



ST. MARGARET'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Palm Desert, California

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The Holy Eucharist

THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 22, 2020

Thank you for choosing to worship at St. Margaret's today. Your presence blesses all those around you. The form of worship you will experience has deep roots in Christian history. This gives a sense of being surrounded by all the faithful through time. Silencing your cellphone and entering a quiet time as the Prelude music starts will support this experience. May you find food for your soul here.

Children's worship and activity booklets are available at the entrance (Narthex), and children are welcome in worship. There is also a childcare center across the patio to the south.
Ushers can help you with this or any other questions.

The Word of God

Please turn off your cell phone.

Prelude

Opening Acclamation *Please stand.*

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.
People **His mercy endures for ever.**

Decalogue Litany of Self-Examination and Repentance

Using the Ten Commandments as our prayer, let us kneel before God, who gave us the Law as our guide, and his only Son as our Redeemer from sin.

- I. I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage.
You shall have no other gods but me.
Dear Lord, we have let our daily problems and concerns overshadow Your importance in our lives. We have failed to live into the freedom that living in relation with you brings.
Calm our troubled minds so we can focus on our relationship with You.
- II. You shall not make for yourself any idol.
Dear Lord, we have made our material lives our priority, forgetting our relationship with You, the Source of all things.
Remind us that our greatest gifts come from You. Help us to turn around.
- III. You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.
Dear Lord, our words and actions have not reflected our desire to follow You.
Help us to keep You in our hearts to guide us through our daily lives.

- IV. Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.
On the seventh day of creation, you rested and reflected. We have failed to follow your example of taking rest and pleasure in the goodness of creation.
Heal us from our busyness, and restore us to unity with you and with one another.
- V. Honor your father and your mother.
We have dishonored those who nurtured us in the past and who continue to nurture us now, by failing to value and give thanks for the sacrifices they made for us.
Pardon our neglect, and restore us to unity with you and with one another.
- VI. You shall not commit murder.
We have spoken and tolerated words that diminish others, giving solace to harmful sentiments.
Deliver us from all violence of thought, speech or deed, and restore us to unity with you and with one another.
- VII. You shall not commit adultery.
We have failed to nurture our relationships by violating our vows by selfishly thinking of ourselves alone.
Call us to your standard of fidelity and loving-kindness, and restore us to unity with you and with one another.
- VIII. You shall not steal.
We have taken what does not belong to us, through dishonesty as well as the misuse of our wealth and power.
Give us a new reverence for the earth and for our neighbor, and restore us to unity with you and with one another.
- IX. You shall not be a false witness.
We have lied to ourselves and to others, distorting the truth to serve our own agenda.
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, and restore us to unity with you and with one another.
- X. You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.
We have lusted after things that belong to other people, and we have measured our worth by their lives.
Help us accept your grace as sufficient for us, and restore us to unity with you and with one another.

Let us now pray for our own needs, and those of others; offering thanks to God for our blessings and recalling those who are in any need or trouble. Please offer your thanksgivings and intercessions at this time _____.

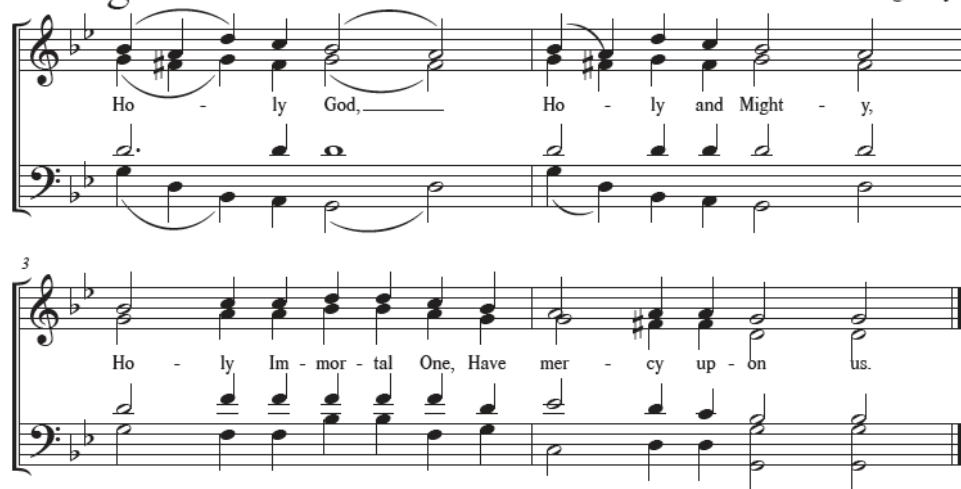
Let us also pray for those who have died, including any whom we name at this time _____.

The Celebrant Adds a Concluding Collect with Absolution.

Trisagion

Sung three times

Archangelsky



Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,
Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

The Collect of the Day and Collect for Transformation

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

The Celebrant says the Collects.

The First Lesson 1 Samuel 16:1-13

The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the Lord said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the Lord." But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has not chosen any of these." Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

After the lesson, the Reader says

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 23

The LORD is my shepherd; *
I / shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; *
he leadeth me beside / the still waters.
He restoreth my / soul; *
he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for / his
Name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no / evil; *
for thou art with me;
thy rod and thy staff, they / comfort me.
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of
mine / enemies; *
thou anointest my head with oil;
my cup / runneth over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days
of my / life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD / for ever.

The Second Lesson Ephesians 5:8-14

Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light— for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

“Sleeper, awake!
Rise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you.”

After the lesson, the Reader says

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

Sequence Hymn 493 O for a thousand tongues

Martyrdom

1 O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my dear Re - deem - er's praise,
 2 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim
 3 Je - sus! the Name that charms our fears and bids our sor - rows cease;
 4 He speaks; and, lis - tening to his voice, new life the dead re - ceive,
 5 Hear him, ye deaf; ye voice - less ones, your loos - ened tongues em - ploy;

1 the glo - ries of my God and King, the tri - umphs of his grace!
 2 and spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy Name.
 3 'tis mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.
 4 the mourn - ful bro - ken hearts re - joice, the hum - ble poor be - lieve.
 5 ye blind, be - hold, your Sa - vior comes; and leap, ye lame, for joy!

6 Glory to God and praise and love
 be now and ever given
 by saints below and saints above,
 the Church in earth and heayen.

The Holy Gospel John 9: 1-17, 24-27, 34-38 Please stand.

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

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

As he walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight." They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know."

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath." But others said, "How can

a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet."

So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out.

Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him." Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped him.

After the Gospel, the Deacon says

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

The Sermon

A period of silence follows. Audio recordings of St. Margaret's sermons are available at <http://www.stmargarets.org/sermons/>.

The Nicene Creed *Said together, all standing*

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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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 Peace *The people stand.*

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

We greet one another in the name of the Lord.

The Holy Communion

Offertory

Presentation Hymn

Old 100th

Please stand as our gifts are brought forward.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise God all creatures here below.

Praise God above ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

Church Pension Fund "Eucharistic Prayer A," in The Book of Common Prayer, (New York: Church Publishing, 1979), p. 361.

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.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

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

Jonathan Dimmock

Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God 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, Ho - san - na,
Ho - san - na in the high - est, the high - est. —

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The Celebrant recalls the story of Christ's incarnation and institution of the Holy Eucharist, saying

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

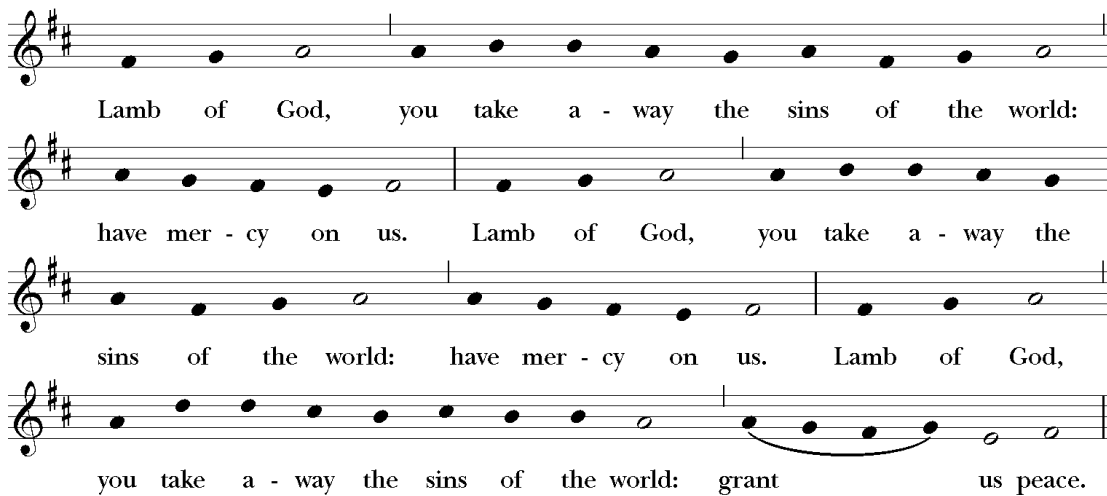
The Celebrant calls upon the Holy Spirit to bless the gifts and people.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

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 Breaking of the Bread



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

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The Holy Communion

The text of the Invitation to Communion can be found at <http://www.stmargarets.org/you-who/>.

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion, including visitors and small children. Ushers will direct you to the altar rail or to a communion station in the center aisle. Gluten-free hosts are available on request at the front altar at 8 a.m. and at the small altar on the north side of the church at 10 a.m., so please approach those locations for that option. You may stand or kneel (if at the altar rail) to receive the bread in open hands and either guide the chalice to your lips by adding your hand to the base or dip the bread slightly. Those not wishing to receive Communion are invited to receive a blessing: Simply cross your arms over your chest to indicate your preference.

Postcommunion Prayer *Please stand or kneel.*

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sending Eucharistic Visitors

If Eucharistic Visitors are to be sent to take Holy Communion to the shut-in, the Celebrant says

In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

People **We who are many are one body,
because we all share one bread, one cup.**

The Blessing of the People

Dismissal

The deacon dismisses the people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Scheduled Worship Ministers

The Rev. Deborah Seles, *Celebrant*

The Rev. Kathleen Kelly, *Preacher*

John Wright, *Organist*

John Ochoa, *Lector & Intercessor*

Lynda Glander, *Altar Guild*

Chet Hecht, *Videographer*

Readings for Next Sunday, 3/29/20 Lent 5

The First Lesson Ezekiel 37:1-14

Psalm 130

The Second Lesson Romans 8:6-11

The Holy Gospel John 11:1-45

This Week at St. Margaret's for March 22, 2020

SPIRITUALITY AND PRAYER RESOURCES FOR A TIME OF CONFINEMENT

Dear People of St. Margaret's: Our inability to gather in-person as a worshipping community doesn't mean we still cannot participate in the rich life of the church. In addition to the Online Daily office: <https://www.missionstclare.com/english/> here are some other resources you can do with your smart-phone or computer. As the Diocese of New Hampshire's advised we can still GO & REST:

Go

Go online. Go inward. Go deeper in your faith. Go to check on your neighbors. Just don't go into large groups!

Rest

Take this Sabbath time seriously. Stay home. Put down the busyness of life and live into new habits. Let this be a time of being present to each other in love, if not in physical proximity. We may be apart, but we are not alone!

We can also LISTEN & READ:

Listen

To a podcast from Presiding Bishop Michael Curry at:

<https://wayoflove.episcopalchurch.org/episodes/season/1/episode/7> explaining the Spiritual Discipline of turning.

Read

Pick up a copy of "Turn: A Little Book of Guidance" <https://www.churchpublishing.org/thewayofloveturn> to learn how, in turning, we reorient our lives to Jesus Christ, falling in love again, again, and again



Safety Workshop – Cancelled

Saturday, April 4 in Karns Hall at 10 a.m.

“See Something, Say Something”, will be a presentation by Officer Nelson from the Riverside County Sheriff Dept. Introduction into terrorism and active shooters, how they affect us locally in the Coachella Valley, and how we can prevent them from occurring and what to do if something is suspected. Everyone is welcome to come and listen. Bring your friends and neighbors. Contact Debby for more information.



Easter Floral Tributes

Floral Tributes can be made with the form on the last page of this bulletin or by any of the following:

1. Send a check with your tribute to St. Margaret's: 47-535 Highway 74, Palm Desert, CA 92260
2. Email Debby your tribute and she will contact you for payment.
3. Use EasyTithe for your payment and email Debby your tribute: www.stmargarets.org



Holy Week

Holy Week will be observed with Livestream options that enable distance participation. More information to come

Your 2020 Vestry

All Vestry members serve as a liaison to ministries in some topical area. Vestry liaisons will:

- Work with staff to coordinate activities and communications;
- Answer your questions about how to get involved; and
- Bring proposals from ministry groups to the Vestry.

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St. Margaret's Episcopal Church Easter Floral Tribute



This is a very special way to express your love,
or give thanks for your blessings.
Help us celebrate Easter with a beautiful floral tribute.
Please submit floral forms by **Sunday, April 5.**

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Please legibly print your wording for the Easter bulletin:

Given to the Glory of God by (your name)

<i>Then (in memory of), (in thanksgiving for), (in celebration of)</i>

We depend on your generous gifts for our festive decorations.
Contributions of any amount are MOST WELCOME!

To pay by CHECK () Please make your checks payable to **St. Margaret's** with "Easter Flowers" in the memo section and place this reservation and your contribution in the offering plate or mail to St. Margaret's Church, Attention: Darlene Fletcher, 47-535 Highway 74, Palm Desert, CA 92260

To pay by CREDIT CARD

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Name on Card:	
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Security Code:	Billing Zip Code:
Phone Number:	
Signature:	

See blurb in this bulletin for other ways to submit Easter Tribute

