

# ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH

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**THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
BLUEGRASS MASS**

**SUNDAY, JUNE 2, 2024**

**10:00 A.M.**

**HOLY EUCHARIST – ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP**

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## 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 at [www.st-margarets.org/newcomers.html](http://www.st-margarets.org/newcomers.html). Please join us for our annual parish picnic following the service.

### SAFETY PROTOCOLS AT ST. MARGARET'S

Our COVID-19 safety protocols have been relaxed and mask wearing is optional. Hand sanitizer bottles are offered throughout the campus. **In the event of an emergency, please stay calm, stay seated, and listen for instructions.**

### CHILDREN AT ST. MARGARET'S

**Nursery care** is provided on Sunday mornings by loving professionals for ages 0-3 from 8:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The Nursery is located on the lower floor of the Annex, the building attached to the Sanctuary.

During the 10:00 a.m. service when the Hymn before the Sermon begins, children ages three and a half through fifth 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 DeSordo, Children's Formation Coordinator, at [emily@st-margarets.org](mailto:emily@st-margarets.org). Our Youth Group, fellowship for middle and high school students, meets on Sundays at 4:00 p.m. To register your youth, email Jeff Conover, Youth Ministries Leader, at [jeff@st-margarets.org](mailto:jeff@st-margarets.org).

On Mondays from September through May, we offer an evening of **Faith and Fellowship**, with choir rehearsals (grades K-5) and activities for their younger siblings at 5:15 p.m., followed by a Fellowship dinner for all ages at 6:15 p.m., with crafts for children afterwards. Adult choir rehearsal and adult formation offerings take place after dinner at 7:00 p.m. Please check the church calendar at [www.st-margarets.org/calendar.html](http://www.st-margarets.org/calendar.html) to confirm programs are scheduled.

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 also offers highly popular summer camps from June to August for ages 2-6. More information may be found on their website at [www.stmargaretsdayschool.org](http://www.stmargaretsdayschool.org), or by emailing Aleshia Marshall, Day School Director, at [smdsdirector@outlook.com](mailto:smdsdirector@outlook.com).

### 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 **Gospel Sessions** take place on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at 9:00 a.m., also on Zoom.

St. Margaret's is known for its **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 of dollars to organizations here and across the globe. To get involved, visit our website's "Get Involved" page at [www.st-margarets.org/getinvolved.html](http://www.st-margarets.org/getinvolved.html).

### MUSIC AT ST. MARGARET'S

St. Margaret's is blessed with a **vibrant music ministry** that has something for everyone, presently consisting of an adult choir, a youth chorister program, a handbell ensemble, 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](mailto: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-overview.html>. The Music Ministry calendar may also be found on the website at <https://www.st-margarets.org/music-calendar.html>.

The **liturgy and music** for today is led by Associate for Contemporary Music Al Todd, the Third Sunday Band, and guest musicians. It is drawn from Enriching our Worship, The Book of Common Prayer, the 1982 Hymnal, and other resources as noted.

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**WELCOME**

*The People stand as they are able and sing the Hymn.*

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**OPENING ACCLAMATION**

*Celebrant* Blessed be the one, holy, and living God:  
*People* **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

**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** (sung 2x)

Charles Gabriel

Glo - ry, glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah! Glo-ry to our God most high! Lord, we  
thank you, and we praise you! We can lay our bur-dens down.

**COLLECT OF THE DAY**

*Celebrant* May God be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O God, your never-failing providence sets in order all things both in heaven and earth: Put away from us, we entreat you, all hurtful things, and give us those things which are profitable for us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

*People* **Amen.**

*The People are seated.*

# LITURGY OF THE WORD

## FIRST LESSON

1 Samuel 3:1-20

A reading from the first book of Samuel.

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread. At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. Then the Lord called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. The Lord called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place. Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening." Then the Lord said to Samuel, "See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle. On that day I will fulfill against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. For I have told him that I am about to punish his house forever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering forever." Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the Lord. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. But Eli called Samuel and said, "Samuel, my son." He said, "Here I am." Eli said, "What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also, if you hide anything from me of all that he told you." So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. Then he said, "It is the Lord; let him do what seems good to him." As Samuel grew up, the Lord was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. And all Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the Lord.

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

**GRADUAL** *(read responsively by half verse)*

Psalms 139:1-5, 12-17

- 1 Lord, you have searched me out and known me; \*  
**you know my sitting down and my rising up;  
you discern my thoughts from afar.**
- 2 You trace my journeys and my resting-places \*  
**and are acquainted with all my ways.**
- 3 Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, \*  
**but you, O Lord, know it altogether.**
- 4 You press upon me behind and before \*  
**and lay your hand upon me.**
- 5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; \*  
**it is so high that I cannot attain to it.**
- 12 For you yourself created my inmost parts; \*  
**you knit me together in my mother's womb.**
- 13 I will thank you because I am marvelously made; \*  
**your works are wonderful, and I know it well.**

- 14 My body was not hidden from you, \*  
**while I was being made in secret and woven in the depths of the earth.**
- 15 Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb;  
 all of them were written in your book; \*  
**they were fashioned day by day,  
 when as yet there was none of them.**
- 16 How deep I find your thoughts, O God! \*  
**how great is the sum of them!**
- 17 If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand; \*  
**to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours.**

## SECOND LESSON

2 Corinthians 4:5-12

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

We do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. For while we live, we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be made visible in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you .

*Lector* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*The People stand as they are able and sing the Hymn.*

## HYMN

I'll fly away

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## HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 2:23-3:6

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

One sabbath Jesus and his disciples were going through the grainfields; and as they made their way his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. The Pharisees said to him, "Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the sabbath?" And he said to them, "Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need of food? He entered the house of God, when Abiathar was high priest, and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and he gave some to his companions." Then he said to them, "The sabbath was made for humankind, and not humankind for the sabbath; so the Son of Man is lord even of the sabbath." Again he entered the synagogue, and a man was there who had a withered hand. They watched him to see whether he would cure him on the sabbath, so that they might accuse him. And he said to the man who had the withered hand, "Come forward." Then he said to them, "Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the sabbath, to save life or to kill?" But they were silent. He looked around at them with anger; he was grieved at their hardness of heart and said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He stretched it out, and his hand was restored. The Pharisees went out and immediately conspired with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him.

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

*The People are seated.*

*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 II*

*Silence may be kept after each petition.*

- Leader* I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishop Carrie; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.
- Leader* In our global cycle of prayer, we pray for the Anglican Church of Central America. In our diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for Christ Church, Columbia; Grace, ElkrIDGE; Holy Apostles and St. Stephen, Arbutus.
- Leader`* I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace.

*Leader* I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble.

*Leader* I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him. Pray that they may find and be found by him.

*Leader* I ask your prayers for the departed, especially.... Pray for those who have died.

*The People may ask the prayers or the thanksgivings of those present.*

*Leader* Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored, especially...whom we remember today. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

*Celebrant* Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you:" Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever.

*People* **Amen.**

## **CONFESSON AND ABSOLUTION**

*Celebrant* Let us confess our sins to God.

*The People may remain standing or kneel as they are able.*

*Celebrant and People*

**God of all mercy,  
we confess that we have sinned against you,  
opposing your will in our lives.  
We have denied your goodness in each other,  
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.  
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,  
the evil we have done,  
and the evil done on our behalf.  
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us  
through our Savior Jesus Christ,  
that we may abide in your love  
and serve only your will. Amen.**

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

*People* **Amen.**

## **PEACE**

*Celebrant* The peace of the Christ be always with you.

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

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

## **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES**

# HOLY COMMUNION

To give by cell phone, text GIVESMC to 73256.

During the Offertory, all are welcome to bring their gift to the plate located in front of the altar.  
An usher will also walk up the center aisle with the plate for those who wish to offer their gift from their seat.

## OFFERTORY MUSIC

Better Day

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

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

Enriching our Worship (Eucharistic Prayer 2)

*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.**

*Celebrant* We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways.

But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

## SANCTUS

Al Todd

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er 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. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.



*The Celebrant continues*

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with Mary, Margaret, and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and 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.

### FRACTION ANTHEM

Al Todd

1.  
Lamb of God, \_\_\_\_\_ you take a - way \_\_\_\_\_ the sins of the world.

Lamb of God, \_\_\_\_\_ you take a - way the sins of the world.

2.  
Have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, \_\_\_\_\_ you take a - way \_\_\_\_\_

Have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, \_\_\_\_\_ you

\_\_\_\_\_ the sins of the world. Grant us peace.

take a - way 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.

*The People are seated.*

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 wish for a gluten-free wafer by first extending your hands palms-down when at the Communion rail. These wafers are kept in a separate holder from which you are invited to take one.

### COMMUNION MUSIC

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*The People stand as they are able after all are served.*

**POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

**Loving God,  
we give you thanks for restoring us in your image  
and nourishing us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.  
Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;  
that we may proclaim your love to the world  
and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

**BLESSING**

*Celebrant* God's Blessing be with you, Christ's peace be with you, the Spirit's outpouring be with you, now and always.

*People* **Amen.**

*The People remain standing and sing the Hymn.*

**HYMN**

I saw the light

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**DISMISSAL**

*Priest* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

All Prayed Up  
God Can  
Daniel Prayed  
Hallelujah, I'm Ready to Go

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## **A LIFE THAT'S GOOD**

Sitting here tonight by the firelight  
it reminds me I already have more than I should  
I don't need fame  
no one to know my name  
At the end of the day, Lord I pray  
I have a life that's good

### *Chorus*

Two arms around me,  
Heaven to ground me  
A family that always calls me home  
Four wheels to get there  
Enough love to share  
and a sweet sweet sweet song  
At the end of the day, Lord I pray  
I have a life that's good

Sometimes I'm hard on me  
When dreams don't come easy  
I wanna look back and say  
I did all that I could  
At the end of the day, Lord I pray  
I have a life that's good

### *Chorus*

## **ALL PRAYED UP**

### *Chorus*

Well I'm all prayed up  
And I'm ready to meet my savior  
Eternal life is waitin' in the by and by  
Well I'm all prayed up  
My faith will never waiver  
Them doors gonna swing wide open when I die

Well I made my peace with Jesus  
a long long time ago  
To trust in him and he would save my soul  
I walk right there beside him,  
he guides me on my way  
I know he hears me when I kneel to pray

### *Chorus*

Now I ain't afraid of Satan,  
And his wicked ways of sin  
He tempted me but couldn't pull me in  
When I've gone to live with Jesus and I've faced my  
judgment day  
He'll fulfill for me the promise that he made

### *Chorus*

## **ANYWHERE WITH JESUS**

Anywhere with Jesus I can safely go,  
Anywhere He leads me in this world below;  
Anywhere without Him dearest joys would fade;  
Anywhere with Jesus I am not afraid.

### *Chorus*

Anywhere, anywhere! Fear I cannot know;  
Anywhere with Jesus I can safely go.

Anywhere with Jesus I am not alone;  
Other friends may fail me, He is still my own;  
Though His hand may lead me over drearest ways,  
Anywhere with Jesus is a house of praise.

### *Chorus*

Anywhere with Jesus I can go to sleep,  
When the dark'ning shadows  
round about me creep,  
Knowing I shall waken nevermore to roam;  
Anywhere with Jesus will be home, sweet home.

### *Chorus*

## **BETTER DAY**

### *Refrain*

Every morning brings a better day  
Or so the stories told  
Leave your burdens and take my hand  
I will walk with you

We are living in strange days,  
Not sure of up from down  
We hear what we want to hear,  
Truth can't be found

### *Refrain*

Someday I just might prevail,  
I won't have to pretend  
If I follow just my heart,  
I'll won't be lost again

### *Refrain*

I used to think you'd look the other way  
So I could play the game  
But forgiveness is so hard to find  
If you need someone to blame

### *Refrain*

In my dreams I'm a better man  
All those sins refused  
I'm always walking in a straighter line  
With everything to lose

### *Refrain*

## **CROOKED TREE**

Two trees in the forest  
One was crooked, one was straight  
Crimson bark and emerald needles  
Growing day by day  
And though they looked so different  
They enjoyed the rain the same  
Side by side  
A chickadee had told them  
Of a darkness on the land  
Spinning blades that came to visit

Carried by a man  
And every other tree would see them  
Cut down where they stand, By and by

*Chorus*

Oh can't you see?  
A crooked tree won't fit into the mill machine  
They're left to grow wild and free  
Oh I'd rather be a crooked tree

The perfect trees were driven  
Down the mountain to the mill  
They turned them into toothpicks  
And twenty dollar bills  
It seemed the more the people took  
The more they needed still, In the end  
The crooked trees were left there  
After all the work was done

Now they go for weeks  
And never witness anyone  
No one left to tell them if they're  
Growing right or wrong  
But the whispering wind  
*Chorus*

People say I'm different  
My way of life seems strange  
I took the road less traveled  
Twists and turns along the way  
But like the crooked tree  
I'm growing stronger day by day  
As the clouds roll by  
A river never wonders  
Why it flows around the bend  
A mountain doesn't question  
How it rose up from the land  
So who am I to wish  
I wasn't just the way I am, Who am I?  
*Chorus*

### **DANIEL PRAYED**

I read about a man one day  
He wasted not his time away  
He prayed to God Every mornin, noon and night  
He cared not for the things avail  
But trusted one who never fails  
Oh Daniel prayed every mornin, noon and night

*Chorus*

Oh Daniel served his living God  
While upon this earth he trod,  
He prayed to God every mornin, noon and night  
He cared not for the kings decree  
But trusted God to set him free (King's decree)  
Oh Daniel prayed every mornin, noon and night

They locked him in the lions den  
Because he would not honor men  
But he prayed to God every mornin, noon and night  
The jaws were locked, it made him shout  
And God soon brought him safely out  
Oh Daniel prayed every mornin, noon and night  
*Chorus*

Now brother let us watch and pray  
Like Daniel did from day to day  
He prayed to God (He prayed to God),  
every mornin, noon and night  
We too can gladly dare and do  
And pray to God, He'll see us through  
Oh Daniel prayed (Oh Daniel Prayed),  
every mornin, noon and night  
*Chorus*

### **DOWN TO THE RIVER TO PRAY**

As I went down in the river to pray  
Studying about that good ol' way  
And who shall wear the starry crown?  
Good Lord show me the way!

O brothers let's go down  
Let's go down, come on down  
Come on brothers, let's go down  
Down in the river to pray

As I went down in the river to pray  
Studying about that good ol' way  
And who shall wear the starry crown?  
Good Lord show me the way

O fathers let's go down  
Let's go down, come on down  
O fathers let's go down  
Down in the river to pray

As I went down in the river to pray  
Studying about that good ol' way  
And who shall wear the robe and crown?  
Good Lord show me the way  
O mothers let's go down  
Come on down, don't you wanna go down?  
Come on mothers, let's go down  
Down in the river to pray

As I went down in the river to pray  
Studying about that good ol' way  
And who shall wear the starry crown?  
Good Lord show me the way

O sinners, let's go down  
Let's go down, come on down  
O sinners, let's go down  
Down in the river to pray

## THE FIRST STEP TO HEAVEN

Wake up Oh sinner,  
you're facing the darkness of death  
Each moment may be  
the moment you take your last breath  
And the weight of your fears  
are the shackles that keep you enslaved  
But the blood of the Lamb is the one way to bypass  
the grave.

*Chorus*  
The first step to heaven, is knowing you're lost  
The highway to Glory, is the way of the Cross  
You can hand Him your burdens  
the moment you see  
The first step to Heaven, is down on your knees.

To all you believers who've  
answered the Good Shepherd's call  
Flood the chasm of darkness  
with the light that can save one and all  
Not a soul crosses Jordan  
on the weight of their money or deeds  
That Mansion up yonder is  
reserved for those who believe.

## GET UP IN, GET UP IN JESUS' NAME

*Chorus*  
Get up in, get up in Jesus' name  
The Lord is calling daily to those  
Who would be saved  
Don't go down defeated  
while victory's here to claim  
Get up, get up, get up in Jesus' name

At the gate called Beautiful,  
there laid out in the street  
A poor and lowly beggar  
who was crippled in his feet  
As John and Peter passed him,  
they saw his need was bad  
They had no gold or silver,  
but they gave him what they had

*Chorus*  
In the day which we live in,  
there's evil everywhere  
The body seems discouraged  
and overcome with fear  
Well God is needing soldiers,  
to get out of their pews  
And take hold of the power  
that John and Peter used  
*Chorus*

## GOD CAN

Who can take the beggar in off the street  
Give him clean clothes and food to eat  
God can, I know God can  
Who can take a heart turned bitter and cold  
Make it brand new so it shines like gold  
God can, I know God can

*Chorus*  
God can take away all your pain  
Make the sunshine chase the rain  
Yesterday, today and forever the same  
All you gotta do is just call his name

Who can put the family back together again  
That let their guard down  
and the devil crept in  
God can, I know God can

Who can reach down to the trembling hand  
Of the child that's abused  
and they can't understand  
God can, I know God can  
*Chorus*

## HALLELUJAH, I'M READY TO GO

*Chorus*  
Hallelujah (I'm ready), I'm ready (Hallelujah)  
I can hear the voices singing soft and low  
Hallelujah (I'm ready), I'm ready (hallelujah)  
Hallelujah I'm ready to go

In the darkness of night,  
not a star was in sight  
on the highway that leads down below  
but Jesus came in and saved us all from sin  
hallelujah I'm ready to go

*Chorus*

Sinners don't wait until its too late  
He's a wonderful savior you know  
well I fell on my knees  
when he answered my plea's  
hallelujah I'm ready to go

*Chorus*

## HELP IS ON THE WAY

A woman in the Bible days  
her last meal was almost gone  
But God sent Elisha to make His Word known  
He said woman don't worry  
for God sent me today  
And before you even asked Him,  
help was on the way



*Chorus*

Just hold on a little longer help is on the way  
A brighter day is coming  
for those who believe and pray  
Help won't help tomorrow if you give up today  
Just hold on a little longer, help is on the way

Troubles of this life come burdens get you down  
You think no one is listening  
you think no one's around  
Just remember what his word says  
Trust Him and obey  
Keep your eyes toward the heavens  
Cause help is on the way  
*Chorus*

### **I SAW THE LIGHT**

I wandered so aimless, my life full of sin  
I wouldn't let my dear Savior in  
The Jesus came like a stranger in the night  
Praise the Lord, I saw the light!

*Chorus*

I saw the light, I saw the light  
No more darkness no more night  
Now I am so happy no sorrow in sight  
Praise the Lord I saw the light

Just like a fool I wandered alone  
Worries and cares I claimed for my own  
Then like a blind man, God gave back my sight  
Praise the Lord, I saw the light  
*Chorus*

I was a fool to wander astray  
Straight is the gate and narrow the way  
Now I'm trading the wrong for the right  
Praise the Lord, I saw the light  
*Chorus*

### **I'LL FLY AWAY**

Some bright morning when this life is o'er  
I'll fly away  
To a home on God's celestial shore  
I'll fly away

*Chorus*

I will fly away oh glory,  
I'll fly away  
When I die and Hallelujah by and by  
I'll fly away

When the shadows of this life have gone  
I'll fly away  
Like a bird from these prison walls I'll fly  
I'll fly away  
*Chorus*

Just a few more weary days and then  
I'll fly away  
To a land where joys will never meet  
I'll fly away  
*Chorus*

### **IN THE PALM OF HIS HAND**

If I could have the world and all it owns  
A thousand kingdoms, a thousand thrones  
If all the earth were mine to hold  
With wealth my only goal  
I'd spend my gold on selfish things  
Without the love that Your life brings  
Just a little bit more is all I'd need  
'Til life was torn from me.

*Refrain*

I'd rather be in the palm of Your hand  
Though rich or poor I may be  
Faith can see right through the circumstance  
Sees the forest in spite of the trees  
Your grace provides for me

If I should walk the streets no place to sleep  
No faith in promises You keep  
I'd have no way to buy my bread  
With a bottle for my bed.  
But if I trust the One who died for me  
Who shed His blood to set me free  
If I live my life to trust in You  
Your grace will see me through  
*Refrain*

### **IN THE SWEET BY AND BY**

There's a land that is fairer than day  
And by faith we can see it afar  
For the Father waits over the way  
To prepare us a dwelling place there

*Chorus*

In the sweet by and by  
We shall meet on that beautiful shore  
In the sweet by and by  
We shall meet on that beautiful shore

We shall sing on that beautiful shore  
The melodious songs of the blessed  
And our spirit shall sorrow no more  
Not a sigh for the blessing of rest  
*Chorus*

To a bountiful father above  
We shall offer our tribute of praise  
For the glorious gift of His love  
And the blessings that hallow our days  
*Chorus*

## **JUST A CLOSER WALK WITH THEE**

I am weak but Thou art strong;  
Jesus, keep me from all wrong;  
I'll be satisfied as long,  
as I walk, let me walk close to Thee.

### *Chorus*

Just a closer walk with Thee,  
grant it, Jesus, is my plea;  
Daily walking close to Thee,  
let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

Through this world of toil and snares,  
if I falter, Lord, who cares?  
Who with me my burden shares?  
None but thee, dear Lord, none but Thee.

### *Chorus*

When my feeble life is o'er,  
time for me will be no more;  
Guide me gently, safely o'er,  
to Thy kingdom shore, to Thy shore.

### *Chorus*

## **LEANING ON THE EVERLASTING ARM**

What a fellowship what a joy divine  
Leaning on the everlasting arms  
What a blessedness what a peace is mine  
Leaning on the everlasting arms

### *Chorus*

Leaning leaning safe and secure from all alarms  
Leaning lean-ing leaning on the everlasting arms

Oh how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way  
Leaning on the everlasting arms  
Oh how bright the path grows from day to day  
Leaning on the everlasting arms

### *Chorus*

What have I to dread what have I to fear  
Leaning on the everlasting arms  
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near  
Leaning on the everlasting arms

### *Chorus*

## **LORD, I HOPE THIS DAY IS GOOD**

### *Refrain*

Lord, I hope this day is good  
I'm feelin' empty and misunderstood  
I should be thankful, Lord, I know I should  
But Lord I hope this day is good

Lord, have you forgotten me  
I've been prayin' to you faithfully  
I'm not sayin' I'm a righteous man  
But Lord I hope you understand

I don't need fortune and I don't need fame  
Send down the thunder,  
Lord, send down the rain  
But when you're plannin' just how it will be  
Plan a good day for me  
*Refrain*

You've been the King since the dawn of time  
All that I'm askin' is a little less crime  
It might be hard for the devil to do  
But it would be easy for you  
*Refrain*

## **ONE MORE CHANCE LORD**

Walkin' down the road one day,  
a thought came to my mind  
What if the Lord would come today  
and I was left behind  
I said so all the crowd would here,  
Please don't go away  
If you just give me one more chance,  
I'll be glad to pray

### *Chorus*

One more chance Lord, that's all I'm asking  
If you'll just grant it, I'll sure live for you  
I'm through with Satan  
and Heaven's on my mind Lord  
Just give me one more  
and you'll see someone new.

I'm sure glad the thought came by  
as I walked on down the road  
Now to serve him in my youth  
and not wait till I'm old  
I sure hope that you have thoughts  
like I did that day  
So give your heart to Jesus  
and join me while I pray  
*Chorus*

## **RISE UP LAZARUS**

### *Chorus*

Rise up Lazarus, rise up from the dust  
If in Jesus you believe,  
you shall be released  
Go forth John and Paul,  
spread the gospel to them all  
Give them courage to believe  
And they shall be released

Now Jesus went to Bethany  
In answer to an urgent plea  
Two sisters fell down at his feet  
They began to cry and weep  
They led Him to their brother's grave  
Jesus knelt to God and prayed  
*Chorus*

Now doubters who had not believed  
Spread the word of what they'd seen  
Then they began to congregate  
First two to four then four to eight  
God watched the faithful multiply  
As they echoed Jesus Cried  
*Chorus*

Now all us children here on earth  
Sometimes doubt our worldly worth  
But if in Jesus you do trust  
You will rise like Lazarus  
So if you're feeling down and out  
Open up your heart and shout  
*Chorus*

### **RIVER OF JORDAN**

To the river of Jordan  
our Savior went one day  
And John the Baptist met him there  
When John baptized Jesus  
in Jordan's rushing water  
The mighty power of God filled the air  
  
I'm on my way, (to the river of Jordan)  
Gonna wade right in, (in the rushing water)  
I'm going down, to the River of Jordan  
And let the cool waters cleanse my soul  
  
King Naiman was stricken with dreaded leprosy  
And he sent for the man of God to pray  
But Elijah said to Naiman  
go dip yourself in the Jordan  
And cool waters will wash your spots away  
  
So he went right down, (to the river of Jordan)  
So he went right in, (in the rushing water)  
He dipped himself, (he dipped himself)  
in the river of Jordan  
And the cool waters made him whole  
  
The river of Jordan is many miles away  
This mighty river, I may never see  
But I'll find myself an alter  
in an old-fashioned church  
My river of Jordan that will be  
  
I'm on my way, (to the river of Jordan)  
Gonna wade right in, (in the rushing water)  
I'm going down to the River of Jordan  
And let the cool waters cleanse my soul

### **RIVER OF LIFE**

*Chorus*  
Brothers, sisters, come on down to that river  
Guaranteed you'll never be the same  
There's a fountain flowing from the heart of the Savior  
Bring your sins and all your guilty stains  
Let that river of life wash it all away

If you've been searching, carrying burdens  
If you've been lost and looking for a home  
If you've been drifting and something is missing  
You should know that you are not alone  
*Chorus*

Come as you are, no time to waste  
Open your heart, don't be afraid  
Jump on in, the water is fine  
There's healing in the river of life  
*Chorus*

### **TAKE UP THY CROSS AND FOLLOW ME**

I walked one day along a country road,  
And there a stranger journeyed too,  
Bent low beneath the burden of His load:  
It was a cross, a cross I knew.

*Refrain*  
"Take up thy cross and follow Me,"  
I hear the blessed Savior call;  
How can I make a lesser sacrifice,  
When Jesus gave His all?

I cried, "Lord Jesus," and He spoke my name;  
I saw His hands all bruised and torn;  
I stooped to kiss away the marks of shame,  
The shame for me that He had borne.  
*Refrain*

My cross I'll carry till the crown appears—  
The way I journey soon will end—  
Where God Himself shall wipe away all tears,  
And friend hold fellowship with friend.  
*Refrain*

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