# Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 17, 2024 | 8 & 10 AM

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**Welcome to worship at St. Margaret's!** As Episcopalians, we express our love for God through our worship and it lies at the heart of who we are at St. Margaret's. Our Liturgy, including the patterns, words, and actions found below are one of the blessings of our faith. We invite you to participate as you are comfortable by **responding and reading in unison the bolded text** and to stand for portions of the liturgy as you are able. Childcare is available every Sunday, with a more structured Sunday School program offered the first Sunday of every month. Hearing devices are available in the Foyer. Join us in Karns Hall following the service for coffee and fellowship. If you are a guest, please fill out the Welcome Card in front of you and place it in the offering plate. Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, you are always welcome here.

For the Sundays in Lent, please observe silent meditation during the prelude.

### **PRELUDE**

Improvisation on In Babilone

Wondrous Love: Variations on a Shape-Note Hymn, Op. 34

Samuel Barber

Please stand.

HYMN AT THE PROCESSION · 495 Hail, Thou Once-Despised Jesus

In Babilone

### THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;

God's mercy endures forever.

#### Presider

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

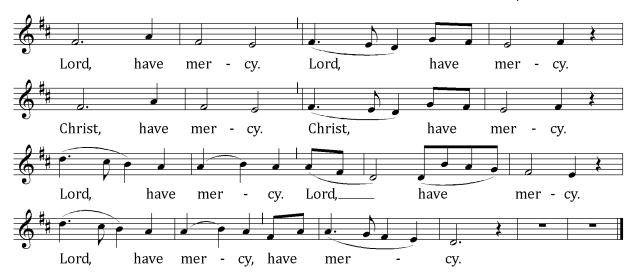
### THE CONFESSION

#### Deacon

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The presider then announces the good news of forgiveness.



### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The collect is the prayer appointed for each Sunday that "collects" the theme of the day or season revealed in the Scriptures for the day.

God be with you.

## And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.** 

Please be seated.

THE FIRST LESSON A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah (31:31-34).

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the Lord," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

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

## Thanks be to God.

Psalms are Hebrew hymns originally meant to be sung.

The antiphon is sung first by the choir then repeated by the congregation and as noted. Verses are sung by the choir.



- 1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; in your great compassion blot out my offenses.
- Wash me through and through from my wickedness and cleanse me from my sin.
- For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.
- 4 Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight.
- 5 And so you are justified when you speak and upright in your judgment. *Antiphon*
- Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth,

   a sinner from my mother's womb.

   For behold, you look for truth deep within me,

   and will make me understand wisdom secretly.
- 8 Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.
- 9 Make me hear of joy and gladness, that the body you have broken may rejoice. *Antiphon*
- 10 Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.
- 11 Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
- 12 Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your holy Spirit from me.
- Give me the joy of your saving help again, and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit. *Antiphon*

THE SECOND LESSON A reading from the letter to the Hebrews (5:5–10).

This reading, taken from the New Testament, is typically from a letter (epistle) to the early Church, the Acts of the Apostles, or the Revelation to John.

Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you"; as he says also in another place, "You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek." In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

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# HYMN AT THE GOSPEL · 439 What Wondrous Love Is This

Wondrous Love

#### THE HOLY GOSPEL

This reading comes from one of the four Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John), which depict the life, teachings, death, resurrection, and ascension of Christ. We stand now to show the importance placed on Jesus' words and actions.

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John (12:20-33).

## Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor. "Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Please be seated.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Deborah Seles

Please stand.

#### THE NICENE CREED

The word "creed" comes from the Latin "credo" for "I believe." First formulated at the Council of Nicaea in 325 CE and confirmed in 381 CE, this creed reflects what Christians believe regarding the relationship between the Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit: The Holy Trinity. The word "catholic" in this context is to be understood as universal.

Deacon

Let us affirm our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed.

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Intercessor

O God, we pray for your holy catholic Church;

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for Michael and Susan, our bishops, Andrew, Patricia, John, and Charlene, our clergy;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world, especially Joseph, our president;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest.

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

We invite you to offer your own prayers silently or aloud.

Presider

Hasten, O God, the coming of your kingdom; and grant that we your servants, who now live by faith, may with joy behold your Son at his coming in glorious majesty; even Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.** 

THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

The passing of the Peace of Christ is one of the Church's most ancient liturgical practices and is a tangible reminder that we're not in this alone in this life because Christ calls us into community. Feel free to extend Christ's peace to those around you in any way you feel comfortable.

#### **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### MINISTRY MINUTE

Voices For Peace in the Holy Land

### THE OFFERTORY

We now prepare for the sacred drama of the Holy Communion and joyfully return to God a portion of what God has given to us, symbolically in the bread and wine, and in the money we give. Now the altar is prepared for Holy Communion and our ushers receive our financial gifts. All are invited to make an offering to support the ministries of St. Margaret's.

#### **OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

Miserere mei Deus

Music: Antonio Lotti Words: Psalm 51:1

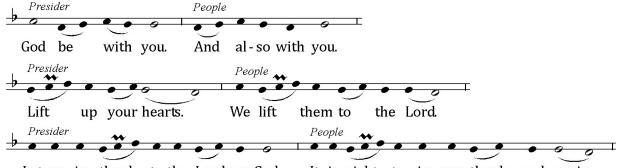
Miserere mei Deus, secundum magnam misericordiam tuam, et secundum multitudinem miserationum tuarum dele iniquitatem meam.

Have mercy upon me, O God, according to your great mercy, and according to the multitude of your mercies blot out mine offenses.

Please stand.

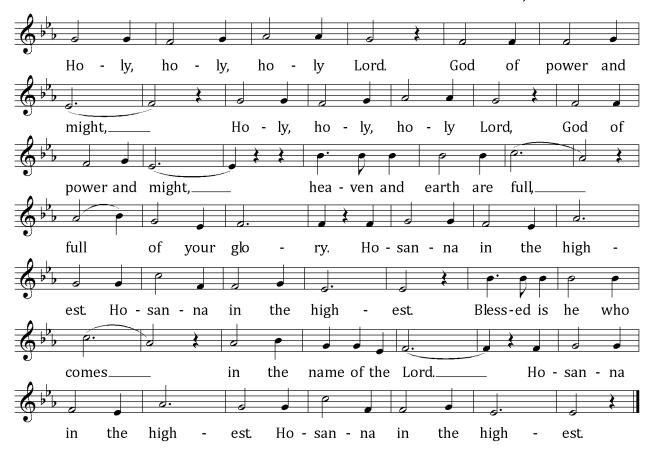
#### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Here we do what Jesus asked us to do: thank God and recall all that God has done for us in the life, death, and resurrection of Christ. The Great Thanksgiving, or Eucharistic Prayer, recalls Jesus' actions at the Last Supper, where he took, blessed, broke, and gave bread and wine as sacraments of his body and blood.



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. 
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every where 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:



#### Presider 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 many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

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

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.

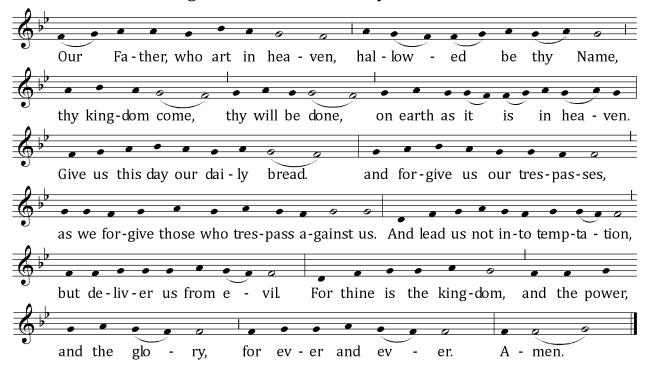
In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author 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. **AMEN**.

\*The all capital letter "Great Amen" is the "people's prayer" that concludes the Eucharistic prayer, and should be said with emphasis. As the Eucharistic celebration is shared by the congregation and the presider, the Great Amen emphasizes the assent of the people to the words spoken on their behalf by the presider.

THE LORD'S PRAYER Plainsong

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

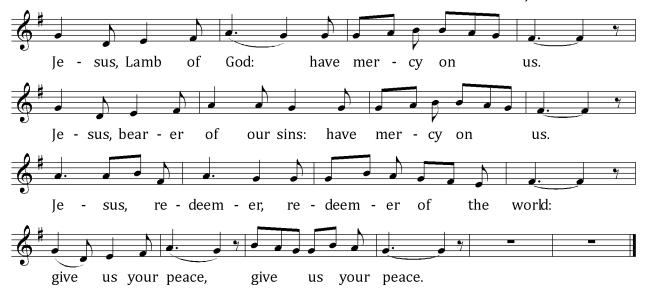


THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast.

Franz Schubert, arr. Richard Proulx



## THE INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

# The gifts of God for the people of God.

All are invited to receive Holy Communion at St. Margaret's by processing to the center aisle to receive and then return to your pew by way of the side aisles. If you would like to drink from the chalice, please say 'chalice' to the minister. Otherwise we will place the host in your hands after dipping it into the wine. Request a gluten-free host, if needed. Please cross your arms over your chest if you'd prefer a blessing.

Prayer Ministers offer Healing Prayers during this time, at stations in the outside aisles.

#### **COMMUNION HYMN · 337**

And Now, O Father, Mindful of the Love

*Unde et memores* 

#### THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

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.

### COMMISSIONING OF EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

### Deacon

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.

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

#### THE BLESSING

HYMN AT THE CLOSING · 473 Lift High the Cross, the Love of Christ Proclaim

Crucifer

### THE DISMISSAL

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

People Thanks be to God.

### **POSTLUDE**

Prelude and Fugue in C Major, BWV 553

formerly attr. Johann Sebastian Bach



#### IN OUR PRAYERS

### Please pray for these whom we know and love.

Paul M., Paula S., Kathy M., John M., Jane D., Val D., Vickie, Lynne, John, Jen, Gayle, Randy B., Bob G., Barb G., Denise Mc C., Marilyn, Paula, Joanne K., Victor A., Floss, David A., Liza H., Pat S., Cole, Connie Lou and Family, David C., Ken C., Finn, Paul R., Dee Dee, Michelle, Darla K., Melinda, Darla K., Melinda, Claire, Caroline, Beau, Claire O., Ellie P., Chuck K., Linda R., Larry S., Jimenez and Family, Don, Sara, Kay S. and Family, Janice D., Camerone P., Peg L., Margaret P., Irene O., Margaret H., Richard Francis T., Barbara, Ed, Pat Sandra C., Devin D., Dora, Peggy D., Pat M., Betty H., Cort, Celeste, Gary M., Douglas T.

### We remember those who have died.

Bert Weaver, Kathy Copen, Linda Newby



#### TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

The Rev. Patricia Horkey, *Presider* | The Rev. Deborah Seles, *Preacher*The Very Rev. Canon John Crean, *Concelebrant* | The Rev. Canon Charleen Crean, Deacon
Douglas Leightenheimer, *Music Director & Organist* 

Vergers: Thom Allen, Meredith Hardy | Acolytes: Samantha Hirsch, Steven Smith, Courtney White Lectors: (8AM) Brian Cote, (10AM) Lew Gray, Helen Dolph | Eucharistic Ministers: (8AM) Robin Nugent, (10AM) John Mikenas, Vince Heuring, Margo Baxley, Bruce Dolph, Mike Mullins, Steven Smith Prayer Station: (10AM) George Lynch, Jane Weber | Ushers: (8AM) Bob Gibson, Bob Kimball, (10AM) Michael Stanley, John Buchanan, Guin DeJarnett, Jimmy Taylor | Greeters: (8AM) Bob Kimball, (10AM) Pat Stanley, Robert Strong, Pauline Eubanks, Bruce Fowler | Camera Operator: John Cooke

#### TODAY'S PREACHER



Rev. Deb Seles returns to St. Margaret's after her June 2022 retirement. Deb served St. Margaret's as an Associate from 2016-2022. She now faithfully shuttles between St. Paul's in Palm Springs and St. Margaret's. Deb was Associate for Christian Formation, Worship and Pastoral Care before Mother Tricia came to St. Margaret's. Deb's passion for Christian Formation led to the St. Margaret's experience of Renewal Works and continues as she leads classes at St. Paul's. In retirement, Deb volunteers with Tools for Tomorrow, providing arts education in Coachella Valley elementary schools. She also is a fused glass

artist, comedian and passionate advocate for the environment. She lives in Palm Desert with her faithful and fierce rat terrier Sunny and has recently become engaged to Doug Thompson of St. Paul's.

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