



St. Margaret's
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Communion in the Absence of a Priest
Fourth Sunday of Easter
10:00 a.m. – April 21, 2024

Welcome!

We are delighted that you have joined us for worship today. If you are new to St. Margaret's, we offer an especially warm welcome to you. Please feel free to fill out a visitor's card and drop it in the offering plate.

Children at St. Margaret's

We invite the children, kindergarten – 5th grade, to head back to the Children's Chapel classrooms before the first reading. They will then return to share Communion with their families.

A Word about Today's Service

In the Episcopal Church, it is expected that the regular Sunday Service will be a celebration of the Holy Eucharist presided over by a priest. When the services of a priest are unavailable, the Book of Common Prayer gives the bishop provision to authorize distribution of already-consecrated Communion to a congregation using a service designed specifically for that purpose. In 2020, responding to the needs of the diocese, the bishop and her advisors designed this service, and she authorized its use by trained deacons and laypeople.

This weekend, the clergy of the diocese are on their annual retreat with the bishop. Canon Patrick will return for services next week. He is grateful for the leadership of today's liturgical ministers and for the grace of those worshiping in this new way.

If you are familiar with the regular service of Holy Eucharist, notice how today's service recalls the shape of the regular Eucharist service, but leaves out The Great Thanksgiving (the portion of the service where a priest prays for the consecration of the bread and wine).

Rather than being officiated by a single priest, this service balances two voices. The first half of the service is led by a "Minister of the Word." This person leads the portions of the service that include our praise of God, our hearing God's story as told in Scripture, our reflection on Scripture through a sermon, our proclamation of what we believe and our prayers for ourself and others. The second half of the service is led by a "Minister of the Reserved Sacrament." This person leads prayers of gratitude for the sacrament of communion and our response to receiving communion. Having two voices further sets off this service as distinct from Holy Eucharist.

We Gather in the Lord's Name

The service begins with an invitation to a moment of reflection, a deep breath to bring ourselves fully into this space, a preparation to "worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness" (Psalm 96.9).

Processional Hymn **The Church's one foundation** **HYMN 525**

Opening Acclamation

Minister of the Word:

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People:

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Song of Praise

Alleluia, sing to Jesus!

HYMN 460

The Collect of the Day

BCP 225

Minister of the Word:

God be with you.

People:

And also with you.

Minister of the Word:

Let us pray.

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people:
Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls
us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and
the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

The Lessons

Acts 4:5-12

Psalm 23 – prayed in unison

BCP 612

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.

1 John 3:16-24

Gospel Hymn

All hail the power of Jesus' Name!

HYMN 450

The Gospel

John 10:11-18

The Sermon

Weston Curnow

The Nicene Creed

BCP 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: Form III

BCP 387

Minister of the Word: Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
People: *That we all may be one.*

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

St. Margaret's is praying at this time for those in our parish community in need of healing: Meredith, Jennifer, Michael, Janice, Sue, Atlee, Marion, Steve, Greg, Dee, Myron, Winona, Adrianna, Chris; we pray also for those needing strength and guidance: the Wardens, Vestry and Search Team in this time of transition, Chelsey, Emily, Dani, Gavin, Cathy, Dave, Shelly, Lisa, Maribeth, Ryan, Mara, Heather, and Judy; and we pray for Karín Feltman, in Nepal.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest.
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Concluding Collect

BCP 223

Minister of the Word:

O God, who by the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light: Grant that we, who have been raised with him, may abide in his presence and rejoice in the hope of eternal glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be dominion and praise for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Peace

Minister of the Word:

The peace of Christ be always with you.

People:

And also with you.

Welcome and Announcements

Offertory

Following an Offertory Sentence, the congregation's gifts are collected while the Minister of the Word and the Minister of the Reserved Sacrament bring the Sacrament to the Altar and prepare it for distribution to the people.

Doxology

We Prepare the Table and Share the Gifts of God

Prayer of Remembrance

Minister of the Reserved Sacrament:

God be with you.

People:

And also with you.

Minister of the Reserved Sacrament:

Let us pray.

Almighty Father, whose dear Son, on the night before he suffered, instituted the Sacrament of his Body and Blood: Mercifully grant that we may receive it thankfully in remembrance of Jesus Christ our Lord, who in these holy mysteries gives us a pledge of eternal life; and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

Minister of the Reserved Sacrament:

Let us pray the words our Savior taught us:

*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.*

Invitation to Communion

Immediately following the Lord's Prayer and omitting the breaking of the Bread, the Minister of the Word, the Minister of the Reserved Sacrament and Eucharistic Ministers proceed with the Ministration of Communion. The Minister of the Reserved Sacrament first saying,

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All are invited forward to receive communion. If you would prefer a prayer, cross your arms over your chest. If you would like a gluten-free wafer, let the Eucharistic Minister know. If you wish to receive communion in your chair, please let a greeter know.

Communion Song

**I come with joy to meet my Lord
Behold the Lamb (Getty)**

HYMN 304

Following the distribution of communion, the altar is cleared and the people give thanks, praying the post communion prayer.

Post Communion Prayer

Minister of the Reserved Sacrament:

Let us pray.

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Recessional

How Deep the Father's Love for Us

The Grace

Minister of the Reserved Sacrament: May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. Alleluia!
Alleluia!

People: *Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!*

Thank you for joining us today!

Opportunities for Ministry & Announcements

The **K2K Community Team Fundraiser**, is Saturday, May 4, 6-9 p.m. at St. Thomas the Apostle, 12251 Antioch Road, Overland Park. Enjoy a traditional Kenyan meal and entertainment. Learn about the community programs planned for 2024. Auction items and silent auction will be available to bid on. Cost: \$75 per person or \$500 for a table of 8. You may make direct contributions to either the Medical Team or Community Team online here:

<https://onrealm.org/EpiscopalKansas/give/K2K>.

The giving last week was \$1,295 (operating) + \$33,110 (capital campaign) + \$1,116 (Tithely online for operating) = \$35,521.

Serving today: Weston Curnow, Minister of the Word; Steve Knoll, Minister of the Reserved Sacrament; Breta Bloomberg and Pat Kimbrough, Music; Tod Anderson, Nathan Kramer, and Julie Sackrider, Technical Assistants; Erika Zimmerman, Lector; Bob Leland and Eve Loos, Eucharist Ministers; Kauvia Zimmerman, Acolyte; Galen & Jeanette Weber, Greeters.



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