

St. MARGARET'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Holy Eucharist: Rite II
The Fifth Sunday of Easter
April 28, 2024 @ 11:00 a.m.

WELCOME

Whether you are returning to church after a time away or are altogether new to the faith, looking for a new church home or simply seeking a place to worship today, please know that you are welcome at St. Margaret's Episcopal Church. Please do help us begin to get to know you by filling out the Visitor form on our website (scan this QR code), or you may ask an usher for a paper copy.



SUNDAY
9:00 a.m. Christian Formation 10:00 a.m. Choir 10:00 a.m. Christian Formation 12:30 p.m. DoK
MONDAY
9:00 a.m. Early Childhood Center
TUESDAY
7:30 a.m. Bible & Breakfast on Zoom 9:00 a.m. Early Childhood Center 6:30 p.m. Education for Ministry
WEDNESDAY
9:00 a.m. Early Childhood Center
THURSDAY
9:00 a.m. Early Childhood Center 6:00 p.m. Vestry
FRIDAY
SATURDAY
11:00 a.m. Arkansas Local Food Network pick-up 12:00 p.m. World Labyrinth Day Workshop

WORSHIP

Sunday

8 a.m. Quiet Holy Communion

9 a.m. Multi-generational & fully inclusive of children

11 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II with organ and choir

Thursday, May 9th

6 p.m. Ascension Day Evensong
Family friendly service followed by pizza and kite-flying



Scan this QR code to link to our weekly e-newsletter and learn more about what's happening at St. Margaret's.

SERVE

NEEDED: USHERS AND GREETERS

We are seeking Ushers and Greeters for the 11 o'clock service. If you are interested in learning more about these ministries of welcoming people please reach out to Dee Sadler, deesadler07@gmail.com, to find out more about greeting and Jimmy Bellinger, jbelling22@gmail.com, to learn more about ushering.

LEARN

WORLD LABYRINTH DAY WORKSHOP

Every year on the first Saturday in May thousands of people around the globe participate in World Labyrinth Day as a moving meditation for world peace and celebration of the labyrinth experience. The Arkansas House of Prayer is excited to have Twylla Alexander leading a labyrinth workshop for us on World Labyrinth Day this year.

This in-person workshop will take place on **Saturday, May 4, 12 noon–2 p.m.**, in the Parish Hall of St Margaret's and the Arkansas House of Prayer's outdoor labyrinth. Register for free using the link in our weekly e-newsletter (see QR to the left.) It will be limited to 25 participants.

Twylla Alexander has written a book after visiting labyrinths in all 50 states and is currently the president of the board of the Veriditas labyrinth society.

AARP SAFER DRIVING COURSE

St. Margaret's is hosting an AARP Smart Driver course on May 8th, 9:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. In this course you'll refresh your driving skills and knowledge of the rules of the road, learn techniques for handling left turns, right-of-way and roundabouts, and discover proven driving methods to help keep you and your loved ones safe on the road. There's the added benefit you could save on your car insurance!

The cost is \$20 for AARP members and \$25 for non-members. For more information and registration contact Bob Ideker at bideker@frontier.com or (501) 350-2671.

BELONG

PRIMETIMERS' SPRING BRUNCH

Please join us at City Silo Table + Pantry after church Sunday, May 5, 12:30, 17701 Chenal Parkway, Suite C, Promenade Center, 501-298-8098. Check out their expansive menu at www.thecitysilo.com/eat

Please RSVP by April 30 so we can give them a headcount. Nancy Daniels (501-744-6151 or homessoldbynancy@yahoo.com) or Suzanne Kirchner (501-562-1066 or suzanne_kirchner46@yahoo.com)

Your attendance is the biggest blessing so if cost is prohibitive, please reach out to us at admin@stmargaretschurch.org and allow us to help cover the cost of your meal. We are stronger and richer in community and want all to be able to attend.

WILDMEN'S DINNER

The Men's Group will be hosting their next Wildmen's Dinner this Friday, May 10th at 7:00 p.m.. For \$20 you will get a famous Wildmen's ribeye complete with a variety of fixings and beverages. We will need guys to sign up to bring potatoes, salad, and bread. Part of the proceeds generated will be used to give back to the church. It will be a night of great food and even better fellowship! Scan here to learn more or RSVP. If you have any questions contact John Madden - johnsaverymadden@arizona.edu, or David Repp - dnrepp@gmail.com. Come join us!



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THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 28, 2024

THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II 11:00 A.M.

The text of our worship comes from the *Book of Common Prayer*, where the service for Holy Eucharist, Rite II, begins on p. 355.

Hymns will be found in the blue *Hymnal 1982*.

When the text of this worship booklet is in bold, it is spoken or sung by all.

The Presider's posture (sitting, standing, or kneeling) may serve as a cue, but you are invited to participate as able and comfortable.

To read additional commentary on today's appointed scriptures, scan this code to go to *Preparing for Sunday*:



VOLUNTARY: Basse et Dessus du Trompette

Louis-Nicolas Clerambault

THE OPENING HYMN: We Know that Christ is raised

Hymnal, 296

THE EASTER ACCLAMATION

BCP p. 355

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

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

THE SONG OF PRAISE: Gloria in excelsis, *William Mathias*

Hymnal, S-278

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

**Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

The Celebrant says the Collect of the Day

BCP p. 225

THE FIRST LESSON: Acts 8:26-40

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: "Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth." The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and

the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 22:24-30 *Read responsively by whole verse*

24 My praise is of him in the great assembly;

I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.

**25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
and those who seek the Lord shall praise him:**

“May your heart live for ever!”

26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord,
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

**27 For kingship belongs to the Lord;
he rules over the nations.**

28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship;
all who go down to the dust fall before him.

**29 My soul shall live for him;
my descendants shall serve him;
they shall be known as the Lord's for ever.**

30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn
the saving deeds that he has done.

THE SECOND LESSON: 1 John 4:7-21

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE SEQUENCE HYMN: In Christ there is no East or West

Hymnal, 529

THE GOSPEL: John 15:1-8

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

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

Jesus said to his disciples, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

*Please use this space to engage with the Lessons and Sermon
by taking notes or doodling your prayers.*

THE NICENE CREED

BCP p. 358

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally
begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from
true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through
him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down
from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from
the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified
under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third
day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into
heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come
again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will
have no end.**

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Deacon Rejoicing in the mighty acts of God who has delivered his people from sin and death through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, Let us lift our voices and pray.
Risen Lord,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Intervenor Let us give thanks to God for the multitude of blessings showered upon us: For our lives and for those whom we love, For the beauty of this home God has created for us, For our families and our friendships, Let us give thanks to the God of Life. Risen Lord,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Intervenor Let us pray for the Church, that it may carry forward the redemptive works of God: For our clergy and our bishops, For the many lay people who serve the church, and serve the world through the church. For those gathered here in worship and prayer. Risen Lord,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Intervenor Let us pray for the nations and peoples of the world, that the powers that oppress and destroy may decline, and that justice, peace, and prosperity be lifted up. Risen Lord,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Intervenor Let us pray for those who are sick, those who suffer, those who struggle, and those who have died, especially _____; that the hope born of Easter give them peace, acceptance and renewal, and that through their struggles they may come into closer communion with the God who redeems and restores.
Risen Lord,

People **Hear our prayer.**

The celebrant adds a concluding collect.

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The People greet one another in the name of the Lord

Birthdays and Anniversaries

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM: Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life

Eugene Butler

During the offertory, you may place your offering in the alms basin, or make an electronic gift by texting STMARGARETS to 72356. Alternatively, scan this QR code to take you to the online giving form. Thank you for your offering!



THE PRESENTATION HYMN: God is Love, let heaven adore him

Hymnal, 379

Join us in prayer for those in our community throughout the week. You can find the St. Margaret's prayer list here:



To add someone to the prayer list fill out a request form on our website at stmargaretschurch.org/worship/request-prayer.

All we have and all we are is of God, and everyone has a faithful offering to make. All gifts received today will support St. Margaret's ministries and empower our service to the community.

Offerings of non-perishable food for the Backpack ministry may be placed in the basket at the altar during the offertory.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER D

Celebrant *People*
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

Celebrant and People Sanctus, *William Mathias*

Hymnal, S-128

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

Celebrant and People

**We praise you, we bless you,
we give thanks to you,
and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

The Celebrant continues

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace. And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, with Margaret and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**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.**

All are invited to receive Communion, or to come forward for a blessing.

To receive the sacrament, come forward to the rail, kneel or stand as you prefer, and extend your hands to receive the bread. Ask the priest at the rail if you need a gluten-free wafer.

To receive the wine, please help the chalice bearer guide the cup to your lips.

If you prefer to receive a blessing, cross your arms over your chest and the priest will offer you a prayer.

For those who find it easier to remain in your seat, please signal an usher, and communion will be brought to you.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

THE FRACTION ANTHEM: Christ the Lord is risen again

Christ ist erstanden



Christ the Lord is risen a - gain! Christ has bro - ken ev - ery chain!
Now through all the world it rings that the Lamb is King of kings.
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia! Christ, our Pas - chal Lamb in - deed,
Christ, to - day your peo - ple feed. Al - le - lu - ia!

THE COMMUNION HYMN: God is Love, and where true love is

Hymnal, 577

THE SENDING OF LAY EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

BCP p. 365

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.

THE BLESSING

THE CLOSING HYMN: Lord, whose love through humble service

Hymnal, 610

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Alleluia, alleluia. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

VOLUNTARY: Toccata in E Minor

Johann Pachelbel



You are invited to join us after service in the Welcome Center to help fill backpacks for the week and to visit and enjoy the hospitality snacks and coffee provided by the Daughters of the King at the coffee bar in the hallway past the Welcome Center.

ST. MARGARET'S PRAYER LIST FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 28, 2024

ST. MARGARET'S MINISTRIES

Office Volunteers

FOR THOSE CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY

28 Laine Johnson
29 Kasey Creel
30 Justin Echols
30 Meredith Joheim
01 Erin Boelkens

FOR THOSE EXPECTING A CHILD

Adrienne and Jordan Karasek

FOR THOSE CELEBRATING AN ANNIVERSARY

02 Scott & Robbi Davis

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Miki Bass
Scott Davis' sister

FOR OUR CHURCH STAFF

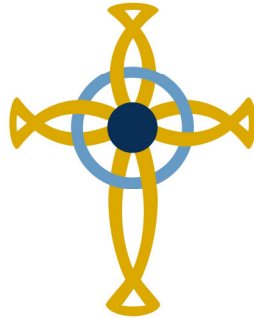
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Sue Maulden
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Pat Murray
Nancy
Marylyn Parins
Elise Siegler & family
Matthew Thornton & family
Paul Thornton
Madelyn Todd
Jackson Turriff
Whitney

FOR THE CHURCH

Michael Curry,
our Presiding Bishop;
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our Diocesan Bishop;
Mary Vano,
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Michaelene Miller,
our Associate Rector;
Deb Cooper,
our Deacon;
All Episcopal Churches in
the Diocese of Arkansas



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Camera Operator

Altar Flowers

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The Rev. Mary Vano

The Rev. Deb Cooper

Elizabeth Haskett

John Alec Briggs

Christi Madden

Johnathyn Madden

1st Lesson & Psalm – Heidi Sohl

2nd Lesson & Intercessions – Mary Waldo

Al & Bev Eckert

Jimmy Bellinger & Tom Strother

Pete Alexander & Suzanne Kirchner

Shonda Wintroath

St. Virginia Chapter of the DoK

John Bullen

Patty Cowan

Mark Magie & Dee Sadler

If you're interested in serving in worship in one of these roles, email admin@stmargaretschurch.org to get connected.

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