# ## St. Margaret's Episcopal CHURCH

## **Third Sunday of Easter**

April 14, 2024 | 8 & 10 AM

The Reverend Andrew Butler, *Rector* | The Reverend Patricia Horkey, *Associate Rector* The Very Rev. Canon John Crean, *Assisting Priest* | The Rev. Canon Charleen Crean, *Deacon* 47535 Hwy 74 · Palm Desert, CA 92260 · 760-346-2697 · www.stmargarets.org

We acknowledge with respect the Cahuilla people as the Original Peoples of this land.

**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.

**PRELUDE** 

Chorale Improvisation on *Gelobt sei Gott* Symphony, Op. 42, No. 5 Adagio Paul Manz Charles-Marie Widor

Please stand.

HYMN AT THE PROCESSION · 205 Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!

Gelobt sei Gott

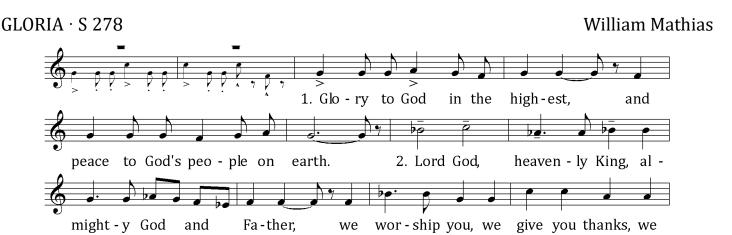
THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

### THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

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. Amen.





### 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.

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.** 

Please be seated.

### THE FIRST LESSON A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (3:12-19).

Peter addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead.

To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you. "And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out."

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

### Thanks be to God.

PSALM 4 Gelobt sei Gott

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 Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause;
  - you set me free when I am hard-pressed;
  - have mercy on me and hear my prayer.
- 2 "You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory; how long will you worship dumb idols and run after false gods?"
- 3 Know that God does wonders for the faithful;
  - when I call, God will hear me.
- 4 Tremble, then, and do not sin;
  - speak to your heart in silence upon your bed. *Antiphon*
- 5 Offer the appointed sacrifices,
  - and put your trust in the Most High.
- 6 Many are saying,
  - "Oh, that we might see better times!"
    - Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O God.
- 7 You have put gladness in my heart,
  - more than when grain and wine and oil increase.
- 8 I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep;
  - for only you, God, make me dwell in safety. Antiphon

### THE SECOND LESSON A reading from the first letter of John (3:1-7).

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.

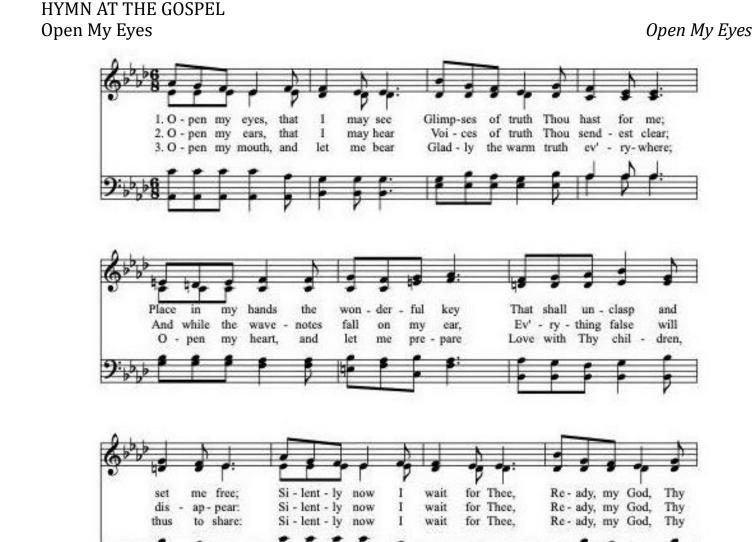
See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness.

You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

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

Thanks be to God.

Please stand.





### 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 Luke (24:36b–48). **Glory to you, Lord Christ.** 

Jesus himself stood among the disciples and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence. Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Please be seated.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Andrew Butler

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.

THE 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 all bishops, priests, and deacons; especially our bishops Michael and Susan, and our clergy, Andrew, Tricia, John and Charleen;

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 illness, grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

**★** Give to the departed eternal rest;

We pause to name those who have died.

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.

Presider

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.** 

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  $\maltese$ .

### 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.

Please be seated.

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 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

Banjo Alleluia

Music: Allen Hill Words: from Scripture

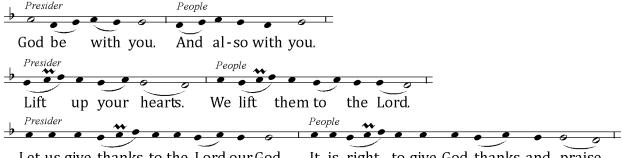
There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear (John 4:18). For God gave us spirit, not of fear but of power and love and self-control (2 Timothy 1:7). Alleluia for it is good to sing praises (Psalm 147:1). Put not your trust in rulers but put your trust in God's love (Psalm 40:4). God lifts up those who are bowed down (Psalm 146:8). Happy are they who trust God and sing praise forever (Jeremiah 17:7). Sing praise to the Lord, for he has done glorious things; let this be known to all the earth (Isaiah 12:5).

Dave Winstone, banjo

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 God 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. 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:



### Presider continues

comes

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.

Lord.

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 **X** sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

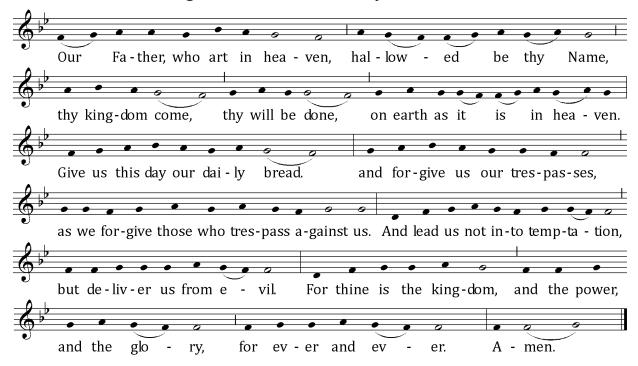
In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author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



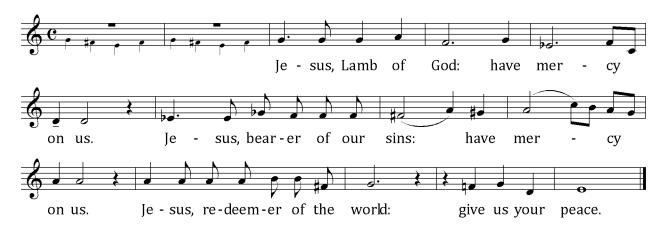
### THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

### Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

### FRACTION ANTHEM · S 165

**Mathias** 



#### 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 · 306

Come, Risen Lord, and Deign To Be Our Guest

Sursum corda

### 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

It is here that Eucharistic Visitors receive bread and wine to take to those who are sick or homebound.

### 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 X

HYMN AT THE CLOSING · 182 Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing

Truro

### THE DISMISSAL

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

Alleluia.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

#### **POSTLUDE**

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### TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS

Given to the Glory of God by Michael O'Connor in memory of Lorie Alispones



#### IN OUR PRAYERS

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

Peggy D., Roger D., Lorinda C., Dan C., Bob, Jim H., David C., Nancy B., Connie V., Patricia E., Gisela V., Peg L., Bob G., Barb G., Fran D., Liza F., Jane D., Val D., Elaine C. Connie Lou S.

### We remember those who have died.

Dave Provost, Dorothy Jeanne Farrington Davidson.



### TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

The Rev. Patricia Horkey (8AM), The Rev. Dr. Franck de Chambeau (10AM), *Presider*The Rev. Andrew Butler, *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: Courtney White, Samantha Hirsch, Lorraine Becker Lectors: (8AM) Robin Nugent, (10AM) Margo Baxley, Lew Gray

Eucharistic Ministers: (8AM) Patricia Neal Jensen, (10AM) Vince Heuring, Susan Gettis, Samantha Hirsch, Vicki Lust, Jan Romerdahl, Cynthia Thompson | Prayer Station: (8AM) Robin Nugent, (10AM) Jane Hodnik | Ushers: (8AM) Diane Crawford, Bob Kimball, (10AM) Michael Stanley, Elaine Millam, Bonnie Ortale, Jimmy Taylor | Greeters: (8AM) Bob Kimball, (10AM) Pat Stanley, Jon Mark Crouse, Maureen Loomis, Jerry Woelfel | Camera Operator: Judy Juricek

#### PLEASE NOTE:

Father Andrew will be away, April 16–April 20.
For emergencies, please contact
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#### **SAVE THE DATE**

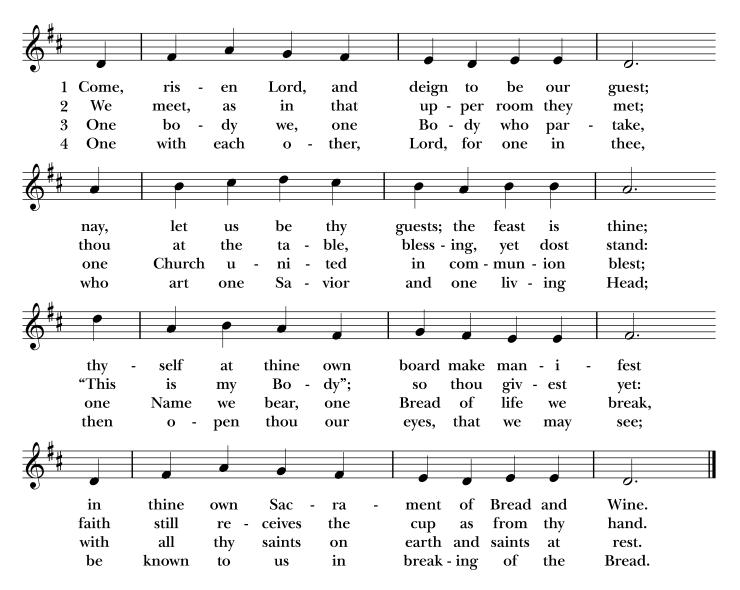
**18-hole Putting Scramble at Shadow Mountain Golf Club,** Saturday, April 20, 2024, 2 PM Sign up to play in this fun Scramble, then join us for Happy Hour after (cash bar). \$100/person, \$150/two-some | You do not need to be a good golfer to join this fun event! Come and have some fun and support our Open Hearts, Open Doors Capital Campaign. <u>Sign-up sheet in the Narthex</u>.

Ice Cream Social, Sunday, April 28, After both services

Your Capital Campaign Committee invites you to a special family event. This is for all parents, grandparents and children who belong to St. Margaret's and their friends....and for anyone at St. Margaret's who loves ice cream! Sign-up sheet in the Narthex.



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