

Morning Prayer

The Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 29, 2020 • 10:30 a.m.

ST. MARGARET'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Worship lies at the heart of Christian life. It is in worship that we express our beliefs about God and affirm our identity. It is through encountering God within worship that we are formed and transformed as the people of God. At St. Margaret's our worship is grounded in ancient Anglican liturgical traditions while also embracing new prayers with gender-inclusive language for describing God and God's people. Liturgy refers to the patterns, forms, words, and actions through which public worship is conducted. Because St. Margaret's is committed to sustaining a diverse and inclusive worshipping community, our liturgy seeks to reflect the broadness of Anglican worship and the diverse cultural preferences for worship and music represented in our parish.

This type of note, offering directions about the service, is called a "rubric," which comes from the Latin word rubrica (red)—referring to a time when these instructional notes were always written in red.

*The People's responses are in **bold**.*

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

O bless the Lord, my soul

St. Thomas

1 O bless the Lord, my soul! His grace to thee pro - claim!
 2 O bless the Lord, my soul! His mer - cies bear in mind!
 3 He will not al - ways chide; he will with pa - tience wait;
 4 He par - dons all thy sins, pro - longs thy fee - ble breath;
 5 He clothes thee with his love, up - holds thee with his truth;

1 And all that is with - in me join to bless his ho - ly Name!
 2 For - get not all his ben - e - fits! The Lord to thee is kind.
 3 his wrath is ev - er slow to rise and rea - dy to a - bate.
 4 he heal - eth thine in - fir - mi - ties and ran - soms thee from death.
 5 and like the ea - gle he re - news the vi - gor of thy youth.

6 Then bless his holy Name,
 whose grace hath made thee whole,
 whose loving-kindness crowns thy days:
 O bless the Lord, my soul!

Words: James Montgomery (1771-1854); para. of Psalm 103:1-5

Music: *St. Thomas* (Williams), melody Aaron Williams (1731-1776); harm. Lowell Mason (1792-1872)

OPENING SENTENCE

Jesus said, "If any of you would come after me, deny yourself and take up your cross and follow me."

Mark 8:34

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

God of all mercy,
 we confess that we have sinned against you,
 opposing your will in our lives.
 We have denied your goodness in each other,
 in ourselves, and in the world you have created.

We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. Amen.

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ,
strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

PSALM 130

Chant: Henry Walford Davies
(1869-1941)

The psalms are prayers that Jesus used and cover every mood of humanity's relationship with God and one another.

Out of the depths have I called to you;
O God, hear my voice; *
let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.
If you were to note what is done amiss, *
O God, who could stand?
For there is forgiveness with you, *
therefore you shall be feared.
I wait for you, O God; my soul waits for you; *
in your word is my hope.
My soul waits for you,
more than sentries for the morning, *
more than sentries for the morning.
O Israel, wait upon God, *
for with God there is mercy.
With God there is plenteous redemption; *
God shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

GOSPEL LESSON

JOHN 11:1-45

This reading is taken from one of the four gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John), which depict the life, teachings, death, resurrection, and ascension of our Savior Jesus Christ.

A reading from the Gospel of John.

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, 'Lord, he whom you love is ill.' But when Jesus heard it, he said, 'This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that God's Only Begotten

may be glorified through it.' Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

Then after this he said to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judea again.' The disciples said to him, 'Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?' Jesus answered, 'Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them.' After saying this, he told them, 'Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him.' The disciples said to him, 'Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right.' Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, 'Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.' Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow-disciples, 'Let us also go, that we may die with him.'

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask.' Jesus said to her, 'Your brother will rise again.' Martha said to him, 'I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?' She said to him, 'Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, God's Only Begotten, the one coming into the world.'

When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, 'The Teacher is here and is calling for you.' And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?'

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead for four days.' Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upwards and said, 'Abba, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.' When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' The dead man came out,

his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.'

Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

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

SERMON

The Rev. Richard Weinberg

THE PRAYERS

God is with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray.

Our Father/Mother/Creator

Padre nuestro...

Vater unser...

who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy Name,

thy kingdom come,

thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,

for ever and ever. Amen.

The priest says the Collect of the Day.

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 to 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 Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

O God, our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. In this challenging and uncertain time of global pandemic and public health crisis, we come before you offering our prayers on behalf of those in need, the Church, and the world.

For the Church, that we may not grow weary of proclaiming the gospel of Christ and serving as beacon of hope to a suffering world. Christ, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For all affected by the coronavirus around the world. For the leaders of the nations that they may work together for the common good as the outbreak spreads. May barriers that divide be brought down that bonds of trust may be strengthened to benefit the entire human family. Christ, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Grant public health and government officials in our nation the strength and will to act swiftly and decisively, with wisdom and compassion in service to all. Christ, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heal those who are sick with the virus. May they have access to medical care and regain their strength and health; grant them your healing grace. Give strength to all who are caring for loved ones. Christ, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For healthcare workers, who with hearts of service, stand on the front lines of providing care. Grant them courage and protection as they put the needs of public safety before their own. Christ, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For the safety and well-being of all who travel and those who remain quarantined. Christ, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Remove the presence of fear and anxiety from our hearts, that confident in your providence we may be generous in sharing our resources. Christ, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Grant that St. Margaret's and Charlie's Place may reflect your love as we minister to the most vulnerable among us; fill us with your Holy Spirit as we work to be your healing hands and feet to all in need. Christ, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For those members of our parish who are sick: Anne Chase, Pedro Rivera, Roberta Ujokovich, Ray Rhinehart, Teresa Terry, Pat Heinz, Diana Wright, Bob Bark, John Newby, Amelia Early, Kimberly Rankin-Imperial, Mary McHenry, Edith Scott, Marcelina Maynard, Beryl Gill, Michelle Brito, and Louise Thomson; grant them the healing they need, whether in mind, body, spirit, or relationship, that they may know the consolation of your love. Christ, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For those known to us who have recently died: Terrence McNally, Marjorie Worrell, Susan Rees, Victor "Country" Hilliard, Emile Webster, Don Felo Porras, Kristin Bernhart, Lynn McCall, William Reese, Daniel Otterstrom, Jerry Heinz, and Rukesh Samerasekera; may they rest in peace and rise in glory. Christ, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

And for the members of our parish celebrating birthdays this week: Gabriel Siaw, Valerie Mensah-King, Laurence Ruberl, and Ashley Behnke; Christ, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

The priest offers this concluding collect.

Keep us, O Christ, under the shadow of your mercy. Sustain and support the anxious, be with those who care for the sick, and lift up all who are brought low; that we may find comfort knowing that nothing can separate us from your love. Amen.

OFFERTORY

As a grateful response to the abundance God has given us, your continued generosity is an investment in St. Margaret's bold purpose: to help people thrive as members of the Body of Christ in a diverse and inclusive worshiping community.

Ways to Give

- *By Check: Checks mailed to the parish office (1830 Connecticut Ave NW, Washington, DC 20009) will continue to be deposited on a weekly basis. If you currently give by check, do consider transitioning your method of giving to the web.*
- *Online: An improved online platform now allows anyone to donate through a quick and secure online form—without setting up a personal Realm log-in. If you have a pledge booked for 2020, your online gifts will automatically be credited toward your pledge. Give a one-time gift or set up a recurring gift with this easy online form: <https://onrealm.org/StMargaretsDC/give/now>*
- *By Text: Text MAGGIE and your donation amount to 73256 to give to St. Margaret's using your text messaging (e.g., MAGGIE \$50). As a first-time giver, it will take you approximately 2 minutes to set up your payment method. Once your first text gift is processed, the payment method is saved for future gifts and allows for a faster and more convenient giving experience. Standard text message rates do apply.*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

What wondrous love is this

arr. Paul Christiansen
(1914–1997)

What wondrous love is this, O my soul?

What wondrous love is this, that caused the Lord of life to bear the heavy cross?

What wondrous love is this, that Christ should lay aside His crown?

THE DISMISSAL

Let us bless our God. **To God be thanks for ever.**

THE GRACE

The grace of our Savior Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

Lord of all hopefulness

Slane



1. Lord of all hope-ful-ness, Lord of all joy, Whose
 2. Lord of all ea-ger-ness, Lord of all faith, Whose
 3. Lord of all kind-li-ness, Lord of all grace, Your
 4. Lord of all gen-tle-ness, Lord of all calm, Whose



1. trust, ev-er child-like, no cares can de-stroy, Be
 2. strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe, Be
 3. hands swift to wel-come, your arms to em-brace, Be
 4. voice is con-tent-ment, whose pres-ence is balm, Be



1. there at our wak-ing, and give us, we pray, Your
 2. there at our la-bors, and give us, we pray, Your
 3. there at our hom-ing, and give us, we pray, Your
 4. there at our sleep-ing, and give us, we pray, Your



1. bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
 2. strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
 3. love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
 4. peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

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Toccata undecima

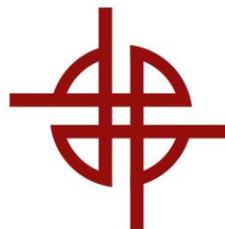
Georg Muffat
 (1653-1704)

LEADING WORSHIP

March 29, 2020	10:30 a.m.
PRESIDER <i>The ordained minister leading the service</i>	Richard Weinberg
PREACHER <i>The minister (lay or ordained) who leads a reflection on how the appointed Scripture speaks to us today</i>	Richard Weinberg
MUSIC MINISTER <i>The person directing the music</i>	Timothy Duhr
SINGERS	Shaunica Pridgen Jacob McClory William Edwards Suzanne Karpov
PRODUCTION TEAM <i>The behind-the-scenes team who filmed and edited the components of the service</i>	Miranda Cooter Gwen Griffiths Alban Zamora
LECTOR & INTERCESSOR <i>The lay minister who reads the Bible lesson appointed for the day and the prayers</i>	Richard Vilmenay

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