

St. MARGARET'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Holy Eucharist: Rite II

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 5, 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. PrimeTimers' Luncheon
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 9:30 a.m. AARP Safer Driving Course
THURSDAY
9:00 a.m. Early Childhood Center 10:30 a.m. Needlework Guild 6:00 p.m. Ascension Day Evensong
FRIDAY
7:00 p.m. Wildmen's Dinner
SATURDAY
11:00 a.m. Arkansas Local Food Network pick-up

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

Today's undesignated offerings go to the Clergy's Discretionary Fund to help those in need. Please be generous.



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.

PLEASE SPONSOR ALTAR FLOWERS

Each Sunday, the Flower Guild of St. Margaret's makes beautiful flower arrangements to adorn the altar and enhance our worship. When you sponsor altar flowers, you can make your gift to honor or remember a loved one, or celebrate an occasion (like a birthday or anniversary). There is a link in our weekly e-newsletter (see QR on left-hand page) where you can choose a Sunday. The cost is \$75 per Sunday, or \$50 per household if a Sunday is "shared". You may pay online through Realm choosing the fund 'Flowers'. Alternatively, checks can be placed in the offering plate or mailed to St. Margaret's at 20900 Chenal Parkway, Little Rock, AR 72223. Please note "Altar Flowers" in the memo line.

LEARN

AARP SAFER DRIVING COURSE

St. Margaret's is hosting an AARP Smart Driver course this Wednesday, 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

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 - dnp@arizona.edu. Come join us!



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 men to be able to attend.

BREAKFAST SUNDAY, MAY 12TH!

Please join us for Sunday breakfast at St. Margaret's Sunday, May 12th. We are back to serve everyone a wonderful breakfast and it's Mother's Day! We are planning to serve Yogurt Parfaits with fruits, granola and other toppings, breakfast meat, and other treats. Please feel free to connect with John Keller, jkeller459@gmail.com, if you are interested in assisting with breakfast preparations and clean up. You don't have to be affiliated with the Men's Group to assist. Last but not least please join us for a wonderful breakfast and fellowship on the 12th starting at approximately 8:45 a.m.

PENTECOST PICNIC 2024!

Get ready and get excited because it's almost time for our Pentecost Picnic! May 19th marks Pentecost and we'll be holding our annual picnic here on the grounds of St. Margaret's. There will be a **combined service at 10:30** with the picnic to follow. Hamburgers, hot dogs, and all the fixings will be provided. All you have to do is bring yourself, your preferred beverage (if other than water), a camp chair, and sign up using the link in our weekly e-newsletter (see QR code on the left-hand page) to bring a side or dessert to share. (Help with serving & clean up is always welcome, too. It's on the sign-up sheet as well.)

As always you are encouraged to dress casually like you're going to a picnic. Most importantly... WEAR YOUR RED to signify the fire of the Holy Spirit! Flat Maggie will be making her season debut. Be sure to pick one up to take with you on your adventures this summer!

THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 5, 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: Improvisation on "This joyful Eastertide" *Richard Proulx*

THE OPENING HYMN: This joyful Eastertide *Hymnal, 192*

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 10:44-48

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 98 *Read responsively by whole verse*

1 Sing to the Lord a new song,
for he has done marvelous things.

2 **With his right hand and his holy arm
has he won for himself the victory.**

- 3 The Lord has made known his victory;
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.
- 4 **He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel,
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.**
- 5 Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands;
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
- 6 **Sing to the Lord with the harp,
with the harp and the voice of song.**
- 7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn
shout with joy before the King, the Lord.
- 8 **Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it,
the lands and those who dwell therein.**
- 9 Let the rivers clap their hands,
and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord,
when he comes to judge the earth.
- 10 **In righteousness shall he judge the world
and the peoples with equity.**

THE SECOND LESSON: 1 John 5:1-6

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE SEQUENCE HYMN: In your mercy, Lord, you called me Hymnal, 706

THE GOSPEL: John 15:9-17

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

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

Jesus said to his disciples, "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."

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.**

Intercessor 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.**

Intercessor 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.**

Intercessor 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.**

Intercessor 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: Now the green blade riseth

Simon Andrews

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: Take my life, and let it be

Hymnal, 707

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.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **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.**

Then the Celebrant proceeds

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: O Love of God, how strong and true

Hymnal, 456

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, dismiss us with thy blessing

Hymnal, 344

THE DISMISSAL

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

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

VOLUNTARY: Fantasia on “Noel Nouvelet”

Herbert Chappell



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 MAY 5, 2024

ST. MARGARET'S MINISTRIES

Outreach Council

FOR THOSE CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY

05 Matthew Vano
09 Gill Rogers
10 Judy Cumming
11 Matt Harrison

FOR THOSE CELEBRATING AN ANNIVERSARY

08 Skip Cochran & Jan Thames

FOR THOSE EXPECTING A CHILD

Adrienne and Jordan Karasek

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Miki Bass
Scott Davis' sister

FOR OUR CHURCH STAFF

Kris Alexander
*Director of Children's Ministries &
the Early Childhood Center*

John Alec Briggs
Organist

Elizabeth Connery
Minister to Newcomers & Business Administrator

Elizabeth Fortune
Minister of Media

Corey Harrison
Building Sexton

Elizabeth Haskett
Music Director

Amy House
Minister of Technology

Katherine Strother
Assistant to the Rector

FOR THOSE IN NEED

Ronnie Beggs
Blake
Jim Bradberry
John Alec Briggs
Tom Carrigan
Roberta Chitwood
Alan Demascus
Sharon Echols
Elizabeth Fortune
Shearle Furnish
Sharon Goodrich
Gary Higgins
Jane Holt
Ron Kirchner
Mary Koonce
Leaetta
Amy Gray Light
Linda
Leslie Lovett
Sue Maulden
Pat Murray
Nancy
Marylyn Parins
Elise Siegler & family
Mark Smith
Matthew Thornton & family
Paul Thornton
Madelyn Todd
Jackson Turriff
Whitney

FOR THE CHURCH

Michael Curry,
our Presiding Bishop;

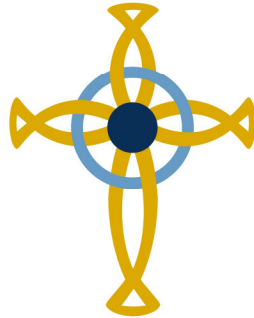
John Harmon,
our Diocesan Bishop;

Mary Vano,
our Rector;

Michaelene Miller,
our Associate Rector;

Deb Cooper,
our Deacon;

All Episcopal Churches in
the Diocese of Arkansas



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Celebrant & Preacher

Deacon

Choir Director

Organist

Altar Guild

Acolytes

Lectors

LEM's

Ushers

Greeters

Communion Bread

Hosted Hospitality

Camera Operator

Altar Flowers

LEV's

The Rev. Michaelene Miller

The Rev. Deb Cooper

Elizabeth Haskett

John Alec Briggs

Judy Johnson

Crucifer – Alex Repp

Torch Bearers – Ruby Harrison & Christopher Repp

1st Lesson & Psalm – Matt Harrison

2nd Lesson & Intercessions – Allison Johnson

David & Meghan Repp

Jimmy Bellinger & Alf Williams

Matt Harrison & Dee Sadler

Jenny Jackson

St. Virginia Chapter of the DoK

John Bullen

Joan Gill

Jamie Joheim, Heidi Sohl, Mary Waldo

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

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