

# ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH

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**THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**TRINITY SUNDAY**

**BLUEGRASS MASS**

**SUNDAY, JUNE 4, 2023**

**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, [www.st-margarets.org/newcomers.html](http://www.st-margarets.org/newcomers.html).

### 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 9:45 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. in the lower level 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 DelSordo, Children's Formation Coordinator, at [emily@st-margarets.org](mailto: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](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 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 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 2-10. More information may be found on their website at [www.stmargaretsdayschool.org](http://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 of dollars to organizations here and across the globe. To get involved, visit the Missions page on our website at [www.st-margarets.org/missions.html](http://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 an adult choir, a K-12 chorister program (grades K-2, 3-5, 6-12), 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 all of 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>.

The **liturgy and music** for today is led by Associate for Contemporary Music Al Todd, the Third Sunday Band, and special guests. It is drawn from the 1979 Book of Common Prayer, Enriching our Worship I, various denominational hymnbooks, original compositions, and other resources as noted.

Lyrics for all hymns and songs not printed in the order of service may be found beginning on p. 13.

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## WELCOME

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

## HYMN

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## 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.  
*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* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**  
*Celebrant* Let us pray.  
 Almighty and everlasting God, you have given to us your servants grace, by the confession of a  
 true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of your divine  
 Majesty to worship the Unity: Keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to  
 see you in your one and eternal glory, O Father; who with the Son and the Holy Spirit live and  
 reign, one God, for ever and ever.  
*People* **Amen.**

The People are seated.

# LITURGY OF THE WORD

## OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Genesis 1:1-2:4a

A reading from the book of Genesis.

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day. And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day. And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it." And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day. And God said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth." And it was so. God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day. And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky." So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day. And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind." And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth." So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day. Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation. These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

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

- 1 O Lord our Governor, \*  
how exalted is your Name in all the world!
- 2 **Out of the mouths of infants and children \***  
**your majesty is praised above the heavens.**
- 3 You have set up a stronghold against your adversaries, \*  
to quell the enemy and the avenger.
- 4 **When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, \***  
**the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,**
- 5 What is man that you should be mindful of him? \*  
the son of man that you should seek him out?
- 6 **You have made him but little lower than the angels; \***  
**you adorn him with glory and honor;**
- 7 You give him mastery over the works of your hands; \*  
you put all things under his feet:
- 8 **All sheep and oxen, \***  
**even the wild beasts of the field,**
- 9 The birds of the air, the fish of the sea, \*  
and whatsoever walks in the paths of the sea.
- 10 **O Lord our Governor, \***  
**how exalted is your Name in all the world!**

**EPISTLE**

2 Corinthians 13:11-13

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

Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

Lector	The Word of the Lord.
People	<b>Thanks be to God.</b>

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

*(Note: There is no Children's Chapel today. It will resume next Sunday, June 11.)*

**HYMN**

Just a closer walk with thee

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## HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 28:16-20

*Priest* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

*Priest* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*The People are seated.*

## SERMON

The Rev. Patti Sachs

*The People stand as they are able.*

## NICENE CREED

*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.

Leader For all people in their daily life and work;  
People **For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

Leader For this community, the nation, and the world;  
People **For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

Leader For the just and proper use of your creation;  
People **For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

Leader For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;  
People **For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

Leader For the peace and unity of the Church of God;  
People **For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

Leader For Michael our Presiding Bishop, Eugene and Robert our Bishops, and for all bishops and other ministers.  
People **For all who serve God in the Church.**

Leader For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially...

*The People may add their own petitions.*

Leader Hear us, Lord;  
People **For your mercy is great.**

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

*The People may add their own thanksgivings.*

Leader We will exalt you, O God our King;  
People **And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

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

*The People may add their own petitions.*

Leader Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;  
People **Who put their trust in you.**

Leader We pray for those who are about to be confirmed: Margaret, Connor, Grace, Sarah, Kamden, Maile, and Gabrielle;  
People **That they may live out their baptismal covenant and walk in your grace always.**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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

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

*Celebrant 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.**

*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.

*People* **Amen.**

## PEACE

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord 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 GIVSMC to 73256.*

*During the Offertory, all are welcome to deliver their gift to the plate located up front near the altar.  
An usher will also walk around with a 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 I*

*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 our thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant* It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy.



For with your co-eternal Son and Holy Spirit, you are one god, one Lord, in Trinity of Person and Unity of Being; and we celebrate the one and equal glory of you, O Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation 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*

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, 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, 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant continues*

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine.

By your Holy Spirit may these be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with Mary, Margaret, and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

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* He gives heavenly bread to the hungry.

*People* **And to the thirsty, water from the living spring.**

*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

Help is on the way  
Down to the river to pray  
I'll fly away

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

## **POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

**God of abundance,  
you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation;  
you have united us with Christ and one another;  
and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth.  
Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,  
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world  
and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

## **BLESSING**

*A Franciscan Benediction*

*Celebrant* May God bless us with discomfort at easy answers, half-truths, and superficial relationships, so that we may live from deep within our hearts. May God bless us with anger at injustice, oppression, and exploitation of God's creations, so that we may work for justice, freedom, and peace. May God bless us with tears to shed for those who suffer pain, rejection, hunger, and war, so that we may reach out our hands to comfort them and to turn their pain into joy. And may God bless us with just enough foolishness to believe that we can make a difference in the world, so that we can do what others claim cannot be done: to bring justice and kindness to all our children and all our neighbors who are poor.

*People* **Amen.**

*The People remain standing and sing the Hymn.*

## **HYMN**

In the sweet by and by

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## **DISMISSAL**

*Priest* Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

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

## **POSTLUDE**

God Can  
Anywhere with Jesus  
River of Jordan  
Crooked Tree  
All Prayed Up

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## **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*

## **I BELIEVE IN THE OLD TIME WAY**

*Chorus*

*I believe, in the power that can move a mountain,  
I believe in the old time way  
Oh, I believe, in the old time singin' shoutin',  
I believe in the old time way*

I believe in the power that parted the waters  
for the children of Israel that day  
And if you want to have a bright mansion eternal,  
believe in the old time way  
*Chorus*

Now some people say, that to pray is useless,  
there's no need to sing God's praise  
But if you want to have a bright home in heaven,  
believe in the old time way  
*Chorus*

## **THE GOSPEL PLOW**

Well I got my hands on the gospel plow  
And I wouldn't take nothin' for my journey now  
Keep your hands on that plow of God

*Chorus*

*Hold on hold on  
Keep your hands on that plow hold on*

Well Matthew Mark Luke and John  
All those prophets are dead and gone  
Keep your hands on that plow of God  
*Chorus*

I never been to heaven but I've been told  
The streets up there are made of gold  
Keep your hands on that plow of God  
*Chorus*

Well I got my hands on the gospel plow  
And I wouldn't take nothin' for my journey now  
Keep your hands on that plow of God  
*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*

## 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*

## 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*

## RISE AND SHINE

Little children do not worry cause  
you still got lots of time  
There's no need in walking backwards  
turn around and rise and shine  
If your load always seems heavy  
and you're always left behind  
Pick yourself up from the ground  
and jump right back and rise and shine

Rise and shine in the early morning  
shine your light out through the day  
Makes no difference what they tell you  
stand right up and have your say  
Cause the good Lord said he loved you  
and to him you'll strictly find  
Even though the world may use you  
turn around and rise and shine

Look at how they did for Jesus  
why they nailed him to a cross  
But he died out there on Calvary  
so the world would not be lost  
So no matter how they treat you  
if they slap you in the face  
Just remember Jesus loves you  
and on that cross he took your place

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Cause the good Lord said he loved you  
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## 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*

## KEEP ON THE SUNNY SIDE

There's a dark and a troubled side of life  
But there's a bright and a sunny side too  
Though you meet with the darkness and strife  
The sunny side you also may view

*Chorus*

*Keep on the sunny side  
always on the sunny side  
Keep on the sunny side of life  
It will help us every day  
it will brighten all the way  
If we'll keep on the sunny side of life*

Though the storm and its furies rage today  
Crushing hope that we cherish so dear  
The cloud and storm will in time pass away  
And the sun again will shine bright and clear  
*Chorus*

Let us greet with a song of hope each day  
Though the moment be cloudy or fair  
And let us trust in our Savior always  
He'll keep us everyone in His care  
*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*

## 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*

## 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*

## 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



## **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 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*

## **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*

## **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.

*Refrain*  
*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 dearest ways,  
Anywhere with Jesus is a house of praise.

*Refrain*  
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.  
*Refrain*

## 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

## 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*

## 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*

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