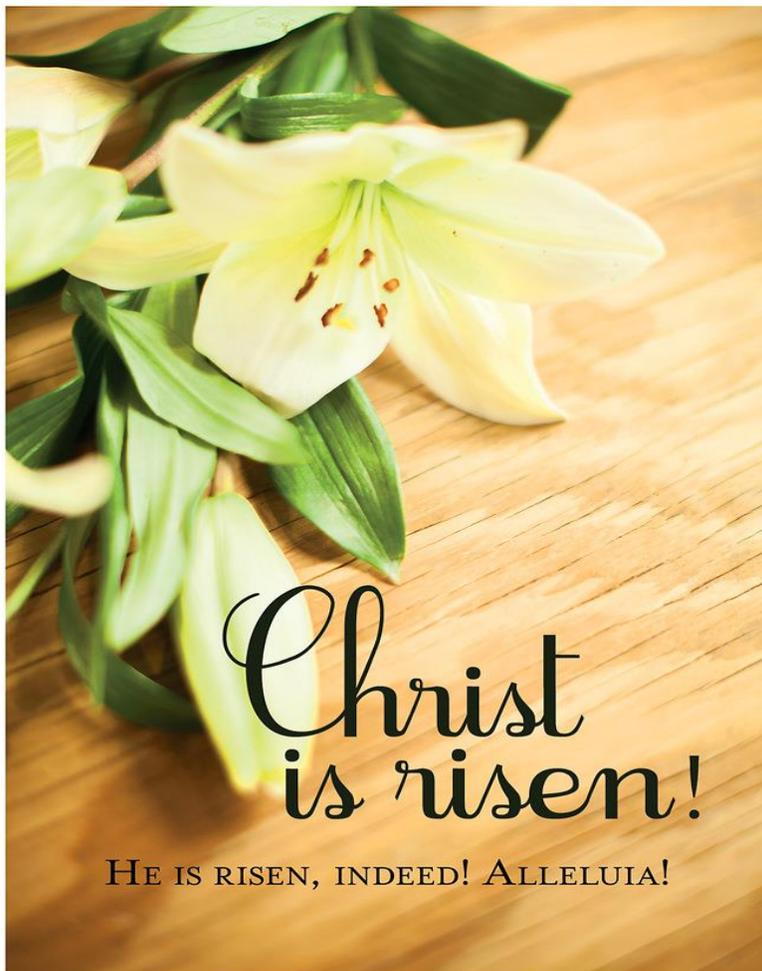


ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH

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Easter Sunday

Sunday, April 17, 2022

9:00 & 11:15 a.m.

Holy Eucharist – Rite II



WELCOME TO ST. MARGARET'S 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. We would like to continue our relationship with you, so please fill out a visitor card which may be found in a pew packet or on our website's Newcomers page, www.st-margarets.org/newcomers.html.

SAFETY PROTOCOLS AT ST. MARGARET'S

Our COVID-19 safety protocols have been relaxed, but please continue to wear masks while singing. Hand sanitizer bottles are offered throughout the campus.

CHILDREN AT ST. MARGARET'S

Nursery care is provided by loving professionals for ages 0-3 from 8:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the lower floor of the Annex, the building attached to the sanctuary.

During the 9:00 a.m. service when the Hymn before the Sermon begins, children ages three through second grade are welcome to follow the wooden cross out to attend **Children's Chapel**, with an age-appropriate lesson and music. They will return during announcements time.

We provide **Sunday School** for children ages 3-14 most Sundays from September through May. To sign up your child, email Emily DelSordo, Children's Formation Coordinator, at Emily@st-margarets.org. Our Youth Group, fellowship for middle and high school students, is conducted on Mondays at 6:45 p.m. To register your youth, email Jeff Conover, Youth Ministries Leader, at Jeff@st-margarets.org.

On Mondays, we offer an evening of **Faith and Fellowship**, with our younger choristers (grades K-5) and activities for their younger siblings at 5:30 p.m. A Fellowship dinner for all ages is provided at 6:15 p.m., with crafts for children afterwards. Please look on the church calendar on our website at www.st-margarets.org/calendar.html to make sure the programs are taking place each week.

Our **Day School** has been accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children and named a Green School by the State of Maryland. For ages 2-6, the school offers a quality curriculum and special activities such as Spanish, STEM lessons, music, and physical education. After school activities are also offered, such as soccer, ballet, and basketball. The school offers highly popular summer camps from June to August for ages 2-8. More information may be found on their website at www.stmargaretsdayschool.org.

ADULT FORMATION AT ST. MARGARET'S

We offer adults a variety of ways to grow in faith. Our **Thursday Morning Book Club** meets through Zoom at 9:00 a.m., while our **Senior Sessions** for those 65+ are held on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at 9:00 a.m., also on Zoom.

St. Margaret's is known for its support of **many outreach efforts** both locally and around the world. From Winter Relief, producing masks and prayer shawls and assisting with feeding the hungry, we are an active and committed church. Our Endowment Grants annual program has provided millions to organizations here and across the globe. To get involved, visit the Missions page on our website at www.st-margarets.org/missions.html.

MUSIC AT ST. MARGARET'S

Here at St. Margaret's, we are blessed with a **vibrant music ministry** that has something for everyone, presently consisting of two adult choirs, a K-12 chorister program (grades K-2, 3-5, 6-12), and the contemporary music ensemble Third Sunday Band. If you would like to find out more about our music ministry and are interested in joining any of our ensembles, please email Jim Douglas, Director of Music, at music@st-margarets.org. Membership in our choirs and ensembles is open to all, regardless of religious affiliation or background. Please visit the music page on the website at <https://www.st-margarets.org/music.html>. The Music Ministry calendar may also be found on the website at <https://www.st-margarets.org/music-calendar.html>.

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PRELUDE

Canzon per Sonare (nos. 2 & 4)

Giovanni Gabrieli

WELCOME

The People stand as able and sing the Hymn.

HYMN

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!

Easter Hymn
arr. John Rutter

1. Je - sus Christ is risen to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 2. Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3. But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
 4. Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!

our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!
 our sal - va - tion have pro - cured, Al - le - lu - ia!
 praise e - ter - nal as his love, Al - le - lu - ia!

who did once, up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
 who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
 now a - bove the sky he's king, Al - le - lu - ia!
 praise him, all ye heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!

suf - fer to re - deem our loss, Al - le - lu - ia!
 sin - ners to re - deem and save, Al - le - lu - ia!
 where the an - gels e - ver sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, Al - le - lu - ia! A - men.

EASTER ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen.
People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

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.
People **Amen.**

The People remain standing and sing the Song of Praise.

SONG OF PRAISE

William Mathias

1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and
peace to his peo-ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven-ly King, al-
might-y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we
praise you for your glo-ry. 3. Lord Je-sus Christ,
on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;
5. you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-
ceive our prayer. 6. For
you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,
7. you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the
Ho-ly Spi-rit, in the glo-ry of
God the Fa-ther. A - men.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of our enemy: Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

The People are seated.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Acts 10:34-43

A reading from the book of Acts.

Peter began to speak to Cornelius and the other Gentiles: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

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

GRADUAL *(read responsively by half verse)*

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

- 1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; *
his mercy endures for ever.
- 2 Let Israel now proclaim, *
"His mercy endures for ever."
- 14 The Lord is my strength and my song, *
and he has become my salvation.
- 15 There is a sound of exultation and victory *
in the tents of the righteous:
- 16 "The right hand of the Lord has triumphed! *
the right hand of the Lord is exalted!
the right hand of the Lord has triumphed!"
- 17 I shall not die, but live, *
and declare the works of the Lord.
- 18 The Lord has punished me sorely, *
but he did not hand me over to death.
- 19 Open for me the gates of righteousness; *
I will enter them;
I will offer thanks to the Lord.
- 20 "This is the gate of the Lord; *
he who is righteous may enter."
- 21 I will give thanks to you, for you answered me *
and have become my salvation.

22 The same stone which the builders rejected *
has become the chief cornerstone.

23 This is the Lord's doing, *
and it is marvelous in our eyes.

24 On this day the Lord has acted; *
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 15:19-26

A reading from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians.

If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

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

The People stand as able and sing the Hymn.

Note: There is NO Children's Chapel this morning. It will return next week.

HYMN

The day of resurrection!

Ellacombe
arr. Gerre Hancock

1. The day of re - sur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad; the
2. Our hearts be pure from e - vil, that we may see a - right the
3. Now let the heavens be joy - ful, let earth her song be - gin, the
Pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the Pass - o - ver of God. From
Lord in rays e - ter - nal of re - sur - rec - tion light; and,
round world keep high tri - umph, and all that is there - in; let
death to life e - ter - nal, from earth un - to the sky, our
lis - tening to his ac - cents, may hear so calm and plain his
all things seen and un - seen their notes in glad - ness blend, for
Christ hath brought us o - ver, with hymns of vic - to - ry.
own "All hail!" and, hear - ing, may raise the vic - tor strain.
Christ the Lord hath ri - sen, our joy that hath no end.

GOSPEL

John 20:1-18

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

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes. But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

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

The People may be seated.

SERMON

The Rev. Patti Sachs

A moment of silence is observed after the Sermon.

The People stand as 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 III

<i>Leader</i>	O God, we pray for your holy catholic Church;
<i>People</i>	That we all may be one.
<i>Leader</i>	Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
<i>People</i>	That your Name may be glorified by all people.
<i>Leader</i>	We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
<i>People</i>	That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.
<i>Leader</i>	We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
<i>People</i>	That there may be justice and peace on the earth.
<i>Leader</i>	Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
<i>People</i>	That our works may find favor in your sight.
<i>Leader</i>	Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
<i>People</i>	That they may be delivered from their distress.
<i>Leader</i>	Give to the departed eternal rest.
<i>People</i>	Let light perpetual shine upon them.
<i>Leader</i>	We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
<i>People</i>	May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.
<i>Leader</i>	Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
<i>People</i>	Amen.

PEACE

<i>Celebrant</i>	The peace of the Lord be always with you.
<i>People</i>	And also with you.

The People greet one another in the name of the Lord and are seated.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOLY COMMUNION

To give by cell phone, text GIVESMC to 73256.

During the Offertory, all are welcome to deliver their gift to the plate located in front of the altar.

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Most glorious Lord of life

William H. Harris

Most glorious Lord of life, that on this day Didst make Thy triumph over death and sin,
And having harrowed hell, didst bring away Captivity thence captive, us to win.
This joyous day, dear Lord, with joy begin, And grant that we for whom Thou diddest die,
Being with Thy dear blood clean washed from sin, May live for ever in felicity:
And that Thy love we weighing worthily, May likewise love Thee for the same again;
And for Thy sake, that all like dear didst buy, With love may one another entertain.
So let us love, dear Love, like as we ought; Love is the lesson which the Lord us taught.

The People stand as able at the direction of the Clergy.

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.**

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.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us 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

Franz Schubert

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes, in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. 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 the Ever-blessed Virgin 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.

People **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we pray together,

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.**

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

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.

All are welcome to receive bread and wine during Communion, including children. To receive bread, place your hands palms-up. If you do not wish to receive the bread, place your arms across your chest and you will receive a blessing. Wine may be consumed from the cup, but we do not allow intincting or dipping.

COMMUNION MUSIC

Chorale from 'Christ lag in todesbanden' (BWV 4)

Johann Sebastian Bach

Wir essen und leben wohl In rechten Osterfladen,
Der alte Sauerteig nicht soll Sein bei dem Wort der Gnaden,
Christus will die Koste sein Und speisen die Seel allein,
Der Glaub will keins andern leben. Halleluja!

*We eat now and live indeed On this true bread of Eastertide;
The ancient leaven shall not Bide with the word of blessing;
Christ would be our sustenance And nourish the soul alone,
For faith would on none other live. Hallelujah!*

The People remain seated and sing the Hymn.

HYMN

Come ye faithful, raise the strain

Gaudeamus pariter

1 Come, ye faith - ful, raise the strain of tri - um - phant glad - ness!
2 'Tis the spring of souls to - day: Christ hath burst his pri - son,
3 Now the queen of sea - sons, bright with the day of splen - dor,
4 Nei - ther might the gates of death, nor the tomb's dark por - tal,
God hath brought his Is - ra - el in - to joy from sad - ness:
and from three days' sleep in death as a sun hath ris - en;
with the roy - al feast of feasts, comes its joy to ren - der;
nor the watch - ers, nor the seal hold thee as a mor - tal:
loosed from Pha-raoh's bit - ter yoke Ja - cob's sons and daugh - ters,
all the win - ter of our sins, long and dark, is fly - ing
comes to glad Je - ru - sa - lem, who with true af - fec - tion
but to - day a - midst thine own thou didst stand, be - stow - ing
led them with un - mois - tened foot through the Red Sea wa - ters.
from his light, to whom we give laud and praise un - dy - ing.
wel - comes in un - wear - ied strains Je - sus' re - sur - rec - tion.
that thy peace which ev - er - more pass - eth hu - man know - ing.

DISMISSAL

Priest Alleluia, alleluia! Let us go forth in the name of the Risen Christ.
People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

POSTLUDE

Solemn Entry

Richard Strauss
arr. Max Reger

***You are welcome to stay for the Postlude.
Should you need to leave, please do so quietly and respectfully.***

*After the 9:00 a.m. service, children are invited to participate in our annual Easter Egg Hunt at 10:20 a.m.
Meet in the Fellowship Hall of the Formation Building before the event for instructions.*

SERVING TODAY

Clergy	The Rev. Peter W. Mayer, <i>Rector</i> The Rev. Patti Sachs, <i>Associate Rector</i>
Music	Jim Douglas, <i>Director of Music & Organist</i> Herb Dimmock, <i>Visiting Conductor & Organist</i> Members of the Adult Choirs & Youth Chorale St. Margaret's Brass Tony Neenan & Ginger Turner, <i>trumpet</i> Richard Roberts, <i>horn</i> Griz Gifford, <i>trombone</i> Phil Taylor, <i>tuba</i> Greg Herron, <i>timpani</i>
Altar Guild	Susie Byrom, Stephanie Ceruolo, Betsy Dobbs, Lynn Goff, Charlie Lang, Mary Lesster, Jan Little, Kim Morrow, Lisa Moylan, Jeanne Nardi, Elizabeth Parker, Susan Roberts, Nancy Saroch, Lyn Sloan, Robert Thomas, Karen Winstead
Flower Guild	Stacy Canuel, Mollie Flounlacker, Mary Kirkeby, Beth Kopack, Kathy Lang, Leslie Salvail
9:00am	Eucharistic Ministers Kim Coble, Al Todd Lectors Pam Roth, Jeff Conover Acolytes Joseph & Zacca Jackson, Hannah Ruegg Ushers Molly Owens, Joe & Mary Beth Ross, Peter Wiernicki Greeters Jean Clarke, Mary Holstine
11:15am	Eucharistic Ministers David Allen, Molly Owens Lectors Kate Callahan, David Allen Acolytes Connor & Grace Feldmann Ushers Ray Feldmann, Mel Kessler Greeters Susie Byrom, Libby & Rich Cook

EASTER FLOWER DONATIONS



Given TO THE GLORY OF GOD and In Memory of

My husband Bob Rich and Stephanie Jennings by Joan Rich
Gerald and Jeffrey Atterbury by Peggy Atterbury
Our parents Margaret & Clarence Becker and Marion & Robert Hecht by Rich and Fran Becker
My parents Roy and Anne Haugh by Judith Haugh
My grandparents Beatrice & Joseph Quirk and Pearl & Clarence Haugh by Judith Haugh
Our friend Suzi Jett by Ray and Christine Duray Feldmann
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Our parents and brothers by Jim and Pat Hall
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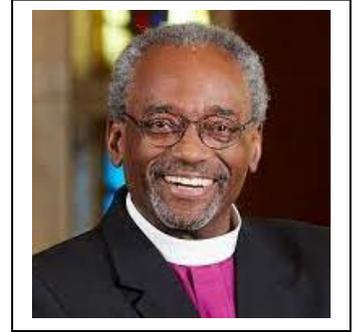


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Our new grandson Levi by Jeff and Alice Conover
Our six granddaughters by Jim and Pat Hall
Trans families across America by Ray and Christine Duray Feldmann
Our St. Margaret's Church family and Laura Tayman's ten years of service at St. Margaret's
by Jim (Tug) and Beth Knorr

Presiding Bishop's Easter Message 2022

In Matthew's gospel, the resurrection of Jesus is introduced this way: "After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord had descended from heaven, came and rolled back the stone before the tomb until it was open." A number of years ago, when I was serving as the bishop of North Carolina, one of our clergy, the Rev. James Melnick, offered a workshop on the Saturday before Palm Sunday on how to design, and color, and make Easter eggs.



I attended the workshop with a number of other people from around the Raleigh area and did my best to make an Easter egg. But Jim was a master at doing so. You see, Jim's family hailed from Ukraine, and he had been making those Easter eggs from childhood, and spoke of his grandmother and the family tradition that hailed from Ukraine, the making of those Easter eggs. I knew the significance of the Easter egg and Easter. I knew the stories and the truth and the teachings about the coming of new life into the world, and the connection of life emerging from an egg, and Jesus rising from the dead, bringing new life and hope into our world.

But it became clear to me, in the last month or so, in this time when the people of the Ukraine are struggling for their freedom, struggling to be what God intends for all people to be, free people, that, that egg, which is deeply embedded in the life and the consciousness of the people of Ukraine, that those Easter eggs are not just mere symbols, but reminders of the reality of the resurrection of Jesus. Think back. On Palm Sunday, Jesus entered Jerusalem, as we know, riding on a donkey. That was a deliberate act on his part.

He entered Jerusalem at about same time that Pontius Pilate, the governor of Rome, would've been entering the city from the other side, from the other gate. Pilate would've been riding a war horse, accompanied by a cavalry and infantry. He would've been riding in the streets of Jerusalem at this, the dawn of the Passover, which was a celebration of Jewish freedom. Harking back to the days of Moses and the Exodus, Pilate knew that the people would remember that God decreed freedom for all people, and that the Roman empire, which held Judea as a colony, would need to put down, by brute force, any attempt to strike a blow for their freedom.

So, Pilate entered Jerusalem on a war horse, and Jesus entered Jerusalem on a donkey. The way of humility, the way of the love that we know from the God who is love, the way of truth, the way of compassion, the way of justice, the way of God, the way of love. That way faced the way of the world, brute force, totalitarian power, injustice, bigotry, violence, embodied in Pontius Pilate, governor of Rome. And the rest of the week was a conflict between the way of the empire and the way of the kingdom or the reign of God's love.

On Friday, the empire struck. Jesus was executed on the orders of the governor of Rome. He was killed, and hope seemed to die with him. His followers fled, save those few women who stood by the cross, and save old Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus, who provided a tomb for the body of Jesus. The Scripture says they placed his body in the tomb and rolled the stone in front of the tomb. And there he lay dead, lifeless. There their hopes dashed on the altars of reality, their truth was crushed to earth. Their love itself seemed to die. Then early Sunday morning, Mary Magdalene, and at least one other, and maybe a few other women, went to the tomb to anoint his body, to do the rites of burial that were customary. But when they got there, they realized that there had been an earthquake, that the earth, if you will, had been cracked open, and that the tomb was empty. The tomb was open and empty. The earth had been cracked open, and they would soon discover that Jesus had been raised from the dead. The earth cracking open, the tomb opening like an egg cracked open, and new life emerging from it.

That is the victory of life. That is the victory of love. That is the victory of God. The resurrection of Jesus is the victory that we can believe in and live by. Many years before South Africa ever saw its new day of freedom, I heard Desmond Tutu in Columbus, Ohio. This was in the mid-1980s. This was while Nelson Mandela was still in prison, while there was no hope of deliverance. I heard him say in his speech that I believe that one day my beloved South Africa will be free for all of her children, Black, white, colored, Asian, Indian, all of her children. I believe it, because I believe that God has a dream for South Africa, and nothing can stop God's dream. And I believe that because I believe that God raised Jesus from the dead, and nothing can stop God. Easter is the celebration of the victory of God. The earth, like an egg, has been cracked open, and Jesus has been raised alive and new, and love is victorious.

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