

**St. MARGARET'S**  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

**The Holy Eucharist: Rite II**  
**The Fourth Sunday of Easter**  
**April 21, 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. Community Council Meeting 1:00 p.m. Red Cross Basic Training
MONDAY
9:00 a.m. Early Childhood Center 5:00 p.m. Outreach Council Meeting
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. Women's Group
FRIDAY
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



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

# LEARN .....

## JOURNEY INTO SILENCE

Sundays at 10:00 a.m., April 7, 21, 28, May 5 & 12

In the Spiritual Practices classroom and in the Arkansas House of Prayer, join Deborah Troillett, RSM, a Sister of Mercy, for a series designed to invite participants to reflect on their spiritual journey and stages of faith development-- particularly as the journey may lead to a desire for more contemplative forms of prayer. Shared reflection time will be balanced with the opportunity to practice silent prayer in the House of Prayer and Labyrinth. The benefit of communal shared silent prayer will also be explored.

## 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 a 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](mailto:bideker@frontier.com) or (501) 350-2671.

# BELONG .....

## ST. MARGARET'S WOMEN'S GROUP

This month, in honor of Earth Day, we will gather for a pizza and plant-potting get-together at St. Margaret's on 4/25 at 6pm! Bring a pot or two from home (we can swap and trade for fun if you'd like!) and we will have the soil and little plants for you to take home to watch grow all summer long. Our dear Leah Dalton is going to handle getting pizza for those who would like to attend. ♥ Hope to see you all there!

## EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN LUNCHEON WITH MRS. KEEVA HARMON

On Saturday, April 27th at 11:30 a.m., all women of the Episcopal Church are invited to a luncheon at St. Michael's Episcopal Church with special guest speaker, Mrs. Keeva Harmon, wife of Bishop John Harmon. You can register for the event from our weekly e-newsletter using the QR code on the opposite page or go to the Arkansas Episcopal Church Women's Facebook page. If you have any questions you can contact Katherine Brooks at 501-993-6854.

## 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](http://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](mailto:homessoldbynancy@yahoo.com)) or Suzanne Kirchner (501-562-1066 or [suzanne\\_kirchner46@yahoo.com](mailto:suzanne_kirchner46@yahoo.com))

Your attendance is the biggest blessing so if cost is prohibitive, please reach out to us at [admin@stmargaretschurch.org](mailto: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.

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 21, 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: Soliloquy

*Noel Rawsthorne*

THE OPENING HYMN: Come, ye faithful, raise the strain

Hymnal, 199

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 4:5-12

The rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is 'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.' There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

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

PSALM 23 *Read responsively by whole verse*

1 The Lord is my shepherd;

I shall not be in want.

2 **He makes me lie down in green pastures  
and leads me beside still waters.**

- 3 He revives my soul  
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.
- 4 **Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I shall fear no evil;  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**
- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me;  
you have anointed my head with oil,  
and my cup is running over.
- 6 **Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.**

THE SECOND LESSON: 1 John 3:16-24

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us-- and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him. And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

THE SEQUENCE HYMN: Where charity and love prevail Hymnal, 581

THE GOSPEL: John 10:11-18

*Deacon* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.  
*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

*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

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**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: Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake

*Richard Farrant*

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: Praise the Lord, rise up rejoicing

Hymnal, 334

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](http://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: EUCHARASTIC 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: The Lord my God my shepherd is

Hymnal, 663

THE SENDING OF LAY EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

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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: Savior, like a shepherd lead us

Hymnal, 708

THE DISMISSAL

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

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

VOLUNTARY: Allegro Festivo

*Noel Rawsthorpe*



*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 21, 2024

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## ST. MARGARET'S MINISTRIES

Needlework Guild

## FOR THOSE CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY

21 Lauren McKay  
22 Rob Stephens  
22 Jake Logan  
22 Jimmy Bellinger  
23 Elizabeth Sullivan  
23 Sophia Greene  
27 Steve Maupin

## FOR THOSE EXPECTING A CHILD

Adrienne and Jordan Karasek

## FOR TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS

Given this week by Tom and Roberta Monson  
in honor of our family.

## 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

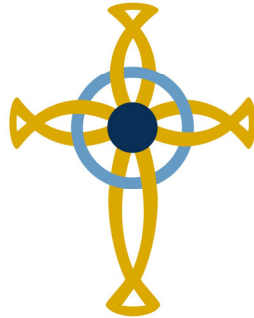
*Assistant to the Rector*

## FOR THOSE IN NEED

Andrew  
Miki Bass  
Ronnie Beggs  
Blake  
Jim Bradberry  
John Alec Briggs  
Roberta Chitwood  
Alan Demascus  
Sharon Echols  
Elizabeth Fortune  
Shearle Furnish  
Sharon Goodrich  
Suzy Hall  
Janet Harrison  
Gary Higgins  
Jane Holt  
Judy  
Ron Kirchner  
Amy Gray Light  
Linda  
Leslie Lovett  
Sue Maulden  
Judy Millar  
Pat Murray  
Nancy  
Marylyn Parins  
Elise Siegler & family  
Matthew Thornton & family  
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



# ST. MARGARET'S

## EPISCOPAL CHURCH

*Celebrant & Preacher*

*Choir Director*

*Organist*

*Altar Guild*

*Acolyte*

*Lectors*

*LEMs*

*Ushers*

*Greeters*

*Communion Bread*

*Hosted Hospitality*

*Camera Operator*

*Altar Flowers*

*LEV*

The Rev. Mary Vano

Elizabeth Haskett

John Alec Briggs

Mary Burton

Colby Dillion

*1st Lesson & Psalm* – John Alec Briggs

*2nd Lesson & Intercessions* – Michael Connery

Annette Murray & Christian Wilson

Michael Connery & Mark Magie

Rick & Mel Keech

Annette Murray

St. Virginia Chapter of the DoK

John Bullen

Mary DeLoney Logan

Pam Christie

*If you're interested in serving in worship in one of these roles, email [admin@stmargaretschurch.org](mailto:admin@stmargaretschurch.org) to get connected.*

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