

# THE HOLY EUCHARIST

## SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

March 1, 2026

8 AM & 10 AM



## WELCOME

### **Welcome to worship at St. Margaret's!**

Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, you are always welcome here. If you are new to St. Margaret's, we invite you to fill out the Welcome Card found in the foyer.

Hearing devices are available in the Foyer.

All are invited to join us in Karns Community Center following the service for coffee and fellowship.

For your security, at the beginning of the service all downstairs entrances are locked. We ask that you enter through the front doors if you arrive after the service begins.

## ABOUT THE LITURGY

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 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.

## CHILD CARE

Professional childcare is available every Sunday. Godly Play, our children's Sunday School program, is offered the first and third Sunday of every month, September-May.

## QUESTIONS?

Please ask. Ushers and Greeters are happy to answer your questions.

## LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

St. Margaret's Episcopal Church is on the ancestral lands of the Cahuilla Tribes of the Coachella Valley.

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

We lament the history of colonization, dispossession and cultural degradation which the Cahuilla Tribes and all indigenous peoples have endured.

We honor the dignity of all Cahuilla people past and present, and seek to restore just relationships between our peoples.

We share with the Cahuilla our appreciation of the beauty and bounty of this land and pledge to care for it.

## OUR MISSION

We spread God's love by actively following Jesus' example for our lives through our journey of faith by radical hospitality and celebrating God through worship and music. We pursue social justice, peace and care for each other and our neighbors, near and far.

## OUR VISION

St. Margaret's is a beacon of hope in our world where we manifest God's love in all we do, where every person we meet encounters God through us.



**PRELUDE**

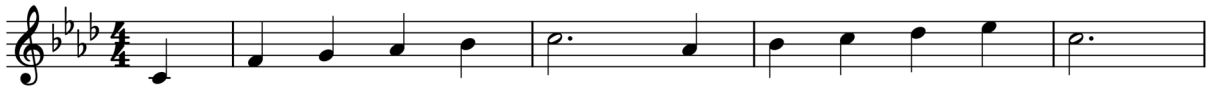
Variations on "Thee We Adore"

Gerald Near (b. 1942)

*Please stand.*

**HYMN AT THE PROCESSION · 401**

The God of Abraham Praise



1. The God of A - braham praise, who reigns en - throned a - bove;  
 2. He by him - self hath sworn: we on his oath de - pend;  
 3. There dwells the Lord, our King, the Lord, our Right - eous - ness,  
 4. The God who reigns on high the great arch - an - gels sing,  
 5. The whole tri - um - phant host give thanks to God on high;



1. An - cient of ev - er - last - ing days, and God of love;  
 2. we shall, on ea - gle - wings up - borne, to heaven a - scend:  
 3. tri - um - phant o'er the world and sin, the Prince of Peace;  
 4. and "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly," cry, "Al - might - y King!  
 5. "Hail, Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost" they ev - er cry;



1. the Lord, the great I AM, by earth and heaven con - fessed:  
 2. we shall be - hold his face, we shall his - power a - dore,  
 3. on Zi - on's sa - cred height his king - dom he main - tains,  
 4. Who was, and is, the same, and ev - er - more shall be:  
 5. hail, A - brahams's Lord di - vine! With heaven our songs we raise;



1. we bow and bless the sa - cred Name for ev - er blest.  
 2. and sing the won - ders of his grace for ev - er - more.  
 3. and, glo - rious with his saints in light, for ev - er reigns.  
 4. e - ter - nal Fa - ther, great I AM, we wor - ship thee."  
 5. all might and ma - jes - ty are thine, and end - less praise.

**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

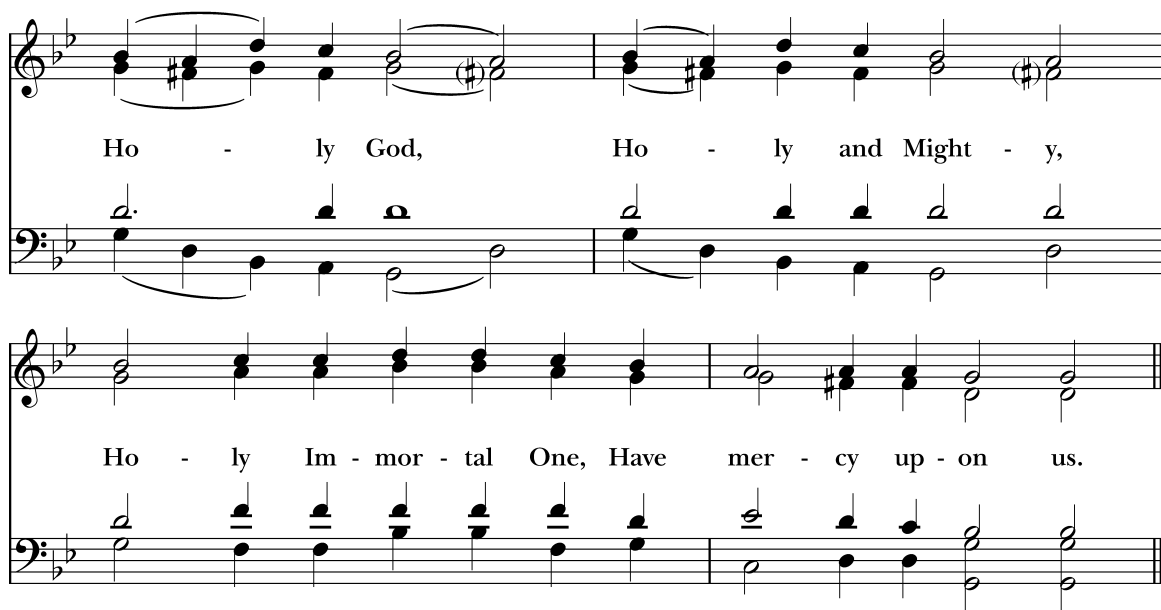
Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**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.*

## TRISAGION • S 102

*Sung thrice*



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

Music: Ver. *Hymnal* 1982, after Alexander Archangelsky (1846-1924). Setting: Copyright © Church Publishing Inc.

The Collect is the prayer designated for each Sunday that “collects” the theme of the day or season of the Church year. It summarizes the attributes of God as revealed in the Scriptures for the day.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

God be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

The first reading is always taken from the Jewish Scriptures.

**THE FIRST LESSON** · A reading from the book of Genesis (12:1-4a)

The Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him.

Here ends the reading.

The choir will sing the Psalm; Hebrew hymns originally meant to be sung.

**PSALM** · 121

Anglican Chant by Thomas Dupuis (1733-1796)

I lift up my eyes to the hills;  
from where is my help to come?  
My help comes from God,  
the maker of heaven and earth.  
God will not let your foot be moved;  
the One who watches over you will not fall asleep.  
Behold, the One who keeps watch over Israel  
shall neither slumber nor sleep;  
The Holy One watches over you  
and is your shade at your right hand,  
So that the sun shall not strike you by day,  
nor the moon by night.  
God shall preserve you from all evil  
and is the One who shall keep you safe.  
God shall watch over your going out and your coming in,  
from this time forth for evermore.

**THE SECOND LESSON** · A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans (4:1-5, 13-17).

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness. For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”) —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

Here ends the reading.

*Please stand.*

**HYMN AT THE GOSPEL · 691**  
**My Faith Looks Up to Thee**

1 My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,  
 2 May thy rich grace im - part strength to my faint - ing heart,  
 3 While life's dark maze I tread, and griefs a - round me spread,

Sa - vior di - vine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my  
 my zeal in - spire; as thou hast died for me, O may my  
 be thou my guide; bid dark - ness turn to day; wipe sor - row's

guilt a - way; O let me from this day be whol - ly thine.  
 love to thee pure, warm, and change - less be, a liv - ing fire.  
 tears a - way, nor let me ev - er stray from thee a - side.

Words: Ray Palmer (1808-1887). Music: *Olivet*, Lowell Mason (1792-1872).

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**

✠ The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John (3:1-17).  
**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.”

Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? "Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. "Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

**THE SERMON**

The Rev. Kathleen Kelly

*Please stand.*

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.

**THE NICENE CREED**

*Presider*

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**

*Presider*

Let us come before God in this Lententide, praising and blessing our everliving God, saying: In your glorious mercy, Lord, hear our prayer.

*Intercessor*

O God, who spoke through the prophets and who lives in the only begotten one, show to your Church all things. Make us hear your purpose and receive your grace; confirm in your truth all the baptized, especially bishops and clergy, theologians and teachers, mystics and martyrs. In your glorious mercy: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lord of promise and deliverance, we thank you for birthing us in the waters of baptism and for drowning our death in your unending life. We beg that your love well up within us, that our whole lives may worship you. In your glorious mercy: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

God of the people of Israel, Sovereign of every nation, grant your vision of mercy and justice to all who rule in the earth, especially Donald, our president. Prosper the labors of those seeking peace. Assist all who work for reconciliation in the streets and for reformation in prisons. In your glorious mercy: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

O Holy One with the pierced limbs and side, bind us to all who suffer. Keep us mindful of all innocent victims, all the oppressed, all the dying. Reveal to us those who are despised, the outcast, the alien, the forlorn. Look upon the sick. Summon us to restlessness until all who suffer find rest from their sorrow.

*Please pray for these whom we know and love: Jim H., Cort, Fabian C., Jove A., Chris, Dena, Crowley Family, Erika E., Colby N., Danette, Chuck, James, Darby D., Don S., Mike, Jan, Luca, Gayle.*

*Please pray for those who have died: Jane Daugherty, Ruth Wylie, James Hatfield, Ruth Uhrig, Matthew S.*

In your glorious mercy: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Presider*

God of Abraham and Sarah, the great I AM, we give you thanks for the signs of your radiant presence in the faith of our forebears. Bless us with awe to receive their testimony. Transfigure us by the gift of faith for our life's journey, until we behold face to face your glorious beauty, through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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.

## THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of Christ be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

*Please be seated.*

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Rev. Andrew Butler

## STEWARDSHIP MINUTE

Jerry Woelfel

At the offertory, we gratefully return to God a portion of what God has given us. Your financial support allows us to continue to be a place of worship and service for all people. Thank you for your generosity.



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## THE OFFERTORY

Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to God.

## OFFERTORY ANTHEM

God's Got the Whole World in His Hands

Mark A. Miller (b. 1967)

*Please stand.*

## PRESENTATION HYMN · 707

Take my life and let it be consecrated

1 Take my life, and let it be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;  
2 Take my voice, and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;

take my mo - ments and my days, let them flow in cease - less praise.  
take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - ery power as thou shalt choose.

Take my hands, and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;  
Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no long - er mine.

take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy roy - al throne.  
Take my - self, and I will be ev - er, on - ly, all for thee.

In the Great Thanksgiving, we 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.

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Presider*                      *People*  
 God be with you. And al-so with you.  
*Presider*                      *People*  
 Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.  
*Presider*                      *People*  
 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 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 · S 130

Franz Schubert (1797-1828)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord. God of power and  
 might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of  
 power and might, hea - ven and earth are full,  
 full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high -  
 est. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed 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 all capital letter "Great Amen" at the end is the "people's prayer" that concludes the Eucharistic prayer, emphasizing the assent of the people to the words spoken on their behalf by the presider.

*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.

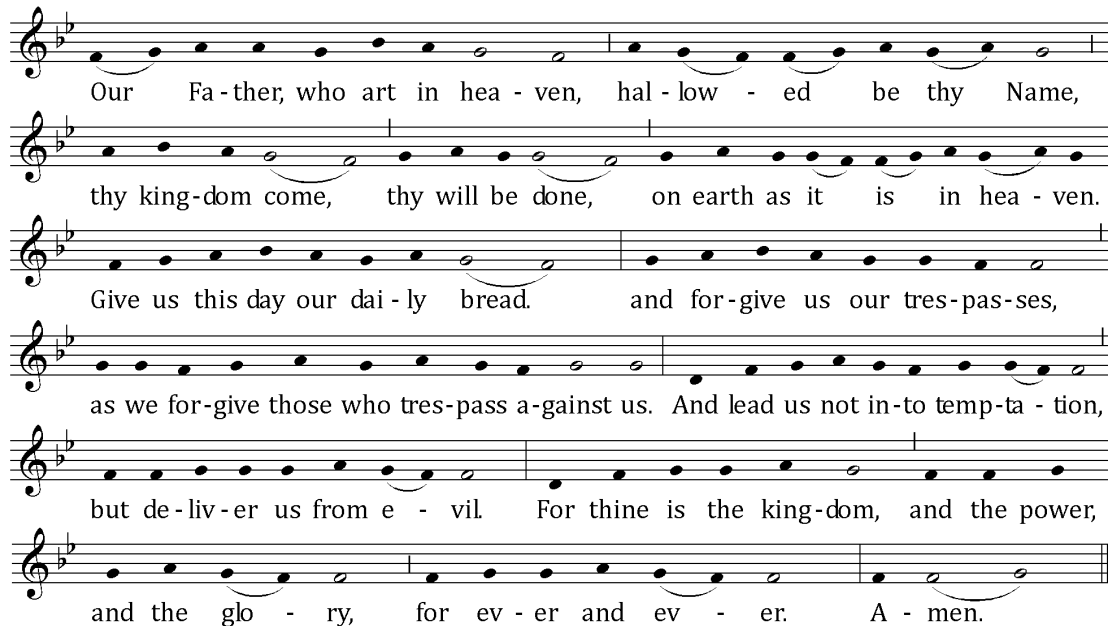
We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being  sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put 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.**

We pray together the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples to pray. The link between our daily bread and the spiritual food we receive in the Eucharist is an ancient connection.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

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



Our Fa-ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed be thy Name,  
thy king - dom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in hea - ven.  
Give us this day our dai - ly bread. and for - give us our tres - pas - ses,  
as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead us not in - to temp - ta - tion,  
but de - liv - er us from e - vil. For thine is the king - dom, and the power,  
and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

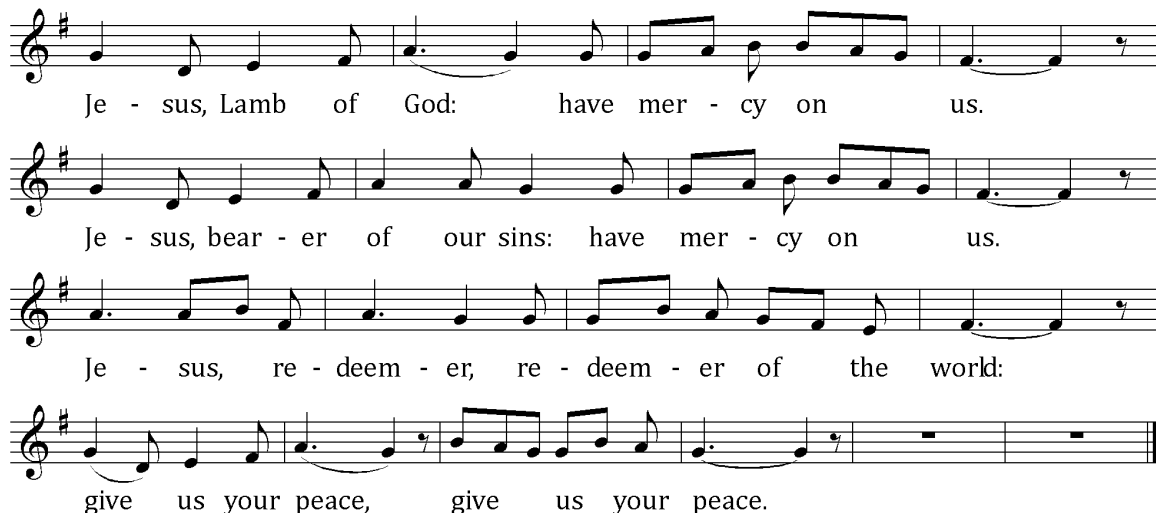
## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
**Therefore let us keep the feast.**

## FRACTION ANTHEM · S 164

Jesus, Lamb of God

Schubert



Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.  
Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.  
Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:  
give us your peace, give us your peace.

## 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, at the usher's direction, and then return to your seat by way of the side aisles. A host will be placed in your hands and you may either drink from the chalice or carefully intinct (dip) the host into the wine. A full Communion is made when you receive either the host or the wine. Request a gluten-free host, if needed. If you'd prefer a blessing, please make your way to one of the ordained clergy and cross your hands over your chest.*

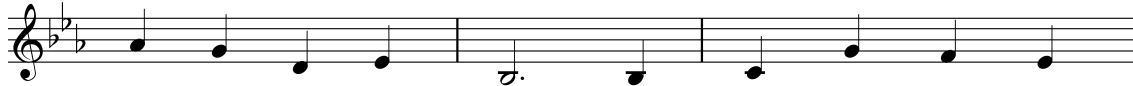
*Our Prayer Ministers offer Healing Prayers at this time. See their stations in the outside aisles.*

## COMMUNION HYMN • 653

### Dear Lord and Father of Mankind



1 Dear Lord and Fa - ther of man - kind, for -  
2 In sim - ple trust like theirs who heard, be -  
3 O Sab - bath rest by Gal - i - lee! O  
4 Drop thy still dews of qui - et - ness, till  
5 Breathe through the heats of our de - sire thy



1 give our fool - ish ways! Re - clothe us in our  
2 side the Syr - ian sea, the gra - cious call - ing  
3 calm of hills a - bove, where Je - sus knelt to  
4 all our striv - ings cease; take from our souls the  
5 cool - ness and thy balm; let sense be dumb, let



1 right - ful mind, in pur - er lives thy ser - vice find, in  
2 of the Lord, let us, like them, with - out a word, rise  
3 share with thee the si - lence of e - ter - ni - ty in -  
4 strain and stress, and let our or - dered lives con - fess the  
5 flesh re - tire; speak through the earth - quake, wind, and fire, O



1 deep - er rev - erence, praise, in deep - er rev - erence, praise.  
2 up and fol - low thee, rise up and fol - low thee.  
3 ter - pret - ed by love! in - ter - pret - ed by love!  
4 beau - ty of thy peace, the beau - ty of thy peace.  
5 still, small voice of calm, O still, small voice of calm.

Words: John Greenleaf Whittier (1807-1892), alt. Music: *Repton*, Charles Hubert Hastings Parry, (1848-1918), alt.

*Please stand.*

## COMMISSIONING OF EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

*Presider*

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 POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

**Sweetest Jesus, Body and Blood most holy, be the delight and pleasure of my soul, my strength and salvation in all temptations, my joy and peace in every trial, my light and guide in every word and deed, and my final protection in death. Amen.**

## THE BLESSING ✠

# HYMN AT THE CLOSING · 473

## Lift High the Cross

*Descant after verses 3 & 4*

*Descant*  
Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim

*Refrain*  
Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim

till all the world a - dore his sa - cred Name.

till all the world a - dore his sa - cred Name.

Led on their way by this tri - um - phant sign,  
Each new - born ser - vant of the Cru - ci - fied  
O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,  
So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

*Repeat Refrain*  
the hosts of God in con - quering ranks com - bine.  
bears on the brow the seal of him who died.  
as thou hast prom - ised, draw the world to thee.  
praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry.

## THE DISMISSAL

*Presider* Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

Postlude in A Minor

George Calkin (1829-1911)

*During Lent, please refrain from applause following the Postlude.*

## TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

The Rev. Andrew Butler, *Presider* | The Rev. Kathleen Kelly, *Preacher*  
David Christopher, *Director of Music & Organist*

*Verger:* Meredith Hardy | *Acolytes:* Darren Peterie, Steve Rausch, Steven Smith | *Lectors:* (8am) Liza Fluet, (10am) Helen Dolph, Tom Rusert, Dave Mueh | *Eucharistic Ministers:* (8am) Patricia Neal Jensen, (10am) Vicki Lust, Courtney White, Thom Allen, Stephanie Battaglino, Margo Baxley, Darren Peterie  
*Prayer Station:* (10am) Celeste Bishop, Judy Burton *Ushers:* (8am) Jeanne Hopkins, Daniel McIntyre (10am) John Buchanan, Michael Stanley, Jane Frost, Brad Stevens | *Greeters:* (8am) Bob Kimball, (10am) Gene Erickson, George Person, Carla Casetta | *Altar Guild:* (8am) Robin Matteson, (10am) Lynda Glander, John Stone | *Camera:* Judy Juricek | *Vestry Host:* Douglas Cook



## TODAY'S PREACHER



**The Rev. Kathleen Kelly** grew up in Palm Springs but strayed to northern California where she practiced employment law in San Francisco, then served as professor and Academic Dean at McGeorge School of Law in Sacramento and offered dispute resolution services for 30 years. She developed the system used for resolution of clergy misconduct cases in the ELCA (Lutheran) church. After ordination in 2005, she served as Canon Evangelist at Trinity Cathedral, Sacramento, Rector at Good Shepherd, Hemet, and Interim Rector here at St. Margaret's. Answering a call to civic service, she was elected to the Palm Desert City Council and served from 2016 thru 2024, including terms as Mayor in 2021 and 2023. Kathleen has co-authored a book on mediation and served as a *Forward Day-By-Day* author.



## IN MEMORIAM

God's beloved daughter, **Ruth Uhrig**, died on February 18, 2026. Ruth was a long-time faithful member of St. Margaret's Episcopal Church, and she was a devoted member of the Altar Guild Team. Please hold in your prayers the entire Uhrig Family. Ruth Uhrig's Memorial Service will be held at St. Margaret's Chapel on Wednesday, April 1, 2026, at 1:00 p.m.



## BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

**02** James Villnow **03** Arthur Keller **05** Ardis Huizenga **06** Robert Pippin, Shirley Schott  
**07** Dent Davidson, Dorothy Holmes, Bobbie Ferguson

## ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

**03** Lew & Pat Gray **04** Frank & Debby Jansma

## LENTEN NOONDAY ORGAN RECITALS

Fridays in Lent | 12 PM

Join us for a 30-minute organ recital, followed by Stations of the Cross and a light lunch.

This is a free, community event.

### 2026 ORGANISTS

February 20 · David Christopher

February 27 · Robert Hovencamp

March 6 · Kyle Irwin

March 13 · Kevin McKelvie

March 20 · Patrick Henning

March 27 · Jonathan Merritt

Are you looking for ways to  
**VOLUNTEER AT ST. MARGARET'S?**

Well, here are some areas needing YOU!

Special Event dinner on March 18

Sound & Camera Operators

Usher and Greeting on Sunday Mornings

Coffee Fellowship on Sundays

Food & Clothing distribution on Tuesdays

Wedding and Funeral Assistance

These are just a few of the options. If you are interested in learning more, please let Debby know, [debbyj@stmargarets.org](mailto:debbyj@stmargarets.org).

• **STEWARDSHIP UPDATE**

To date, we have 240 pledges totaling \$855,090, with a goal of \$1,000,000. If you have not yet pledged, please do. We need everyone's participation to fund the wonderful ministries at St. Margaret's.

• **THE AFTERPARTY** | Six Wednesdays starting on February 25 | 4:00 - 5:30 PM | Zoom Only

Facilitated by Fr. Andrew

Christians have lost their way when it comes to the intersection of faith & politics. It's time to reframe our political identity as we take the lead in healing what's broken. Designed for the exhausted, the hurting, and the faithful, resources from The After Party help shift our political identity away from the "what" of political positions and towards the "how" being centered on Jesus. To register, contact Fr. Andrew at [andrewb@stmargarets.org](mailto:andrewb@stmargarets.org). (Meeting ID: 856 6926 9779 ; Passcode: SMECCall19)

• **PUTTING-4-PEOPLE FUNDRAISER** | Saturday, March 7

at Shadow Mountain Golf Course, Palm Desert | Shotgun starts at 1PM & 3PM

Our 2nd annual Putting-4-People fundraiser is almost here! All proceeds raised go to support our Neighbors-4-Neighbors food pantry, serving about 600 families each week.

The putting course is designed to be fun for everyone from first-timers to experienced golfers. Before and after you play the putting course, there will be food, beverages, and cocktails available for purchase, as well as amazing raffle baskets to win. We can't wait to see you there! The cost is \$55 per person. See Registration Forms in the foyer, or find links in Saint Mail and our website, [stmargarets.org](http://stmargarets.org). Questions? Zoey Masterson, [zoeym@stmargarets.org](mailto:zoeym@stmargarets.org)

• **SPRING LABYRINTH WALK** | Tuesday, March 17th, 4-5 PM | Meet in Lee I

A Labyrinth walk is full of endless possibilities and benefits everyone. Perhaps, especially...

- Those seeking ways to have a meaningful lent
- Those carrying loss or grief, health concerns for yourself or your loved ones, or unexpected joy;
- Those who attended the DOK Retreat last month

For those new to the labyrinth, welcome! We will happily review the basics and send you out equipped for your first walk. Please join us! Sponsored by our SMEC Chapter of Daughters of the King.

• **GEORGE WESNER: Dinner and a Show** | Wednesday, March 18

5 PM: Cash-bar Happy Hour | 5:30 PM: Dinner | 7 PM: Show begins

George Wesner is the Principal Organist at Radio City Music Hall, and a true entertainer. Don't miss this opportunity to see one of his amazing performances. Join us for an Italian buffet dinner followed by an exciting multi-media program of organ music and visuals.

Tickets: \$70/Dinner & Show | \$35/Show-only (doors open at 6:30 for show-only ticketholders).

Tickets available at Eventbrite, or follow the links in Saint Mail or our website, [stmargarets.org](http://stmargarets.org).

• **SPRING ART SHOW** | Coming in March

Calling all artists. The St. Margaret's Art Committee is scheduling a new art exhibit in the Cash Baxter Gallery which will focus on artwork created by our parishioners. Members are invited to exhibit their personal painting, drawing, photography, fiber art or mixed-media work. The Spring Art Show will be open for a four-month run, with a public reception to open the exhibit.

Watch for submission forms, available soon. Submissions will be open to everyone. Each piece must be framed or mounted and ready-to-hang. Due to the small size of the gallery, only 12-16 works total can be accommodated. Submissions are limited to a maximum size of 24" x 40". Only one piece of hanging art will be accepted per person. More information to come. Questions? Contact: Diane Schoenrock at: [dnschoenrock@yahoo.com](mailto:dnschoenrock@yahoo.com) or Terry LaBrue at: [tlabrue@icloud.com](mailto:tlabrue@icloud.com), 425-765-1776