him, and gold and in - cense bring;  
 5 O'er ev - ery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

## OPENING ACCLAMATION

*Celebrant*  
*People*

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
**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.

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 11:1-10

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,  
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him,  
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,  
the spirit of counsel and might,  
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.

His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see,  
or decide by what his ears hear;

but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,  
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;  
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,  
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.  
Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,  
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

The wolf shall live with the lamb,  
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,  
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,  
and a little child shall lead them.

The cow and the bear shall graze,  
their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,  
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.

They will not hurt or destroy  
on all my holy mountain;  
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord  
as the waters cover the sea.

On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

Reader           The Word of the Lord.

People           **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 72:1-7, 18-19

*adapted after 'A New Plainsong' (D. Hurd)*

*The Choir/Cantor chants the Antiphon. The People then repeat.*

*The Choir/Cantor chants the psalm. The People then sing the Antiphon at the end.*



- 1 Give the King your justice, O God, \*  
and your righteousness to the King's Son;
- 2 That he may rule your people righteously \*  
and the poor with justice;
- 3 That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, \*  
and the little hills bring righteousness.
- 4 He shall defend the needy among the people; \*  
he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.
- 5 He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, \*  
from one generation to another.

- 6 He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, \*  
like showers that water the earth.
- 7 In his time shall the righteous flourish; \*  
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.
- 18 Blessed be the Lord God, the God of Israel, \*  
who alone does wondrous deeds!
- 19 And blessed be his glorious Name for ever! \*  
and may all the earth be filled with his glory. Amen. *(The People repeat the Antiphon.)*

## SECOND LESSON

Romans 15:4-13

A reading from the letter to the Romans.

Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

"Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles,  
and sing praises to your name";  
and again he says,

"Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people";  
and again,  
"Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,  
and let all the peoples praise him";

and again Isaiah says,

"The root of Jesse shall come,  
the one who rises to rule the Gentiles;  
in him the Gentiles shall hope."

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

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*

1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an -  
 2 Then cleansed be ev - ery breast from sin; make  
 3 For thou art our sal - va - tion, Lord, our  
 4 To heal the sick stretch out thine hand, and  
 5 All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to thee, whose

1 noun - ces that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,  
 2 straight the way for God with - in, and let each heart pre -  
 3 re - fuge, and our great re - ward; with - out thy grace we  
 4 bid the fall - en sin - ner stand; shine forth, and let thy  
 5 ad - vent doth thy peo - ple free; whom with the Fa - ther

1 for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings.  
 2 pare a home where such a might - y guest may come.  
 3 waste a - way like flowers that with - er and de - cay.  
 4 light re - store earth's own true love - li - ness once more.  
 5 we a - dore and Ho - ly Spi - rit ev - er - more.

## GOSPEL

Matthew 3:1-12

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

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

'Prepare the way of the Lord,  
 make his paths straight.'

Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume 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.

"I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

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

## **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**

*Leader*

As we celebrate joyfully in anticipation of your coming son,  
we recognize that joy does not come as easily to everyone's lips.  
So many people are using their lips to cry out for healing in a broken world.

**Gracious God, be mindful of your mercy.**

We pray this day especially for people in places of violence,  
who struggle to find happiness and fulfillment,  
who hunger for love and compassion.

**Gracious God, be mindful of your mercy.**

We pray for women and men who are the victims of domestic violence,  
who endure pain and physical abuse, or who long for peace and healing.

**Gracious God, be mindful of your mercy.**

We pray for people who suffer from substance abuse,  
who seek an escape from that which they cannot solve by themselves,  
who despair at seeing no way out.

**Gracious God, be mindful of your mercy.**

We pray for worshiping communities of all faiths that seek to heal the world,  
who preach love in the face of hate and welcome the stranger as a friend,  
who work to better themselves and share their blessings with others.

**Gracious God, be mindful of your mercy.**

We pray for those dear to us who struggle with illnesses, especially...  
We pray for those who desire comfort in the face of constant pain,  
who wait for healing and peace.

**Gracious God, be mindful of your mercy.**

We pray for those who shiver in the cold and fear the unknown,  
who search for people to acknowledge them as human.

**Gracious God, be mindful of your mercy.**

We pray for those who have lost loved ones recently, especially the families of...  
For those who grieve the loss of children and parents and other family and friends,  
who find the holidays a difficult time where joy is hard to find, we pray.

**Gracious God, be mindful of your mercy.**

*Celebrant*     O Lord, we trust that you are a God of righteousness, mercy, and steadfast love. We hope for the day when you will wipe away every tear and death and pain will be no more. Until that day comes, be mindful of your mercy and forget not your children. This we pray in you holy and merciful name. **Amen.**

## CONFESSION OF SIN

*Celebrant* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*The people may kneel or stand as able.*

*Celebrant and People*

**Lord God,**

**we praise you for sending light into this world.**

**We confess that we live as though the light had never defeated darkness.**

**We confess that we ignore the Savior you sent to be among us and to live in us.**

**We've kept the birth of your Son confined to the Christmas season**

**and do not yearn for his coming each moment in our waiting hearts.**

**Forgive us for not opening our eyes to Jesus.**

**Prepare us for His return.**

**Help us rejoice in the light,**

**so that your grace can illuminate**

**the darkened places of our hearts. Amen.**

## 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

# HOLY COMMUNION

*The people remain seated while offertory music is sung or 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.*

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## OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“Once he came in blessing”

*Youth Chorale*

*arr. Mark Sedio*

*Once he came in blessing, all our sins redressing;  
came in likeness lowly, Son of God most holy;  
bore the cross to save us; hope and freedom gave us.  
Still he comes within us; still his voice would win us  
from the sins that hurt us; would to truth convert us  
from our foolish error ere he comes in terror.  
Thus, if we have known him, not ashamed to own him,  
nor have spurned him coldly, but will trust him boldly,  
He will then receive you, heal you, and forgive you.  
Those who then are loyal find a welcome royal.  
Come, then, O Lord Jesus, from our sins release us;  
let us here confess you, till in heaven we bless you.*

The people stand as able when directed.

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer D

*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 truly right to glorify you, O God, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

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.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

## SANCTUS

D. 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*

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

O God, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new. And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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."

Loving God, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

*Celebrant and People*

**We praise you, we bless you,  
we give thanks to you,  
and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

*The Celebrant continues*

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Margaret, and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

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

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

## AGNUS DEI

D. 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.*

**ANTHEM** (9:00 AM)

"Come to us, Emmanuel"  
*Spirit Singers*

Carol McClure

*Come to us, Emmanuel, Christ, whose hope we now await,  
Whose birth the prophets did foretell, Come to us, we pray.  
Come to us, Emmanuel, Christ, whose love we now await,  
Whose birth the prophets did foretell, Come to us, we pray.  
Come to us, Emmanuel, Christ, whose joy we now await,  
Whose birth the prophets did foretell, Come to us, we pray.  
Come to us, Emmanuel, Christ, whose peace we now await,  
Whose birth the prophets did foretell, Come to us, we pray.  
Come to us, Emmanuel, Christ, whose light we now await,  
Whose birth the prophets did foretell, Shine in us, we pray.*

## HYMN

## Comfort, comfort ye my people

Psalm 42

1 Com - fort, com - fort ye my peo - ple, speak ye peace, thus  
 2 Hark, the voice of one that cri - eth in the des - ert  
 3 Make ye straight what long was crook - ed, make the rough - er

saith our God; com - fort those who sit in dark - ness  
 far and near, call - ing us to new re - pent - ance  
 pla - ces plain; let your hearts be true and hum - ble,

mourn - ing 'neath their sor - rows' load. Speak ye to Je -  
 since the king - dom now is here. Oh, that warn - ing  
 as be - fits his ho - ly reign. For the glo - ry

ru - sa - lem of the peace that waits for them;  
 cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way;  
 of the Lord now o'er earth is shed a - broad;

tell her that her sins I cov - er,  
 let the val - leys rise to meet him  
 and all flesh shall see the to - ken

and her war - fare now is o - ver.  
 and the hills bow down to greet him.  
 that the word is nev - er bro - ken.

## HYMN

## Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding

Merton

1 Hark! a thrill - ing voice is sound - ing; "Christ is nigh," it seems to say;  
 2 Wak - ened by the sol - emn warn - ing, from earth's bond - age let us rise;  
 3 Lo! the Lamb, so long ex - pect - ed, comes with par - don down from heaven;  
 4 so when next he comes with glo - ry, and the world is wrapped in fear,  
 5 Hon - or, glo - ry, might, and bless - ing to the Fa - ther and the Son,

1 "Cast a - way the works of dark - ness, O ye child - ren of the day."  
 2 Christ, our sun, all sloth dis - pel - ling, shines up - on the morn - ing skies,  
 3 let us haste, with tears of sor - row, one and all to be for - given;  
 4 may he with his mer - cy shield us, and with words of love draw near.  
 5 with the ev - er - last - ing Spi - rit while un - end - ing a - ges run.

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*

**O Lord our God,  
make us watchful and keep us faithful  
as we await the coming of your Son our Lord;  
that, when he shall appear,  
he may not find us sleeping in sin  
but active in his service  
and joyful in his praise;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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

Christ is the world's true light

St. Joan

1 Christ is the world's true Light, its Cap-tain of sal - va - tion,  
2 In Christ all rac - es meet, their an-cient feuds for - get - ting,  
3 One Lord, in one great Name u - nite us all who own thee;

the Day - star clear and bright of ev - ery race and na - tion;  
the whole round world com - plete, from sun-rise to its set - ting;  
cast out our pride and shame that hin-der to en - throne thee;

new life, new hope a - wakes, for all who own his sway;  
 when Christ is throned as Lord all shall for - sake their fear,  
 the world has wait - ed long, has tra - vailed long in pain;

free - dom her bond - age breaks, and night is turned to day.  
 to plough-share beat the sword, to prun - ing - hook the spear.  
 to heal its an - cient wrong, come, Prince of Peace, and reign.

**DISMISSAL**

*Celebrant*  
*People*

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

**POSTLUDE**

**In This Service**

Celebrant  
 Preacher  
 Music  
 Eucharistic Ministers 9:00  
 Lectors 9:00  
 Acolytes 9:00

The Rev. Patti Sachs  
 The Rev. Peter W. Mayer  
 Jim Douglas, Youth Chorale, Spirit Singers  
 Katy Strother, Jim Barnett  
 Charlie Lang, Karyn Sproles  
 Ella Tomko, Hannah Ruegg, Dylan Bishop Kaden Huntley,  
 Caroline Viscardi

Children's Chapel  
 Eucharistic Ministers 11:15  
 Lectors 11:15  
 Acolytes 11:15  
 Altar Guild  
 Flower Guild  
 Coffeeshour Hosts

Kristen Berthelotte, Arvilla Wubbenhorst  
 George Saroch, Jim Reising  
 Rex Pingle, Sarah Hyde  
 Wes Reising, Grace Feldmann, Caroline VanArsdall  
 Nancy Saroch, Stephanie Ceruolo, Lynn Goff, Lisa Moylan  
 Stacy Canuel  
 Justyn Kopack, Elizabeth Kopack, Heidi Ruegg, Web Chamberlin



Advent  
Lessons  
&  
Carols

Sunday, December 8

5:00 p.m.

Usher in the season as we celebrate the story of Advent.



Featuring the choirs of St. Margaret's  
and parishioner Kristen Berthelotte on harp.

Join us this

Christmas

@ St. Margaret's

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### Sunday Services

7:30 a.m. Rite I (No music)  
9:00, 11:15 a.m. (Rite II with music)  
Sunday School Hour - 10:20-11:00 a.m.

Childcare provided 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

### Monday Faith & Fellowship Evenings

5:15-6:00 p.m. - Spirit Singers (K-5)  
5:30-6:15 p.m. - Youth Chorale  
5:45-6:15 p.m. - Acolyte Practice  
6:00 p.m. - Arts & Crafts  
Fellowship Meal @ 6:20 p.m.  
6:45 - 8:30 p.m. - Youth Group  
7:00 p.m. - Adult Formation Studies  
7:00 - Motet Ensemble Rehearsal

Childcare provided 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Advent Lessons & Carols  
featuring choirs of St. Margaret's  
\*December 8, 2019 - 5:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve  
\*3:00, \*5:00 p.m.  
Family-friendly, Activities at 4 p.m.  
\*7:30, 10:30 p.m.  
Choral prelude, Traditional services

Christmas Day  
10 a.m., Traditional w/ Carols

Christmas Lessons & Carols  
Sunday, December 29  
\*9:00 & \*11:15 a.m.  
New Year's Brunch at 10:15 a.m.

Children's Epiphany Pageant  
January 5, 2020  
10:20 a.m.

\* Childcare provided in nursery ages 0-4

# Honor & Remember Loved Ones This Christmas

Parishioners are invited to make a donation to provide poinsettias or wreaths for the sanctuary this Christmas season in memory of a loved one or in honor of someone special. These donations will be notated in Christmas-related bulletins.



Poinsettias are \$25 and wreaths are \$40.

Complete this form and make checks out to "St. Margaret's Church" notating "Christmas flowers" on the memo line.

Place orders in an offertory plate or mail to the church office. Purchases can also be made by credit card by going to [onrealm.org/smeannapolis/Give](http://onrealm.org/smeannapolis/Give). Deadline for purchases is Sunday, December 15th.

Enclosed is \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ poinsettias and/or \_\_\_\_\_ wreaths.

in loving memory of

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or in thanksgiving for

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By: \_\_\_\_\_

