

ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH

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THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 3, 2026

9:00 A.M. & 11:15 A.M.

HOLY EUCHARIST – RITE TWO

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 worshipping with us and that you will join us for refreshments and fellowship in the Parish Hall following the 9:00 a.m. service. We would like to continue our relationship with you, so please fill out a Connect Card which may be found in your pew or on 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, and listen for instructions. Please locate your nearest exit. 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 DeSordo, 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 opportunities for formation and fellowship. 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 Feeney, 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 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.

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(John 14:1-14)

As we prepare for worship, please silence all mobile devices.
Thank you.

PRELUDE

Ricercare in C Major

Johann Pachelbel

WELCOME

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

HYMN

Christ is made the sure foundation

WESTMINSTER ABBEY

1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ the head and
2 All that ded - i - cat - ed ci - ty, dear - ly loved of
3 To this tem - ple, where we call thee, come, O Lord of
4 Here vouch - safe to all thy serv - ants what they ask of

cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord, and pre - cious,
God on high, in ex - ult - ant ju - bi - la - tion
Hosts, to - day; with thy wont - ed lov - ing - kind - ness
thee to gain; what they gain from thee, for ev - er

bind - ing all the Church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's
pours per - pet - ual mel - o - dy; God the One in
hear thy serv - ants as they pray, and thy full - est
with the bless - ed to re - tain, and here - af - ter

help for ev - er, and her con - fi - dence a - lone.
Three a - dor - ing in glad hymns e - ter - nal - ly.
ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in its walls al - way.
in thy glo - ry ev - er - more with thee to reign.

EASTER ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

COLLECT FOR PURITY

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

People **Amen.**

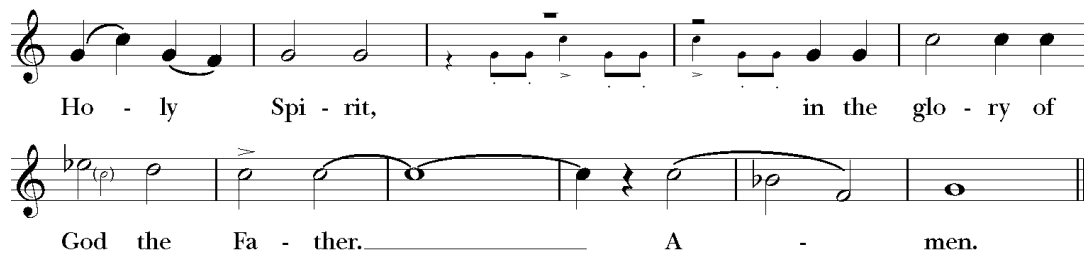
The People remain standing and sing the Song of Praise.

SONG OF PRAISE

William Mathias



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



COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People **Amen.**

The People are seated.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Acts 7:55-60

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL *(read responsively by half verse)*

Psalms 31:1-5, 15-16

- 1 In you, O God, have I taken refuge;
let me never be put to shame; *
deliver me in your righteousness.
- 2 Incline your ear to me; *
make haste to deliver me.
- 3 Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag and my stronghold; *
for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.
- 4 Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, *
for you are my tower of strength.

5 Into your hands I commend my spirit, *
for you have redeemed me, O God of truth.

15 My times are in your hand; *
rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.

16 Make your face to shine upon your servant, *
and in your loving-kindness save me.

SECOND LESSON

1 Peter 2:2-10

A reading from the first letter of Peter.

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation—if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture: "See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame." To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner", And "A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall." They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

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

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

At the 9:00 a.m. service, **Children's Chapel** (children ages three and a half to fifth grade) and **Youth Chapel** (children in middle school) begin here. During this hymn, children will leave the nave by following the wooden cross which will come down the aisle and then go into the Annex. All will rejoin their families at the Peace. Children three and under may attend Children's Chapel but need to be accompanied by a parent.

HYMN

Thou art the way, to thee alone

ST. JAMES

1 Thou art the Way, to thee a-lone from sin and death we flee;
2 Thou art the Truth, thy word a-lone true wis-dom can im-part;
3 Thou art the Life, the rend-ing tomb pro-claims thy con-quer-ing arm;
4 Thou art the Way, the Truth, the Life: grant us that way to know,
and all who would the Fa-ther seek, must seek him, Lord, by thee.
thou on-ly canst in-form the mind and pu-ri-fy the heart.
and those who put their trust in thee nor death nor hell shall harm.
that truth to keep, that life to win, whose joys e-ter-nal flow.

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

Jesus said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him." Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it."

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.**

The People remain standing as able.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Liturgy for the Whole Church

<i>Leader</i>	Awake, O sleeper, rise from death, and Christ will give you life! Bring newness and change to your church, O God, that we might serve you with courage and grace.
<i>People</i>	Awake, O church, rise from death, and Christ will give you life!
<i>Leader</i>	Bring newness and change to your world, O God, that all might know the goodness of your love.
<i>People</i>	Awake, O world, rise from death, and Christ will give you life!
<i>Leader</i>	Bring newness and change to our nation, O God, that each person might share and honor the other.
<i>People</i>	Awake, O people, rise from death, and Christ will give you life!
<i>Leader</i>	Bring newness and change for the suffering, O God, especially..., that they might know your saving help.
<i>People</i>	Awake, O sorrowful, rise from death, and Christ will give you life!
<i>Leader</i>	Bring newness and change to even the departed, O God, especially..., that they might forever grow in your likeness.
<i>People</i>	Awake, O saints, rise from death, and Christ will give you life!
<i>Leader</i>	Bring newness and change to our hearts, O God, that we might grow larger in faith and hope.
<i>People</i>	Awake, O soul, rise from death, and Christ will give you life!
<i>Leader</i>	Let us pray for our own needs and those of others. In our global cycle of prayer, we pray for the Church of North India. In our diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for St. James', Parkton; St. John's, Havre de Grace; St. Mark's on-the-Hill, Pikesville. We also pray for our cousins at Asbury Broadneck United Methodist Church.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Awake, O sleeper, rise from death, for Christ has burst forth from the tomb, making all things new. Rise and live, says the Lord. This day God has made for life and all joy! Amen, alleluia!
<i>People</i>	Amen, alleluia.

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 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.*

During Communion, healing prayers and the laying on of hands will take place at the prayer desk in the Narthex.

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Easter Rejoicing

Michael Helman

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

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer B

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

The Celebrant proceeds

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

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

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

SANCTUS

Franz Schubert

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

The Celebrant continues

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

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

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

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

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

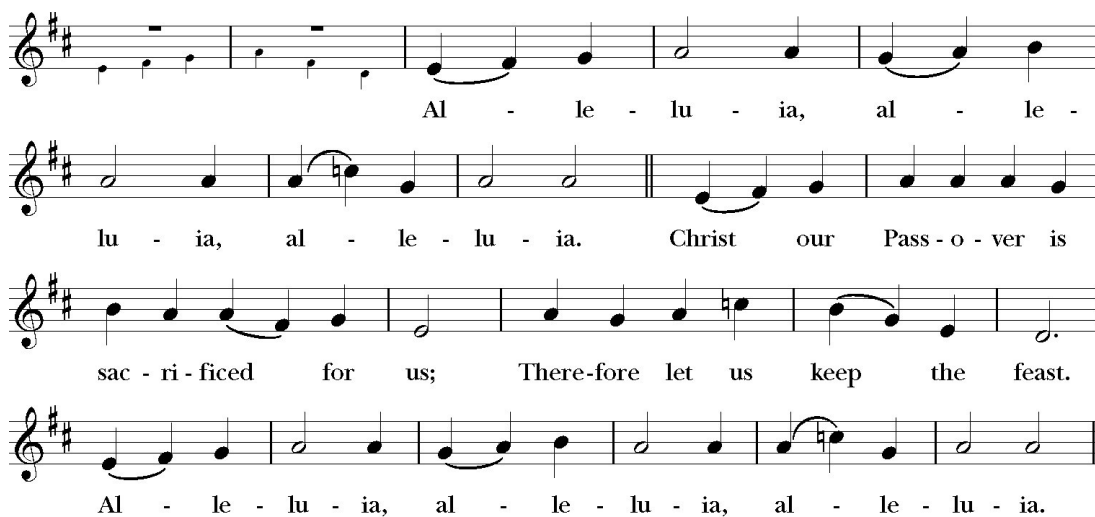
Celebrant God of promise, you have prepared a banquet for us.

People **Happy are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.**

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

FRACTION ANTHEM

Gerald Near



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is
sac - ri - ficed for us; There-fore let us keep the feast.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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

Sheep may safely graze

J.S. Bach

The People stand as they are 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.

EASTER BLESSING

Liturgy for the Whole Church

Celebrant Make us an Easter people, O Christ, whose name is "Alleluia." May we, like Mary, rise in joy when you call our name. May we, like Thomas, see and believe. May we, like Peter, become bold and brave. May we, like Cleopas, meet you in every road. May we, like them, be utterly changed, in the victory of the love by which you left your tomb, and saved us forever from death. In your name, Jesus.

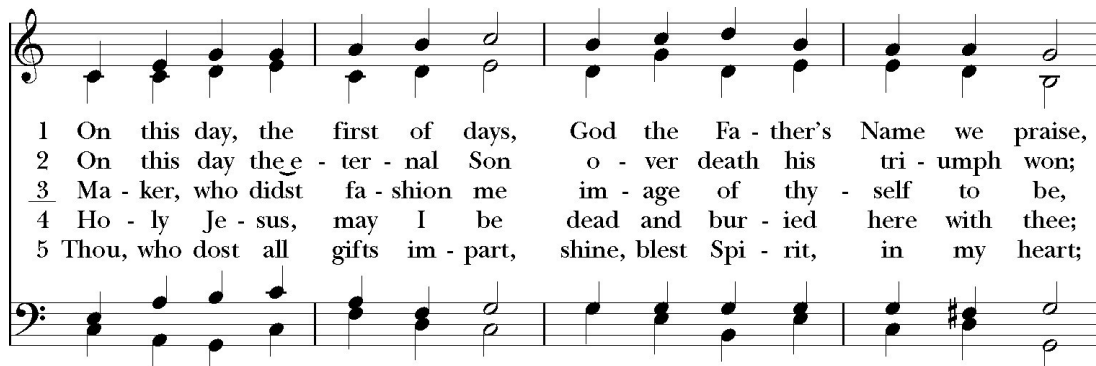
People **Amen.**

The People remain standing and sing the Hymn.

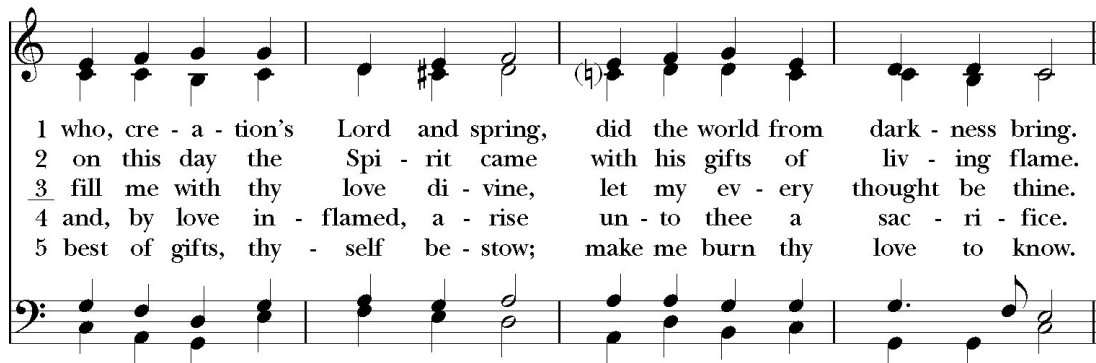
HYMN

On this day, the first of days

GOTT SEI DANK



1 On this day, the first of days, God the Fa - ther's Name we praise,
2 On this day the e - ter - nal Son o - ver death his tri - umph won;
3 Ma - ker, who didst fa - shion me im - age of thy - self to be,
4 Ho - ly Je - sus, may I be dead and bur - ied here with thee;
5 Thou, who dost all gifts im - part, shine, blest Spi - rit, in my heart;



1 who, cre - a - tion's Lord and spring, did the world from dark - ness bring.
2 on this day the Spi - rit came with his gifts of liv - ing flame.
3 fill me with thy love di - vine, let my ev - ery thought be thine.
4 and, by love in - flamed, a - rise un - to thee a sac - ri - fice.
5 best of gifts, thy - self be - stow; make me burn thy love to know.

6 God, the blessed Three in One,
dwell within my heart alone;
thou dost give thyself to me:
help me give myself to thee.

DISMISSAL

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

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

POSTLUDE

Fanfare for Bells

Mary McCleary

ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH

Clergy and Staff

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