WELCOME

HYMN

O Love of God, how strong and true
O wide-em-bracing, won-drous Love, we read thee
We read thee best in him who came to bear for
We read thy power to bless and save e'en in the

and yet ev-er new; un-com-pre-hend-ed and un-
in the sky a-bove; we read thee in the earth be-
us the cross of shame, sent by the Fa-ther from on
dark-ness of the grave; still more in re-sur-rec-tion

bought, be-yond all know-ledge and all thought.
low, in seas that swell and streams that flow.
high, our life to live, our death to die.
light we read the full-ness of thy might.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.
People God's mercy endures forever.

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.
Celebrant  The Lord be with you.
People    And also with you.
Celebrant  Let us pray.

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever, Amen.

First Lesson

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel.

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, “Mortal, can these bones live?” I answered, “O Lord God, you know.” Then he said to me, “Prophesy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord.”

So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, “Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.” I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

Then he said to me, “Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.’ Therefore prophesy, and say to them,
Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act,” says the Lord.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

**Gradual (said by half verse)**

Psalm 130

1 Out of the depths have I called to you, O Lord; 
   Lord, hear my voice; * 
   let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.

2 If you, Lord, were to note what is done amiss, * 
   O Lord, who could stand?

3 For there is forgiveness with you; * 
   therefore you shall be feared.

4 I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for him; * 
   in his word is my hope.

5 My soul waits for the Lord, 
   more than watchmen for the morning, * 
   more than watchmen for the morning.

6 O Israel, wait for the Lord, * 
   for with the Lord there is mercy;

7 With him there is plenteous redemption, * 
   and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

**Epistle**

Romans 8:6-11

A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans.

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.
Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, “Lord, he whom you love is ill.” But when Jesus heard it, he said, “This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God’s glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.” Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

Then after this he said to the disciples, “Let us go to Judea again.” The disciples said to him, “Rabbi, the temple authorities were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?” Jesus answered, “Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them.” After saying this, he told them, “Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him.” The disciples said to him, “Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right.” Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, “Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.” Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, “Let us also go, that we may die with him.”

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the people had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.” Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.” Martha said to him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.”
Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?” She said to him, “Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.”

When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, “The Teacher is here and is calling for you.” And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The people who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?”

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.” Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?” So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, “Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.” When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”

Many of the people therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

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

SERMON The Rev. Patti Sachs

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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

Lord Jesus Christ, you traveled through towns and villages “curing every disease and illness.” At your command, the sick were made well. In the midst of the global spread of COVID-19, may all experience your healing love.
Lord, hear our prayer.

Heal those who are sick. May they regain their strength and health through quality medical care.
Lord, hear our prayer.

Heal us from our fear, which prevents nations from working together and neighbors from helping one another.
Lord, hear our prayer.

Heal us from our pride, which can make us claim invulnerability to a disease that knows no borders.
Lord, hear our prayer.

Stay by our side in this time of uncertainty and sorrow.
Lord, hear our prayer.

Be with those who have died from COVID-19 and other illnesses.
May they be at rest with you in your eternal peace.

Be with the families of those who are sick or have died. As they worry and grieve, defend them from illness and despair.
May they know your peace.

Be with the doctors, nurses, researchers and all medical professionals who seek to heal and help those affected and who put themselves at risk in the process.
May they know your protection and peace.

Be with the leaders of all nations. Give them the foresight to act with charity and true concern for the well-being of the people they are meant to serve. Give them the wisdom to invest in long-term solutions that will help prepare for or prevent future outbreaks.
May they know your peace as they work together to achieve it on earth.

Celebrant
Whether we are home or abroad, surrounded by many people suffering from this illness or only a few, Jesus Christ, stay with us as we endure and mourn, persist and prepare. In place of our anxiety, give us your peace.
Amen.
CONFESSION OF SIN

Celebrant and People

God of truth and justice,
we have not lived up to the gifts that you have given to us.
Have mercy on your people gathered before you;
strengthen us in the certainty of your forgiveness and enduring love.
Teach us how to respond to this greatest of gifts in lives full of grace,
bearing fruit in our own love and forgiveness,
witnessing always to your glory and your graciousness.
We ask this in the name of your son and our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Celebrant  Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

PEACE

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY MUSIC

“Out of the depths I call”  Samuel Howard

Out of the depths I call, to God I send my cry; Lord, hear my supplicating voice and graciously reply.
My soul with patience waits for thee, the living Lord, my hopes are on thy promise built, thy never-failing word.
My longing eyes look out for thy enlivening ray, more duly than the morning watch to spy the dawning day.
Let Israel trust in God, no bounds his mercy knows; the plenteous source and spring from whence redemption ever flows.

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GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

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

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.
And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

**SANCTUS**

The Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

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

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

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

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

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

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the
sins of the world: have mercy on us. Lamb of God,
you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

**Invitation to Communion**

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ lived and died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

**Communion Music** “Jesus, lover of my soul”

Joseph Parry

Jesus, Lover of my soul, let me to thy bosom fly, while the nearer waters roll, while the tempest still is high:
hide me, O my Savior, hide, till the storm of life be past; safe into the haven guide, O receive my soul at last.
Other refuge have I none, hangs my helpless soul on thee; leave, ah! leave me not alone, still support and comfort me!
All my trust on thee is stayed; all my help from thee I bring; cover my defenseless head with the shadow of thy wing.
Plenteous grace with thee is found, grace to cleanse from every sin; let the healing streams abound, make and keep me pure within.
Thou of life the fountain art, freely let me take of thee: spring thou up within my heart, rise to all eternity.
**POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

*Lord Jesus Christ,*
*you taught us that what we do*
*for the least of our brothers and sisters we do also for you:*
*give us the will to be the servant of others*
*as you were the servant of all,*
*who gave up your life and died for us,*
*yet live and reign, now and for ever. Amen.*

**BLESSING**

And now may the things which we do this day be pleasing to God, may the rest of our lives be lived faithfully, and at last we may come to God’s eternal joy; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you, and remain with you always. Amen.

**HYMN**

O Christ, who shared our mortal life

1. O Christ, who shared our mortal life and ended death’s long reign, who
2. Two weeping sisters, worn by grief and mired in deepest gloom, stood
3. The resurrection and the life For all the world am I! And
4. Death’s power holds us still in thrall and bears us toward the tomb. Death’s

Healed the sick and raised the dead, who bore our grief and pain: we
Watching where their brother lay within a rock-sealed tomb. O
Those who hear and trust my word shall live, although they die! The
dark-ning cloud hangs like a pall that threatens earth with doom. But

Know our years on earth are few, that death is always near. Come
Lord, you met them as they mourned, and wept compassion’s tear. But
You have broken death’s embrace and torn away its sting. Re-

Now to us, O Lord of Life; bring hope that conquers fear!
Martha, sore with sorrow, said, “He’d lived had you been here!”
Waking, breathing once again, From death to life he came!
Store to life our mortal race and raise us, risen King!

**DISMISSAL**

Celebrant Let us bless the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.
IN THIS SERVICE
The Rev. Peter W. Mayer, The Rev. Patti Sachs, Clergy
Jim Douglas, Director of Music & Organist
Russell Jackson, Soloist & Lector

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Office Closure
As much as possible, please refrain from visiting the office. Dedicated one or two persons only will stop by the office some, but otherwise they have been instructed to stay home and work remotely until we can be together again.

Holy Week and Easter
As you now know, Bishop Sutton has decided that public worship in the Diocese of Maryland is suspended until May 16 or until further notice. Presiding Bishop Michael Curry has announced the need to suspend in-person gatherings for public worship, in most contexts, during the sacred time of Holy Week and Easter Day. The staff is busily planning for online programs from Palm Sunday through Easter morning. Details will be shared in Dragon Tales and on our Facebook public page.

Facebook Posts to Keep Connecting
Staff will be posting on our public Facebook page (www.facebook.com/smcannapolis) each day in the morning, afternoon and evening. This public page is available (embedded) on our website homepage at www.st-margarets.org. Please help us communicate and connect daily to continue our parish bond throughout this stressful time.

Prayers of the People

Short-Term - Audrey, Spencer Johnson, Allen Moore, Joe, Iris and Briana, John, Luis, Debbie, Suzie, Kathy, and Bridget, as well as those who have been infected by the Coronavirus.

Long Term - Rose Duray, Jeff, Annabel, Amanda Freeland, Nancy White, Karen Bond, Bill Gadzuk, Maureen Ahern, Tom Schall, David Schroeder, Pete Wright, Linda Larkin, Lolly Stewart, Joyce Hall, Jean Calderone, Charles Rector, Danielle Krolick, Carol Ferguson, Lizzie Bracken.

Deceased - Sheldon Levitas - As well as all of the victims of the Coronavirus and their families all over the world.

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Remember what I’m calling the three “stay-c’s” – stay calm, stay connected, stay church – that will get you through these stressful times:

1. Stay calm. Don’t give in to fear, despair and anger. We are all stressed and on edge to some extent, so try to take a deep breath before flying off the handle emotionally at every little thing that doesn’t go well. Give yourself a break – and give others a break, too. Make a special effort these days to be as Jesus was in that boat when his disciples were crippled in fear, when after resting in God he said, “Peace…be still.” Stay calm.

2. Stay connected. If your church livestreams its services, turn on your laptops, tablets or mobile phones and join in. Let us know if your parish needs help getting started. But if your congregation cannot for any reason livestream at this time, then always know that you can join in to your cathedral church’s services every Sunday and during Holy Week – and I’ve encouraged your clergy to consider NOT having to put on every Holy Week liturgy, but instead encourage their church members to join with the whole diocese in the livestreamed services offered from the cathedral. For those of you at home who are just not technologically equipped to log on to any service, you can do two things: 1) rejoice that your church is still providing worship services, and you can pray for them even as they are worshipping online, and 2) You can still pick up the phone and stay connected that way. Call your priest or deacon; pray with them on the phone. Call someone in the church to let them know you were thinking about them. Check in with family members and loved ones near and far. Find new and creative ways to connect, and stay connected.

3. Stay “Church.” We are reminded more than ever in this crisis of something that we always “knew”, but never fully realized until now: that “the church is not the building.” We, the people, are the Church! The present crisis is forcing us to return to our roots as a Church, not defining ourselves as tied to a particular sanctuary, but as a people building a holy sanctuary within. If we stay calm and stay connected with one another, we will find that our church, our congregation, no matter how small or large, will grow stronger in this period, not weaker. Staying church means that we, in the words of the Eucharistic prayer, will find many ways to remain “fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by God’s Word and Sacraments.” We will focus this season of not being able to receive the Sacrament, on “being Sacrament” for others in our congregations, in our families, and in our communities.

Several years ago, on a cold rainy afternoon in Rome, Italy, I was with a group of choir members on a pilgrimage of singing through Italy, led by my wife. We were crowded into a cold damp room in the catacombs outside the city walls. We were reading scriptures, praying and singing songs there as we did a service of the Commemoration of All Faithful Departed. We were surrounded by the bones of those who had gone before, almost two thousand years ago; their bodies were now dust. But they, those unknown early Christians, were alive! There in the flickering candlelit shadows, we felt their presence and found ourselves rejoicing in the catacombs of the dead even as we recited Psalm 23: “Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I WILL FEAR NO EVIL, FOR THOU O GOD ARE WITH ME.” We remembered that for Christians, death’s shadow casts no fear. To live in the cross’ shadow is not the same thing as “living in darkness,” which is living into our own shadows. For the cross is ultimately a symbol of victory, not defeat for us. At the cross is all the pain, all the suffering, all the senseless death and destruction, all the injustices of life…and God takes it all on upon Himself. “In the shadow of death may we not look back to the past, but seek in utter darkness the dawn of God.” Pierre Teilhard de Chardin

Finally, did you know that yesterday, March 21, was World Poetry Day? Poets help us to see with an economy of words what we sometimes cannot see or name. This one has been shared recently by many around the world, a poem of hope for what we are going through right now.

A poem by Kitty O’Meara, And the People Stayed Home
And the people stayed home. And read books, and listened, and rested, and exercised, and made art, and played games, and learned new ways of being, and were still. And listened more deeply. Some meditated, some prayed, some danced. Some met their shadows. And the people began to think differently.
And the people healed. And, in the absence of people living in ignorant, dangerous, mindless, and heartless ways, the earth began to heal.
And when the danger passed, and the people joined together again, they grieved their losses, and made new choices, and dreamed new images, and created new ways to live and heal the earth fully, as they had been healed.

Amen.