

ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH

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THE TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2020
9:00 A.M. & 11:15 A.M.
HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

WELCOME

PRELUDE

The People stand as able.

HYMN (sung by the cantor)

Jesus calls us o'er the tumult

St. Matthew's, Pennington

1. Je - sus calls us o'er the tu - mult of our
2. Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship of the
3. In our joys and in our sor - rows, days of
4. Je - sus calls us; by thy mer - cies, Sa - vior,

life's wild, rest - less sea; day by day his
vain world's gol - den store, from each i - dol
toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in
may we hear thy call, give our hearts to

sweet voice soun - deth, say - ing "Chris - tian,
that would keep us, say - ing "Chris - tian,
cares and plea - sures, "Chris - tian, love me
thine o - be - dience, serve and love thee

fol - low me," say - ing "Chris - tian, fol - low me."
love me more," say - ing "Chris - tian, love me more."
more than these," "Chris - tian, love me more than these."
best of all, serve and love thee best of all.

The People remain standing as they are able.

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.**

KYRIE ELEISON

Celebrant Lord, have mercy.

People **Christ, have mercy**

Celebrant Lord, have mercy.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The People are seated.

FIRST LESSON

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25

A lesson from the book of Joshua.

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many.

"Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."

Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight.

He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God."

But Joshua said to the people, "You cannot serve the Lord, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. If you forsake the Lord and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good." And the people said to Joshua, "No, we will serve the Lord!" Then Joshua said to the people, "You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the Lord, to serve him." And they said, "We are witnesses." He said, "Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the Lord, the God of Israel." The people said to Joshua, "The Lord our God we will serve, and him we will obey." So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 78:1-7 *(read by the lector)*

- 1 Hear my teaching, O my people; *
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
- 2 I will open my mouth in a parable; *
I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.
- 3 That which we have heard and known,
and what our forefathers have told us, *
we will not hide from their children.
- 4 We will recount to generations to come
the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the Lord, *
and the wonderful works he has done.
- 5 He gave his decrees to Jacob
and established a law for Israel, *
which he commanded them to teach their children;
- 6 That the generations to come might know,
and the children yet unborn; *
that they in their turn might tell it to their children;
- 7 So that they might put their trust in God, *
and not forget the deeds of God,

The People stand as they are able.

HYMN (sung by the cantor)

This day at thy creating word

Winchester New



1. This day at thy cre - a - ting word first o'er the earth the light was poured: O
2. This day the Ho - ly Spi - rit came with fi - ery tongues of clo - ven flame: O
3. O day of light and life and grace, from earth - ly toil sweet res - ting place, thy
4. All praise to God the Fa - ther be, all praise, e - ter - nal Son, to thee, whom,



Lord, this day u - pon us shine and fill our souls with light di - vine.
 Spi - rit, fill our hearts this day with grace to hear and grace to pray.
 hal - lowed hours, blest gift of love, give we a - gain to God a - bove.
 with the Spi - rit, we a - dore for - e - ver and for - e - ver - more.

GOSPEL

Matthew 25:1-13

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

Jesus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

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

The People are seated.

SERMON

The Rev. Patti Sachs

The People stand as they are able.

NICENE CREED

The Celebrant recites for the 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

Form IV

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

STEWARDSHIP PRAYER

Creator God, life is your gift to us. Through Baptism you invite each of us to share the gift of life in service to others. Hear our prayers as we strive to be good stewards. Open the minds and hearts of the people of our parish so that we may accept your challenge to use all our gifts in service to You and in communion with one another to build your Kingdom on earth. Make us keenly aware of all the blessings of our rich lives.

Help us to be good stewards of our time by putting prayer first in our lives. Help us to be good stewards of our talent by putting ourselves at the service of each other. Help us to be good stewards of our treasure by sharing our financial means to build up our Church and aid those in need. Make your love the foundation of our lives. May our love for you express itself through our eagerness to use our time, our talent and our treasure to serve You, your Church and one another. **Amen.**

CONFESSION

Celebrant Let us confess our sins to God and our neighbors.

The Celebrant recites for the People

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. **Amen.**

ABSOLUTION

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.**

Please be seated and respect physical distancing requirements.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOLY COMMUNION

The People stand as able.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer B

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.

For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever proclaim the glory of your Name:

The Celebrant recites for the People

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord; God of power and might; Heaven and earth are full of your glory;
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

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 many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

The Celebrant recites for the 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. Happy are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.

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.

The People are seated. Ushers will indicate when it is time to go to the front to receive. Gluten-free wafers are available for communion. Indicate your wish for a gluten-free wafer by first extending your hands palms down. The square wafers are kept in a separate holder and you are invited to take one from this holder. Wine will not be used at this time due to Covid guidelines.

COMMUNION MUSIC

Break thou the bread of life

William F. Sherwin

*Break now the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, as once you broke the loaves beside the sea.
Beyond the sacred page I seek you, Lord; my spirit waits for you, O living Word.
You are the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, your holy Word the truth that rescues me.
Give me to eat and live with you above; teach me to love your truth, for you are love.
O send your Spirit now, dear Lord, to me, that he may touch my eyes and make me see.
Show me the truth made plain within your Word, for in your book revealed I see you, Lord.*

After Communion, the People stand as able when directed.

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

The Celebrant recites for the People

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

BLESSING

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

1 Je - ho - vah reigns! His throne is high,
2 His ter - rors keep the world in awe;
3 Through all His works His wis - dom shines,
4 And will this glo - rious Lord de - scend

His robes are light and ma - je - sty;
His ju - stice guards His ho - ly law;
And ba - fles Sa - tan's deep de - signs;
To be my Fa - ther and my Friend?

His glo - ry shines with beams so bright,
His love re - veals a smi - ling face;
His pow'r is sov' - reign to - ful - fill;
Then let my songs with an - gels join;

No mor - tal can su - stain the sight.
His truth and pro - mise seal the grace.
The no - blest coun - sels of His will.
Heav'n is se - cure, if God be mine.

DISMISSAL

Celebrant Alleluia. Alleluia. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

POSTLUDE

The altar flowers this morning are dedicated by Judith and Anne Haugh in loving memory of Roy Haugh.

Please be courteous and refrain from talking during the playing of the Postlude.

Please take this bulletin and announcements sheet with you.

Please leave the sanctuary right after the service so cleaning can begin.

There will be no coffee hour after the service.

Give to St. Margaret's

- ✓ Text GIVESMC to 73256
 - ✓ Log on to Realm
- ✓ Place checks in the offertory plate in the back of the sanctuary.

Participants in the Service

Celebrant: The Rev. Peter Mayer, Rector

Preacher: The Rev. Patti Sachs, Assoc. Rector

Organist: Jim Douglas, Director of Music

Cantor: Alli Smith

Readers: Pam Roth, Robert Thomas

Altar Guild: Stephanie Ceroulo, Nancy Saroch, Lynn Goff, Lisa Moylan

Flower Guild: Stacy Canuel

Stewardship Message



**Pledge today:
*in your Realm account
*on a pledge card (in the narthex or in the mail).**

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**(1) Log into your Realm account at onrealm.org
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(2) Check your giving for this year.

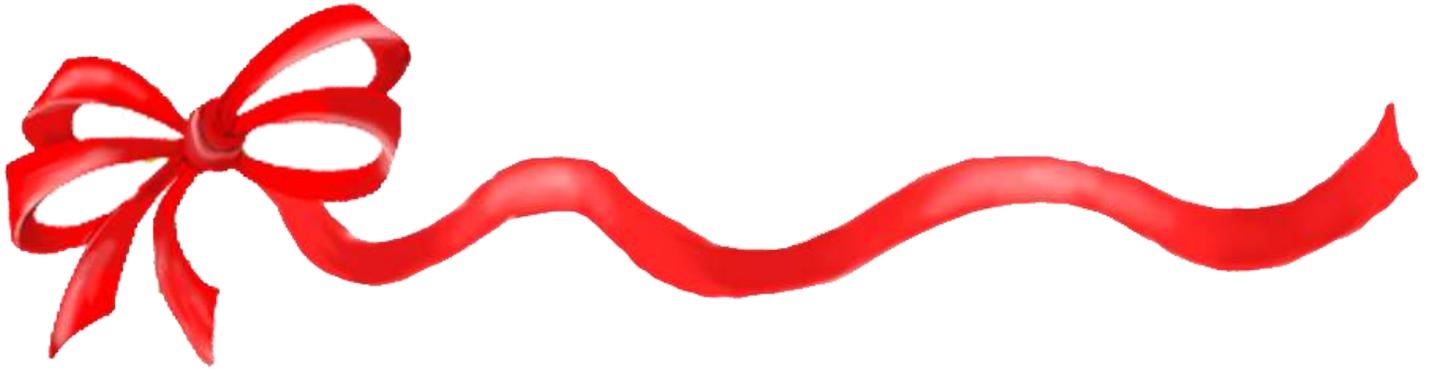
(3) Check your pledge for 2020.

(4) Enter your pledge for 2021.

**Please check to make sure your new pledge is correct.
Did you pledge by week, by month, or by year?**

This year, the Stewardship team has raised \$57,000 to be used in our annual matching campaign. Now any pledges from parishioners who did not pledge last year or which represent an increase over your pledge from last year, will be matched as part of this campaign. We started the matching campaign several years ago and it has been well received by our community. We have found that new, returning (after an absence) and increased pledges quickly capitalize and absorb the match amounts. With \$57,000 in our 2021 match campaign, we have our highest amount ever available. We are counting on the parish to take full advantage of this. Whether you previously contributed to the collection plate, are new to St Margaret's or if you had to take a gap in pledging, we hope you give prayerful consideration to participating in our Stewardship campaign this year. Please contact Zack Greene, Greg Smith, Brad Callahan, Doug Seybert or Dan Tootle if you have questions about Stewardship or the matching campaign.

Christmas @ St. Margaret's



Blue Christmas Service

Dec. 16 – Noon – to be live streamed

Christmas Eve

1:00 p.m. – Traditional Service with organ & soloists

**3:00 p.m. – Family Friendly Outdoor Service
*weather permitting**

**5:00 and 7:00 p.m. – Candlelight Services
with organ, strings & soloists,
live streamed at 7:00 p.m.**

Christmas Day

10:00 a.m.

