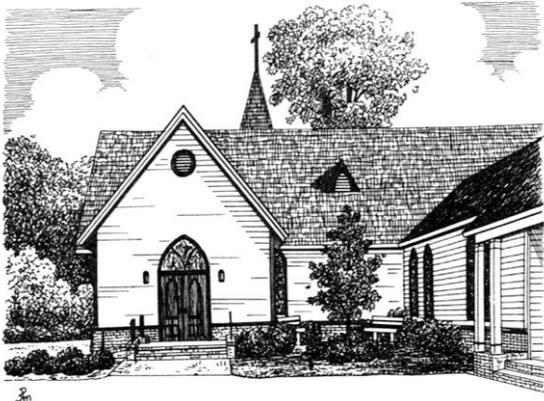


# ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH

ANNAPOLIS • MARYLAND • ESTABLISHED 1692



**THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2017**  
**9:00 A.M. AND 11:15 A.M.**  
**HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II**

## WELCOME TO ST. MARGARET'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

If you are visiting us for the first time, let us offer you an especially warm welcome. We hope that you will enjoy worshipping with us. If at any moment in the service you are not sure what to do, ask any of your neighbors in the congregation—they will be happy to help you. We would like to continue our relationship with you, so please fill out a 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 six. 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 during the 10:15 a.m. to 11 a.m. hour. The Seekers book study group meets in the administrative building. We also offer adult forums in the new building's Fellowship Hall periodically during this formation time period.

## COMMUNION

All are welcome to receive bread and wine during communion, including children. To receive bread, place your hands palms-up at the communion rail. To receive wine, assist the Eucharistic Minister in guiding the chalice to your lips, or you may intinct by dipping the bread in the wine. If you do not wish to receive the bread or wine, place your arms across your chest to receive a blessing. Gluten-free wafers are available. Indicate your request by first extending your hands palms down when at the communion rail. The square wafers are kept in a separate holder, and you are invited to take one from this holder.

## WORSHIP SERVICES

Worship services at St. Margaret's occur on Sundays at 7:30 a.m. (Rite I spoken service), and 9 a.m. & 11:15 a.m. (Rite II with music). We also have a Wednesday morning service at 7:30 a.m. in the administrative conference room. The Liturgy is from the Book of Common Prayer and the music from the "Hymnal 1982," "Wonder, Love, and Praise," and "Voices Found."

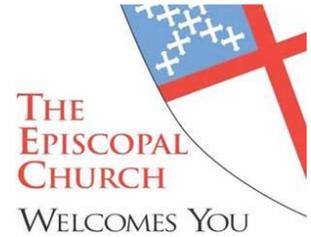
## OUR MISSION

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

**1601 Pleasant Plains Rd, Annapolis, MD 21409 \* 410-974-0200 \* [www.st-margarets.org](http://www.st-margarets.org)**  
**Emergency Pastoral Number: 443-837-5463**



THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
 SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2017  
 9 A.M. AND 11:15 A.M.  
 THE HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II



**PRELUDE**

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

Awake, my soul, stretch every nerve

*Siroe*



1 A - wake, my soul, stretch ev - ery nerve, and press with vi - gor  
 2 A cloud of wit - ness - es a - round hold thee in full sur -  
 3 'Tis God's all - an - i - mat-ing voice that calls thee from on  
 4 Then wake, my soul, stretch ev - ery nerve, and press with vi - gor



on; a heaven - ly race de - mands thy zeal, and  
 vey; for - get the steps al - read - y trod and  
 high; 'tis his own hand pre - sents the prize to  
 on; a heaven - ly race de - mands thy zeal, and



an im - mor - tal crown, and an im - mor - tal crown.  
 on - ward urge thy way, and on - ward urge thy way.  
 thine as - pir - ing eye, to thine as - pir - ing eye.  
 an im - mor - tal crown, and an im - mor - tal crown.

*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.**

GLORIA

Rutter

1. Glo - ry to you, Lord  
God of our fa - thers; you are wor - thy of praise;  
glo - ry to you. 2. Glo - ry to you  
for the ra - di - ance of your ho - ly Name; we will  
praise you and high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er.  
3. Glo - ry to you in the splen - dor of your  
tem - ple; on the throne of your ma - jes - ty, glo - ry to  
you. 4. Glo - ry to you, seat - ed bet -  
ween the Cher - u - bim; we will praise you and  
high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er.

*Descant*

5. Glo - ry to you, \_\_\_\_\_ be -

5. Glo - ry to you, \_\_\_\_\_ be - hold - ing the

hold-ing the depths; \_\_\_\_\_ in the high vault of

depths; \_\_\_\_\_ in the high vault of hea-ven, glo - ry to

hea - ven, 6. Glo - ry to you, \_\_\_\_\_

you. \_\_\_\_\_ 6. Glo - ry to you, \_\_\_\_\_ Fa - ther,

— Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit; we will

Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit; \_\_\_\_\_ we will praise you and

high-ly ex - alt you Glo-ry to you! \_\_\_\_\_

high-ly ex - alt you for ev - er. \_\_\_\_\_

## COLLECT FOR THE DAY

*Celebrant*     The Lord be with you.

*People*        **And also with you.**

*Celebrant*     Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 5:1-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

Let me sing for my beloved  
my love-song concerning his vineyard:  
My beloved had a vineyard  
on a very fertile hill.  
He dug it and cleared it of stones,  
and planted it with choice vines;  
he built a watchtower in the midst of it,  
and hewed out a wine vat in it;  
he expected it to yield grapes,  
but it yielded wild grapes.  
and now, inhabitants of Jerusalem  
and people of Judah,  
judge between me  
and my vineyard.  
What more was there to do for my vineyard  
that I have not done in it?  
When I expected it to yield grapes,  
why did it yield wild grapes?  
And now I will tell you  
what I will do to my vineyard.  
I will remove its hedge,  
and it shall be devoured;  
I will break down its wall,  
and it shall be trampled down.  
I will make it a waste;  
it shall not be pruned or hoed,  
and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns;  
I will also command the clouds  
that they rain no rain upon it.

For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts  
is the house of Israel,  
and the people of Judah  
are his pleasant planting;  
he expected justice,  
but saw bloodshed;  
righteousness,  
but heard a cry!

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

**PSALM 80:7-14** *(said responsively by whole verse)*

7        Restore us, O God of hosts; \*  
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

**8        You have brought a vine out of Egypt; \*  
you cast out the nations and planted it.**

9        You prepared the ground for it; \*  
it took root and filled the land.

**10       The mountains were covered by its shadow \*  
and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.**

11       You stretched out its tendrils to the Sea \*  
and its branches to the River.

**12       Why have you broken down its wall, \*  
so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?**

13       The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it, \*  
and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.

**14       Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven;  
behold and tend this vine; \*  
preserve what your right hand has planted.**

**SECOND READING**

Philippians 3:4b-14

A reading from Paul's letter to the Philippians.

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord.

For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

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

*The people stand as they are able.*

**Children's Chapel** begins here at the 9 a.m. service for children from ages three to second grade. Children leave the nave during this sequence hymn following behind the cross which will come down the aisle and then go into the downstairs annex classroom with the children rejoining their parents at The Peace.

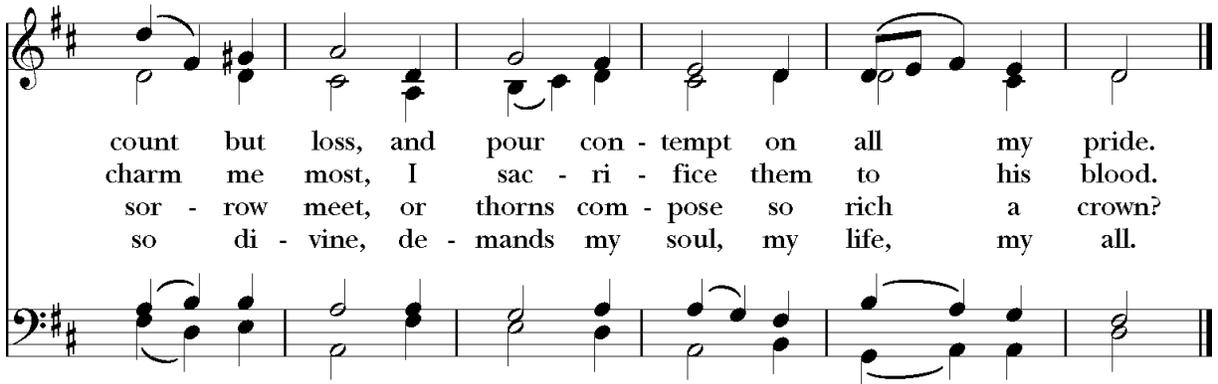
*As the Gospel moment approaches, and the book is processed and the music plays, everyone turns and reorients themselves to face where the Gospel is, for the teachings of Jesus reorient our lives towards Him, and at this moment, we become the Jesus Movement. –Presiding Bishop Michael Curry*

**SEQUENCE HYMN**

When I survey the wondrous cross

Rockingham

1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross where the young  
 2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the  
 3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet sor - row and  
 4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were an  
 Prince of Glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I  
 cross of Christ, my God: all the vain things that  
 love flow min - gled down! Did e'er such love and  
 of - fering far too small; love so a - maz - ing,



count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.  
 charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.  
 sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?  
 so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

**GOSPEL**

Matthew 21:33-46

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

Jesus said, "Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.'" So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time."

Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures:

'The stone that the builders rejected  
 has become the cornerstone;  
 this was the Lord's doing,  
 and it is amazing in our eyes'?

Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls."

When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

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

**SERMON**

The Rev. Dr. Rhettta Wiley

*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

Form VI

*Leader*

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Silence*

For all people in their daily life and work;

**For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

For this community, the nation, and the world;

**For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

For the just and proper use of your creation;

**For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

**For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

**For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and Eugene and Chilton, our Bishops; and for all bishops and other ministers;

**For all who serve God in his Church.**

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

*(The People may add their own petitions.)*

Hear us, Lord;

**For your mercy is great.**

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

*(The People may add their own thanksgivings.)*

We will exalt you, O God our King;

**And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

*(The People may add their own petitions.)*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

**Who put their trust in you.**

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Leader and People*

**Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;**

**in your compassion forgive us our sins,**

**known and unknown,**

**things done and left undone;**

**and so uphold us by your Spirit**

**that we may live and serve you in newness of life,**

**to the honor and glory of your Name;**

**through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.**

*The Peace is then exchanged and the people are seated.*

## **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Vinea mea electa  
Motet Ensemble

Viadana

Vinea mea electa, ego te plantavi:  
quomodo conversa es in amaritudinem,  
ut me crucifigeres et Barrabam dimitteres.  
Sepivi te, et lapides elegi ex te,  
et ædificavi turrim.

O vineyard, my chosen one. I planted thee.  
How is thy sweetness turned into bitterness,  
to crucify me and take Barabbas in my place?  
I protected thee; I took the hard stones away from thy path,  
and built a tower in thy defence.

*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.*

*(You may use this QR code to connect to our online giving site with your cell phone.)*



*The people stand as able when directed.*

## HOLY COMMUNION

### GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer B

*The people stand as able.*

*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 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 on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

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

Powell

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 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,

*Celebrant and People*

**We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory.**

*The Celebrant continues*

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 & 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.**

## FRACTION ANTHEM

*Antiphon*  
*Cantor, then all*

The dis - ci - ples knew the Lord Je - sus in the break - ing



when thou camest to earth for me;  
 pro - claim - ing thy royal de - gree;  
 in the shade of the ce - dar tree;  
 that should set thy peo - ple free;  
 at thy com - ing to vic - to - ry,

but in Beth - le - hem's home was there found no room  
 but in low - ly birth didst thou come to earth,  
 but thy couch was the sod, O thou son of God,  
 but with mock - ing scorn and with crown of thorn  
 let thy voice call me home, say - ing "Yet there is room,

for thy ho - ly na - ti - vi - ty:  
 and in great hu - mi - li - ty:  
 in the de - sert of Gal - i - lee:  
 they bore thee to Cal - va - ry:  
 there is room at my side for thee:"

*Refrain*

O come to my heart, Lord Je - sus;

there is room in my heart for thee.

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*  
**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.**

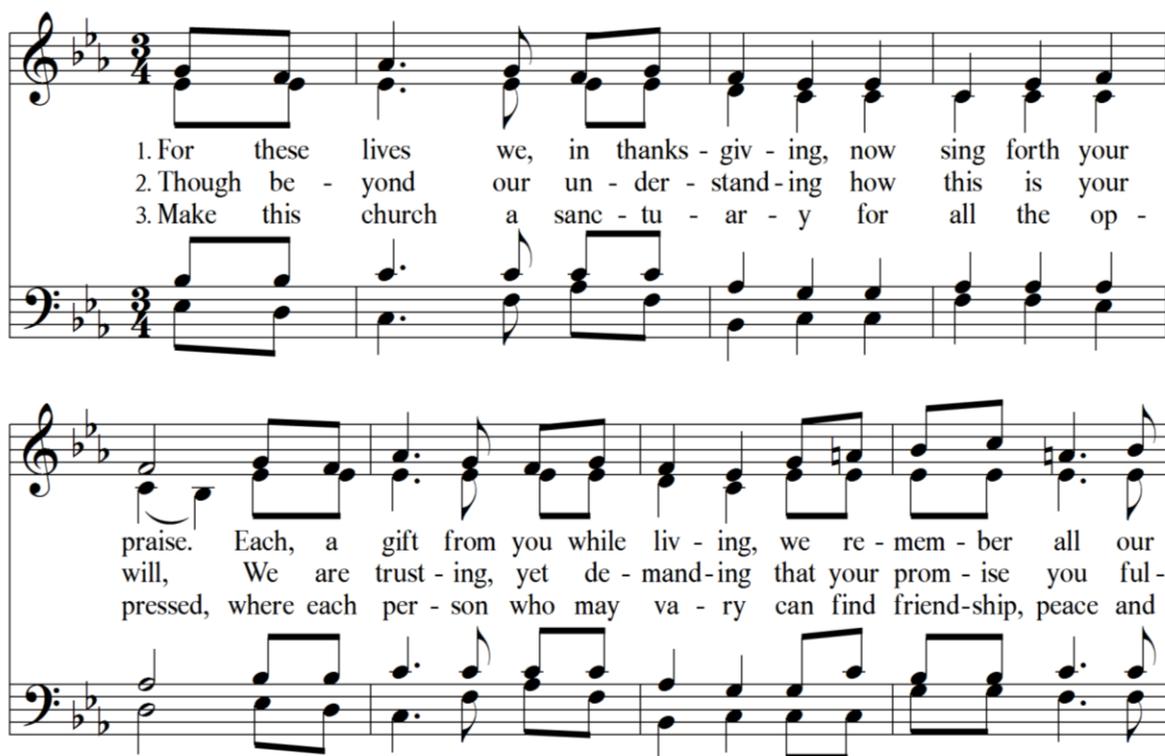
## BLESSING

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

## HYMN

For these lives we, in thanksgiving

*Fitzpatrick*



1. For these lives we, in thanksgiving, now sing forth your  
2. Though beyond our understanding how this is your  
3. Make this church a sanctuary for all the op -

praise. Each, a gift from you while living, we remember all our  
will, We are trusting, yet demanding that your promise you ful-  
pressed, where each person who may vary can find friendship, peace and

days. Lord, they graced this world too brief - ly, touch - ing us with love and fill. Give us com - fort in our sor - rows, give us strength to face with rest. Let no per - son be un - wel - comed. Let none ev - er be for -

beau - ty; ev - ery one worth - y of lov - ing. We will re - mem - ber. oth - ers, mourn - ing fath - ers, weep - ing moth - ers, we now re - mem - ber. got - ten in our prayers, in our com - mun - ion. Help us re - mem - ber.

Words: James R. Fitzpatrick (b. 1952)  
 Music: Orlando, James R. Fitzpatrick (b. 1952)  
 © 2016 by James R. Fitzpatrick Permission given for reprint

## DISMISSAL

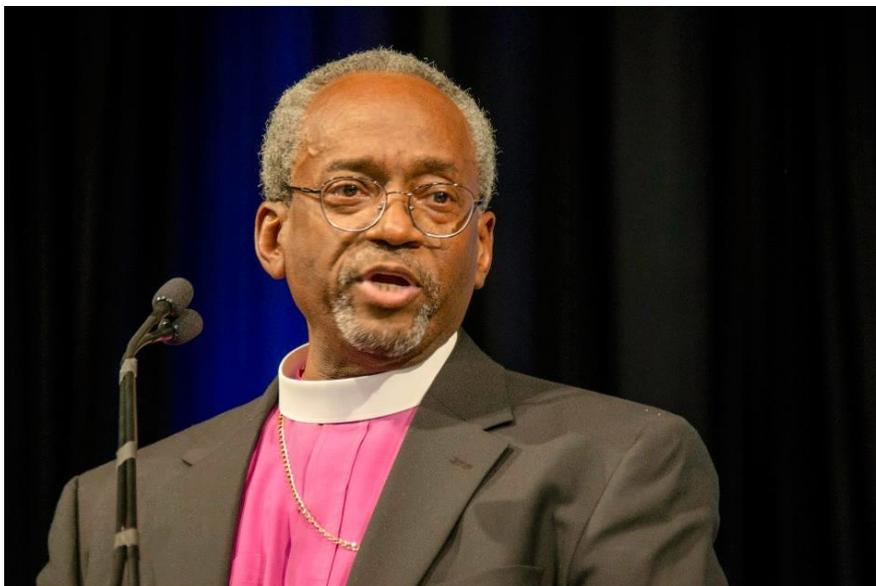
*Celebrant* Let us go forth in the name of Christ.  
*People* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

## POSTLUDE

### IN THIS SERVICE

Celebrant:	The Rev. Peter W. Mayer, Rector
Assisting Clergy:	The Rev. Dr. Henrietta L. Wiley, Interim Assistant Rector
Music Director:	James R. Fitzpatrick
Eucharistic Ministers:	9:00 A.M. Jim Barnett, Kevin Dell'Oro
Lector:	9:00 A.M. Karyn Sproles, Kathy Lang
Acolytes:	9:00 A.M. Jackson Lunsford-Poe, Austin Canuel, Sophia Canuel Brooke Kopack-Ware, Julia Rubino
Healing Team Members:	9:00 A.M. Pam Roth, John Morton
Children's Chapel Leaders:	Pam Roth, Arvilla Wubbenhorst
Eucharistic Ministers:	11:15 A.M. Stacy Mulder, Peg Overton
Lectors:	11:15 A.M. Izzy Winn, Peg Overton
Acolytes:	11:15 A.M. Wes Reising
Healing Team Member:	11:15 A.M. Pat Hall
Coffeehour Hosts:	Emma Smith, Justyn Kopack, Elizabeth Kopack, Seung Won Wenz, Heide Ruegg
Altar Guild:	Jan Little, Nancy Saroch
Flower Guild:	Ann Lallande

## A Reflection from the Presiding Bishop and Primate



Whether it is the pain of the events in Charlottesville, massive hurricanes, wildfires in the West, an earthquake in Mexico, or a mass shooting in Las Vegas, there's been a lot of pain, a lot of suffering and hardship. In times like these, it's easy to grow weary. It's easy to be tired. And it's easy to be downcast, and to give up. What can I do?

There's a passage in the Book of Hebrews, in the Tenth Chapter, which says this:  
*Recall those earlier days when, after you had been enlightened, you endured a hard struggle with sufferings, sometimes being publicly exposed to abuse and sometimes persecution, and sometimes just being partners with those who were so treated. For you had compassion . . . so do not abandon your confidence; it brings great reward. For you need endurance, so that when you have done the will of God, you may receive what was promised.*

It may be that we cannot solve everything, and we cannot do everything. But we can do something, no matter what.

We can pray. And we can give. We can give to the Hurricane Fund of Episcopal Relief & Development, for our donations actually help, they help in strategic ways. They really make a difference. If possible, we can sign up. We can sign up to volunteer through Episcopal Relief & Development, again, all on their web site, we can sign up, and when there are volunteer opportunities, we can know about those and possibly participate.

The one thing we cannot do is to quit. The truth is we don't do it alone. Jesus in the Great Commission, said after calling His disciples to go and make disciples of all nations, "And remember, I am with you always."

In the Presiding Bishop's Office, there is a crucifix that has Jesus sacrificing His life for the cause of love on the cross. It's a different kind of crucifix. On this one, the artist has sculpted Jesus on the cross, dying as an act of love, but even more than that, holding someone, someone deeply in need, that this Jesus who sacrifices and gives His life, gives His life for us, and for all who are in need. That's the Lord we follow who has been raised from the dead. And we are not alone.

God love you. God bless you. And may God hold us all in the hollow of those Almighty hands. Amen.

The Most Rev. Michael B. Curry  
Presiding Bishop and Primate  
The Episcopal Church



Bishops United Against Gun Violence, a group of more than 70 Episcopal Church bishops working to curtail the epidemic of gun violence in the United States, released this statement this week—

We share in the grief and horror of people across our country and, indeed, around the world in the wake of last night's mass shooting in Las Vegas. We have spoken with our Bishops United Against Gun Violence colleague and brother in Christ, Bishop Dan Edwards of the Episcopal Diocese of Nevada, and we have offered him and the people of Nevada our prayers and promises of assistance. We stand in solidarity with the diocese and the people of Nevada as they cope with this massacre.

It has become clichéd at moments such as these to offer thoughts and prayers. But as Christians, we must reflect upon the mass killings that unfold with such regularity in our country. And we must pray: for the victims, for their loved ones, for all who attended to the victims in the immediacy of the shooting, for the first responders who do so much to mitigate the awful effects of these shootings, and for the medical personnel who will labor for many days to save the wounded. We must also enter into the sorrow of those who are most deeply affected by our country's crippling frequent outbursts of lethal gun violence. We must look into our own hearts and examine the ways in which we are culpable or complicit in the gun violence that surrounds us every day.

And then, having looked, we must act. As Christians, we are called to engage in the debates that shape how Americans live and die, especially when they die due to violence or neglect. Yet a probing conversation on issues of gun violence continues to elude us as a nation, and this failure is cause for repentance and for shame. It is entirely reasonable in the wake of mass killings perpetrated by murderers with assault weapons to ask lawmakers to remove such weapons from civilian hands. It is imperative to ask why, as early as this very week, Congress is likely to pass a bill making it easier to buy silencers, a piece of equipment that make it more difficult for law enforcement officials to detect gunfire as shootings are unfolding.

Even as we hold our lawmakers accountable, though, we must acknowledge that a comprehensive solution to gun violence, whether it comes in the form of mass shootings, street violence, domestic violence or suicide, will not simply be a matter of changing laws, but of changing lives. Our country is feasting on anger that fuels rage, alienation and loneliness. From the White House to the halls of Congress to our own towns and perhaps at our own tables, we nurse grudges and resentments rather than cultivating the respect, concern and affection that each of us owes to the other. The leaders who should be speaking to us of reconciliation and the justice that must precede it too often instead stoke flames of division and mistrust. We must, as a nation, embrace prayerful resistance before our worse impulses consume us. We join with the people of God in fervent prayer that our country will honor those murdered and wounded in Las Vegas by joining in acts of repentance, healing, and public conversation about the gun violence that has ripped us apart, yet again.

A Prayer Attributed to St. Francis—

*Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.*

Book of Common Prayer, page 833

## St. Margaret's Contacts

The Rt. Rev. Eugene Sutton	Bishop	
The Rt. Rev. Chilton Knudson	Assistant Bishop	
The Rev. Peter W. Mayer	Rector	peter@st-margarets.org
The Rev. Dr. Rhetta Wiley	Interim Assistant Rector	hlwiley@post.harvard.edu
Elizabeth Radley	Director of Operations	elizabeth@st-margarets.org
James R. Fitzpatrick	Director of Music	james@st-margarets.org
Jeff Conover	Youth Ministry Leader	jeff@st-margarets.org
Laura Tayman	Print and Digital Editor	laura@st-margarets.org
Harriet Newquist	Bookkeeper	office@st-margarets.org
Tricia McVeigh	Day School Director	tricia@st-margarets.org
Izzy Winn	Grants Administrator	missions@st-margarets.org
Judy Hall	Churchyard Administrator	churchyard@st-margarets.org
<b>Vestry</b>		
Anne Sessions	Senior Warden	akslectm@earthlink.net
Steve Brennan	Junior Warden	steve@ilimer.com
Charlie Lang	Treasurer	charlie.lang@verizon.net
Kathy Polk	Clerk	kkpolk@yahoo.com
Fran Becker	Member	fran.becker10@gmail.com
Nellie Bowers	Youth Rep.	nelliebowers2@gmail.com
Maggy Cullman	Member	mpcullman@aol.com
Christine Duray Feldmann	Member	cduray@comcast.net
Ruth McKey Harmon	Member	rhmckey@aol.com
Paul O'Donnell	Member	pwodonnell@hotmail.com
Tim Parker	Member	tepark1974@gmail.com
Trish Schilling	Member	mdbucks@msn.com
Doug Seybert	Member	doug_seybert@yahoo.com
Valery Weekley	Member	valery348@gmail.com
Tom Wenz	Member	wenz_t@yahoo.com
<b>Worship</b>		
Acolytes	Tom Bein	myrnabein@comcast.net
Altar Guild	Jan Little	jbl123md@yahoo.com
Eucharistic Ministers	Joan Rich	bojohbf@verizon.net
Flower Guild	Mollie Flounlacker	mollieflounlacker@yahoo.com
Greeters	Jane Piche	star2d2@aol.com
Lectors	Charlie Lang	charlie.lang@verizon.net
Ushers	Gordon Piche	ggpiche@aol.com
<b>Parish Life</b>		
Brotherhood of St. Andrew	Jim (Tug) Knorr	tugknorr@aol.com
Coffeehour Hosts	Kathy Lang	kathy.lang@verizon.net
Daughters of the King	Pam Roth	rothsbythebay@verizon.net
Faith & Fellowship Dinner	Allison Mayer	allisonhmayer@gmail.com
Foyers	Vera Torrence	vdtorrence@verizon.net
Green Team	Al Todd	hydroman1037@gmail.com
History & Archives	Barbara Breedon	bkbreedon@comcast.net
Intercessory Prayer	Judi Tanner	missjudit@aol.com
Meals Ministry	Allison Mayer	allisonhmayer@gmail.com
Newcomers	Jane Piche	star2d2@aol.com
Prayer Shawl Ministry	Jane Piche	star2d2@aol.com
St. Margaret's Guild	Pat Hall	pshall1@verizon.net
<b>Formation</b>		
Children's Chapel	Jenelle Mejia	Jenelle@st-margarets.org
Day School	Susan Roberts	Roberts.susan1948@gmail.com
Education for Ministry	Karen Engelke	karenengelke@aol.com
Faith & Fellowship Adult Ed.	Valery Weekley	valery348@gmail.com
Sunday School	Jenelle Mejia	Jenelle@st-margarets.org
Thursday Morning Bible Study	The Rev. Jane Hague	jane@st-margarets.org
Youth Group	Jeff Conover	jeff@st-margarets.org
<b>Missions</b>		
Camp Allen	Sarah Hyde	smhyde@aol.com
Holiday Meals	Barbara Marder	scubaesc@aol.com
Light House Donations	Jan Little	jbd123md@yahoo.com
Light House Food Drive	Jim MacGregor	jtmacgregor101@gmail.com
Light House Summer Lunches Program	Beth Arruda	maggiebarruda@gmail.com
Light House Monthly Dinners	Bill Saur	wgsaur@gmail.com
Missions Commission	Christine Duray	cduray@comcast.net
My Brother's Pantry	Russell Jackson	russell140.6@gmail.com