

ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH

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THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST BLUEGRASS MASS

JUNE 7, 2026
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 and that you will join us for our annual parish cookout following the service. We would like to continue our relationship with you, so please ask an usher for a Connect Card to fill out or visit our website's "Newcomers" page at st-margarets.org/newcomers.

SAFETY PROTOCOLS AT ST. MARGARET'S

In the event of an emergency, please stay calm, stay seated, locate your nearest exit, and listen for instructions.

Hand sanitizer bottles are offered throughout the campus.

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 11:15 a.m. The Nursery is located on the lower floor of the Annex, the building attached to the Sanctuary.

At the 9:00 a.m. Sunday service during the Sequence Hymn, 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. Children in middle school are welcome to attend **Youth Chapel** for an age-appropriate lesson with Clergy. All return at the Peace.

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, meets on Monday evenings. To register your youth, email Allison Wood, Youth Ministry Coordinator, at youthministry@st-margarets.org.

On Mondays from September through May, we offer several formational and fellowship opportunities. Choir rehearsals take place at 5:15 p.m. for our choristers (K-8) and 7:00 p.m. for our adults (high school and above) in the Annex. Youth Group takes place from 6:15-8:00 p.m. in the Formation Building. On the last Monday of the month, there is an evening service led by our choristers at 5:45 p.m. in the church, followed by a community dinner at 6:15 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Please check the church calendar at st-margarets.org/calendar 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 high quality curriculum and special activities such as Spanish, STEM lessons, music, and physical education. After school activities are also offered, such as soccer, ballet, chess, and basketball. The school also offers highly popular summer camps from for ages 2-6. More information may be found on their website at stmargaretsdayschool.org, or by emailing Jennie Feeny, Day School Director, at smdsdirector@outlook.com.

ADULT FORMATION AT ST. MARGARET'S

We offer adults a variety of ways to grow in faith. Each Sunday, we present a talk on a mission or an issue of interest in the Fellowship Hall during Coffee Hour. On Wednesday mornings, our Education for Ministry (EFM) class meets. On Thursdays, we offer Book Club on Zoom at 9:00 a.m. On the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month, we offer Gospel Sessions that look at the upcoming lesson for the week, again on Zoom at 9:00 a.m. Our Thursday night offerings range from a monthly book study to contemplative liturgies and movie nights. Visit our website for more information of what is coming up.

St. Margaret's is known for its many outreach efforts both locally and around the world. We are an active and committed church. To get involved, visit our website's "Get Involved" page at st-margarets.org/getinvolved.

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 graded chorister program for youth, handbells, and a contemporary music ensemble. If you would like to find out more, please visit the music pages on the website at st-margarets.org/music-overview and contact Jim Douglas, Director of Music, at music@st-margarets.org. Membership in our ensembles is open to all, regardless of religious affiliation or background. The Music Ministry calendar may also be found on the website at st-margarets.org/music-calendar.

The **liturgy and music** for today is drawn from Enriching our Worship, the St. Helena Psalter, the 1982 Hymnal, and other resources as noted. Permission to print and live-stream music granted through OneLicense #A-709554 and CCLI #661345/#CSPL068962.

PRELUDE

WELCOME

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

HYMN

Just a closer walk with thee

CLOSER WALK

1. 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.*

2. 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

3. 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

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

I'll fly away

Albert E. Brumley

1. 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*

2. 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
3. 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

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant May God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, from whom all good proceeds: Grant that by your inspiration we may think those things that are right, and by your merciful guiding may do them; 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

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Genesis 12:1-9

A reading from the book of Genesis.

Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother's son Lot, and all the possessions that they had gathered, and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran; and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan. When they had come to the land of Canaan, Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. Then the Lord appeared to Abram, and said, "To your offspring I will give this

land." So he built there an altar to the Lord, who had appeared to him. From there he moved on to the hill country on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; and there he built an altar to the Lord and invoked the name of the Lord. And Abram journeyed on by stages toward the Negeb.

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

GRADUAL *(read responsively by whole verse)*

Psalm 33:1-12

- 1 Rejoice in God, you righteous; *
it is good for the just to sing praises.
- 2 **Praise God with the harp; ***
play upon the psalter and lyre.
- 3 Sing for God a new song; *
sound a fanfare with all your skill upon the trumpet.
- 4 **For your word, O God, is right, ***
and all your works are sure.
- 5 You love righteousness and justice; *
your loving-kindness fills the whole earth.
- 6 **By your word, O God, were the heavens made, ***
by the breath of his mouth all the heavenly hosts.
- 7 You gather up the waters of the ocean as in a water-skin *
and store up the depths of the sea.
- 8 **Let all the earth fear you; ***
let all who dwell in the world stand in awe of you.
- 9 For you spoke, and it came to pass; *
you commanded, and it stood fast.
- 10 **You bring the will of the nations to naught; ***
and thwart the designs of the peoples.
- 11 But your will stands fast for ever, *
and the designs of your heart from age to age.
- 12 **Happy is the nation that worships you, O Most High; ***
happy the people you have chosen to be your own!

EPISTLE

Romans 4:13-25

A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans.

The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations")—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things

that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

Lector Here 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.

Note: There is no Children's Chapel or Youth Chapel today.

HYMN	Down in the valley to pray	<i>Traditional Spiritual</i>
	<i>Chorus</i>	
	<i>As I went down in the valley to pray Studying about the good ol' days And who will wear the robe and crown Oh Lord show me the way</i>	
	1. Oh brother let's go down Come on down won't you come on down Oh brother let's go down down in the valley to pray	
	2. Oh sister let's go down...	
	3. Oh father let's go down...	
	4. Oh mother let's go down...	
	5. Oh children let's go down... <i>Chorus</i>	

HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

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

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him. And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners." While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, "My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live." And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, for she said to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well." Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, "Take heart, daughter;

your faith has made you well." And instantly the woman was made well. When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, he said, "Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. And the report of this spread throughout that district.

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

The People are seated.

SERMON

The Rev. Peter W. Mayer

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

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.

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people, especially in Iran, Ukraine, Palestine, Nigeria, and Congo. Pray for justice and peace.

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

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

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

I ask your prayers for those who are currently serving abroad and their loved ones, especially Matthew, Michael, Jonah, and Gabriel.

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

In our global cycle of prayer, we pray for the Scottish Episcopal Church.
In our diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for Christ Church, West River; Middleham and St. Peter's, Lusby; St. Alban's, Glen Burnie.
We also pray for our cousins at Asbury Broadneck United Methodist Church.

Celebrant Lord, hear the prayers of your people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

People **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Celebrant Let us confess our sins to God.

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 Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The People greet one another with a sign of peace and are seated.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOLY COMMUNION

To give by cell phone, text GIVESMC to 73256.

During the Offertory Hymn, ushers will take the plates to those who wish to offer their gift from their seat.

The People remain seated and sing the Hymn.

HYMN

Hallelujah I'm ready to go

Traditional Gospel/Bluegrass

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

1. 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

2. 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

The People stand as they are able.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer 1

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.

You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

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

Celebrant and People

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are filled with your glory,
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

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 captivity, 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 they 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 now pray,

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. Holy gifts for holy people.

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

Where the Soul of Man Never Dies
Touch of God's Hand
Lay My Troubles on This Side of the River

William Matthew Golden
Bob Nolan
Traditional Gospel/Bluegrass

The People stand as they are 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

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

Hank Williams, Sr.

1. 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

2. 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

3. 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

DISMISSAL

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

MUSIC NOTES

We thank our artists-in-residence the Black-Eyed Suzies for leading the music for this morning's service.

About the Black-Eyed Suzies

The Black-Eyed Suzies are Maryland's dynamic all-female traditional bluegrass band that delivers high-energy, hard-driving bluegrass with rich harmonies and standout instrumental performances. Led by fiddler Sarah Larsen, this band has a deep love for tradition and brings authentic, toe-tapping bluegrass that will get you moving.

Upcoming BES appearances:

June 12 Wind Gap Bluegrass Festival
June 19 Upperco Jam Camp
June 20 Savage Mill Bluegrass Festival
June 21 Annapolis Opry—St. Margaret's Church
June 27 Ligonier Bluegrass Festival
July 4 Godfrey's Farm Blueberry Patch
July 11 On the Grass—Dickinson College
July 25 Quiet Waters Park Annapolis

We thank the Grass Kickers for providing music for today's picnic.

About the Grass Kickers

The Grass Kickers are a talented 5-piece youth bluegrass band based in the Annapolis area. Made up of middle-school-aged musicians, the group was formed and coached by local artist Sarah Larsen and is known for playing local regional stages like the Annapolis Opry and the Chesapeake Winter Bluegrass festival.

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