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THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER SUNDAY, MAY 14, 2023 9:00 A.M. & 11:15 A.M. HOLY EUCHARIST – RITE II



The Rev. Peter W. Mayer, Rector The Rev. Patti Sachs, Associate Rector Jim Douglas, Director of Music

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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 worshiping 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, <u>www.st-margarets.org/newcomers.html</u>.

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 10:15 a.m. in the lower level of the Annex, the building attached to the Sanctuary.

During the 9:00 a.m. service when the Hymn before the Sermon begins, children ages three 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 <u>emily@st-margarets.org</u>. 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 <u>jeff@st-margarets.org</u>.

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 <u>www.st-margarets.org/calendar.html</u> 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 <u>www.stmargaretsdayschool.org</u>.

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 <u>www.st-margarets.org/missions.html</u>.

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 <u>music@st-margarets.org</u>. 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 <u>https://www.st-margarets.org/music.html</u>. The Music Ministry calendar may also be found on the website at <u>https://www.st-margarets.org/music-calendar.html</u>.

The **liturgy and music** for today is led by Director of Music Jim Douglas, Chorister Program Assistant Kate Caldwell, Sacred Music Intern Debra Kampsen, the Spirit Singers Cherubim and Seraphim, the Adult Choir, the Handbell Ensemble, and flutist Linda Kessler. It is drawn from The Book of Common Prayer, the 1982 Hymnal, and other resources as noted. Permission to print and live-stream music granted through OneLicense #A-709554 and CCLI #661345/#CSPL068962.

MUSIC NOTES

This morning, we give thanks for the many parishioners who so generously volunteer their time to sing and play in all of our music ministry ensembles. Their singing and playing of instruments is a gift to us all that tremendously enhances the worship experience here at St. Margaret's Church.

Richard Shephard (1949-2021) was a distinguished figure in contemporary classical and sacred music in the UK. A prolific composer and former educator, he served as Headmaster of York Minster School and Director of Development and Chamberlain of York Minster. He grew up as a boy chorister at Gloucester Cathedral and was a lay vicar at Corpus Christi College, Cambridge. As a composer, he wrote operas, operettas, musicals, orchestral works, chamber music, and music for television, though he is perhaps best known for his music for the church. His anthems and service settings are accessible for any church choir and are sung widely in the cathedrals and churches in the UK and here in the US. This morning's Introit for choir, piano, handbells, and solo flute was composed shortly before the composer's passing during the pandemic. It pairs the beloved Cecil Frances Alexander text <u>"All things bright and beautiful"</u> with a bright and cheerful new tune.

Jeffrey Rickard (b. 1944) is an American educator, church musician, and composer. He enjoyed a 35-year career on the faculty of at the University of Redlands, California, where he served as Professor of Music and Director of Choral Activities and directed the school's renowned Feast of Lights celebration. Since 1971 he has served a distinguished tenure as Minister of Music at Trinity Episcopal Church Redlands and in 1979 founded and served as artistic director of the Community Chorus of Redlands. Today's Offertory Anthem "Come, thou Lord, Creator Spirit" is perhaps his most well-known sacred choral work, written for choir and handbells. This piece is unique in that it employs alternating time signatures or meters (6 beats per measure/4 beats per measure), and concludes with voices alternating between those time signatures simultaneously, with handbells ringing an ostinato or repeating pattern above.

Amy Marcy Cheney Beach (1867-1944) was an American composer and pianist. She was the first successful American female composer of large-scale art music, with most of her music and performances coming under the name "Mrs. H.H.A. Beach." Other than one year of formal music training at age fourteen, Amy was self-taught, often learning by studying classical pieces. Despite her family ignoring the advice to enroll her in a European conservatory, she would become one of the most respected and acclaimed American composers of her era without the benefit of European training. Her "Gaelic" Symphony was the first symphony composed and published by an American woman, receiving its premiere by the Boston Symphony in 1896. A major advocate of music education, she served as President of the Board at New England Conservatory and was the first President of the Society of American Women Composers. Her sacred music works are mainly written for four voices and organ. This morning's Communion Anthem <u>"Peace I leave with you"</u> is a short unaccompanied gem set to the text of John 14:27.

Please silence all mobile devices. Thank you.

INTROIT

All things bright and beautiful

All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small, all things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all. Each little flower that opens, each little bird that sings, he made their glowing colors, he made their tiny wings. The cold wind in the winter, the pleasant summer sun, the ripe fruits in the garden, He made them every one: He gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell, how great is God Almighty, who has made all things well.

WELCOME

HYMN

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



EASTER ACCLAMATION

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

COLLECT FOR PURITY

- Celebrant Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.
- People Amen.

The People remain standing and sing the Song of Praise.

SONG OF PRAISE

Richard Shephard

COLLECT OF THE DAY

CelebrantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.CelebrantLet us pray.O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our
understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and
above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through
Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and
ever.PeopleAmen.

The People are seated.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Acts 17:22-31

A reading from the book of Acts.

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we too are his offspring.' Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

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

GRADUAL (read responsively by whole verse)

- 7 Bless our God, you peoples; * make the voice of his praise to be heard;
- 8 Who holds our souls in life, * and will not allow our feet to slip.
- 9 For you, O God, have proved us; * you have tried us just as silver is tried.
- 10 You brought us into the snare; * you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.

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Psalm 66:7-18

- 11 You let enemies ride over our heads;we went through fire and water; *but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.
- 12 I will enter your house with burnt-offerings and will pay you my vows, * which I promised with my lips and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.
- 13 I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts with the smoke of rams; * I will give you oxen and goats.
- 14 Come and listen, all you who fear God, * and I will tell you what he has done for me.
- 15 I called out to him with my mouth, * and his praise was on my tongue.
- 16 If I had found evil in my heart, * the Lord would not have heard me;
- 17 But in truth God has heard me; * he has attended to the voice of my prayer.
- 18 Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, * nor withheld his love from me.

SECOND LESSON

1 Peter 3:13-22

A reading from first Peter.

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

LectorThe Word of the Lord.PeopleThanks be to God.

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

Children's Chapel begins here at the 9:00am service for children from **ages three and a half to fifth grade**. Children leave the nave during this Hymn following the cross which will come down the aisle and then go down to the All Saints' Lounge in the lower level of the Annex. Children rejoin their parents at the Peace. Children three and under may attend but must be accompanied by a parent.



HOLY GOSPEL

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. "I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

PriestThe Gospel of the Lord.PeoplePraise 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.

The People remain standing as able.

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

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

And also with you.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

People

HOLY COMMUNION

To give by cell phone, text GIVESMC to 73256.

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

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Come, thou Lord, Creator Spirit

Jeffrey Rickard

Come thou, Lord, Creator Spirit, tune the humble heart to thee. From the flame of love now kindle flame in spirits born for thee. Thou the Father of Thy children; thou the orb of liberty. Thou the treasure we do cherish; thou our hope and destiny. Come thou, Lord, in all Thy splendor, let the wall of temple ring. Seraphs' cry allow to render clear the anthem we would sing. Thou so mighty, now recover for thyself thy majesty. Thou, so gentle, now deliver for Thyself Thy people free.

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

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer B

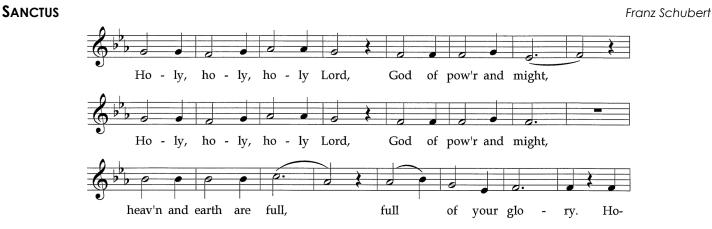
Celebrant	The Lord be with you.
People	And also with you.
Celebrant	Lift up your hearts.
People	We lift them to the Lord.
Celebrant	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People	It is right to give God thanks and praise.

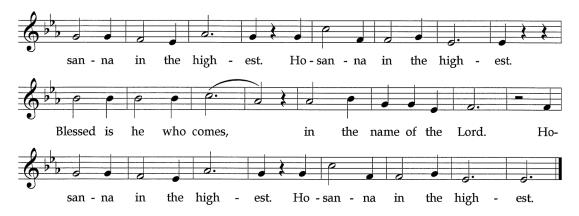
The Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

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

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:





The Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

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

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the Ever-blessed Virgin Mary, Margaret and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

People Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

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

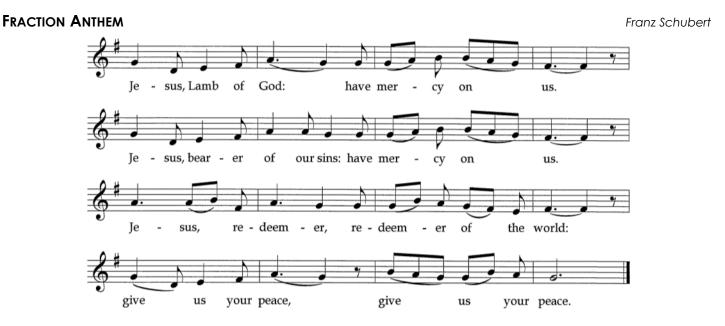
Celebrant and People

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant	God of promise, you have prepared a banquet for us.
People	Happy are those who are called to the Supper of the Lamb.

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



INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ lived and died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The People are seated.

All are welcome to receive bread and wine during Communion, including children. To receive bread, place your hands palms-up 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.

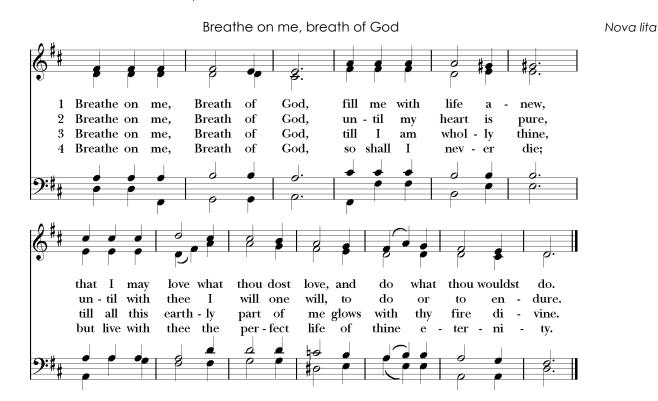
COMMUNION MUSIC

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Peace I leave with you

Amy Beach

Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.



The People stand as able after all are served.

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

United Church of Canada

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Thank you, O Christ, for this feast of life. We are fed by your love; we are strengthened by your life. We are sent forth into this world to live your way and share your joy. We are now commissioned to: feed as we have been fed, forgive as we have been forgiven, love as we have been loved. Thanks be to God. Amen.

PRAYER FOR CHURCH MUSICIANS

Celebrant O God, whom saints and angels delight to worship in heaven: Be ever present with your servants who seek through art and music to perfect the praises offered by your people on earth; and grant to them even now glimpses of your beauty, and make them worthy at length to behold it unveiled for evermore; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People Amen.

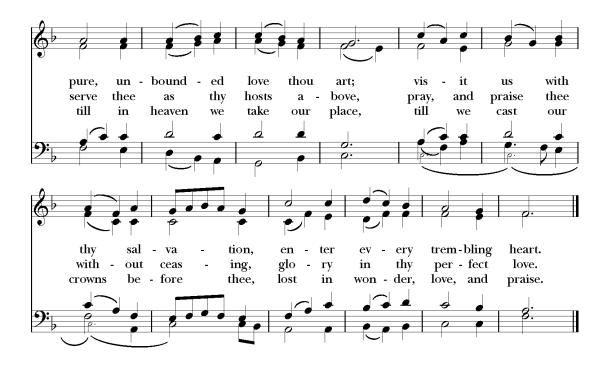
BLESSING

Celebrant May God, who through the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ has given us the victory, give you joy and peace in your life and faith; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

People Amen.

The People remain standing and sing the Hymn.





DISMISSAL

Priest Alleluia, alleluia! Let us go forth in the name of the Risen Christ.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

POSTLUDE

This morning's altar flowers are given in honor of Mother's Day by the St. Margaret's Women Guild.

St. Margaret's Church

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