



## The Great Vigil of Easter

April 11, 2020

Thank you for choosing to worship with St. Margaret's today. Your virtual presence blesses all those who join this worship. The Great Vigil of Easter has deep roots in Christian history. It recounts God's loving acts throughout history, culminating in the glory of Easter. May you find food for your soul here.

### *Lighting of the Paschal Candle*

**Officiant:** Dear friends in Christ: On this most holy night, in which our Lord Jesus passed over from death to life, the Church invites her members, dispersed throughout the world, to gather in vigil and prayer. For this is the Passover of the Lord, in which, by hearing his Word and celebrating in prayer, we share in his victory over death.

### *Virtual Procession*

*As the candle is carried, the Officiant chants, "The light of Christ," and the Cantor replies, "Thanks be to God."*

**Exsultet**      *Chanted by the Cantor*

### *The Liturgy of the Word*

**Officiant:** Let us hear the record of God's saving deeds in history, how he saved his people in ages past; and let us pray that our God will bring each of us to the fullness of redemption.

#### **The Story of Creation**

Genesis 1:1 - 2:3

Read by Robin Nugent

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants

yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.” And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

And God said, “Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.” And it was so. God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

And God said, “Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.” So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.” And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

And God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.” And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

Then God said, “Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.”

So God created humankind in his image,  
in the image of God he created them;  
male and female he created them.

God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.” God said, “See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

Image shown is the Hand of God - "Creation" - Stained Glass - by Isabel Piczek 1982, St. Norbert Catholic Church in Orange, California

**Officiant:** Let us pray.

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Israel's deliverance at the Red Sea**

Exodus 14:10 - 15:1

Read by Cash Baxter

As Pharaoh drew near, the Israelites looked back, and there were the Egyptians advancing on them. In great fear the Israelites cried out to the Lord. They said to Moses, "Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us, bringing us out of Egypt? Is this not the very thing we told you in Egypt, 'Let us alone and let us serve the Egyptians'? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness." But Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid, stand firm, and see the deliverance that the Lord will accomplish for you today; for the Egyptians whom you see today you shall never see again. The Lord will fight for you, and you have only to keep still."

Then the Lord said to Moses, "Why do you cry out to me? Tell the Israelites to go forward. But you lift up your staff, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, that the Israelites may go into the sea on dry ground. Then I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they will go in after them; and so I will gain glory for myself over Pharaoh and all his army, his chariots, and his chariot drivers. And the Egyptians shall know that I am the Lord, when I have gained glory for myself over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his chariot drivers." The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt." Then the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

Then Moses and the Israelites sang this song to the Lord: "I will sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously; horse and rider he has thrown into the sea.

***Hymnal 648 When Israel was in Egypt's land***

As sung by Paul Robeson

**Officiant:** Let us pray.

O God, whose wonderful deeds of old shine forth even to our own day, you once delivered by the power of your mighty arm your chosen people from slavery under Pharaoh, to be a sign for us of the salvation of all nations by the water of Baptism: Grant that all the peoples of the earth may be numbered among the offspring of Abraham, and rejoice in the inheritance of Israel; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Salvation offered freely to all**

Isaiah 55:1-11

Read by Tenny Mickey

Ho, everyone who thirsts,  
come to the waters;  
and you that have no money,  
come, buy and eat!  
Come, buy wine and milk  
without money and without price.

Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,  
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?  
Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,  
and delight yourselves in rich food.  
Incline your ear, and come to me;  
listen, so that you may live.  
I will make with you an everlasting covenant,  
my steadfast, sure love for David.  
See, I made him a witness to the peoples,  
a leader and commander for the peoples.  
See, you shall call nations that you do not know,  
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,  
because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel,  
for he has glorified you.  
Seek the Lord while he may be found,  
call upon him while he is near;  
let the wicked forsake their way,  
and the unrighteous their thoughts;  
let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them,  
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

For my thoughts are not your thoughts,  
nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord.  
For as the heavens are higher than the earth,  
so are my ways higher than your ways  
and my thoughts than your thoughts.  
For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven,

and do not return there until they have watered the earth,  
making it bring forth and sprout,  
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,

so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;  
it shall not return to me empty,  
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,  
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

Image shown is art by Janice VanCronkhite

**Canticle 10 The Second Song of Isaiah S-222** Chanted by the Cantor

**Officiant:** Let us pray.

O God, you have created all things by the power of your Word, and you renew the earth by your Spirit: Give now the water of life to those who thirst for you, that they may bring forth abundant fruit in your glorious kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**A new heart and a new spirit**

Ezekiel 36:24-28

Read by Andrew Trofka

I will take you from the nations, and gather you from all the countries, and bring you into your own land.

I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you; and I will remove from your body the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. I will put my spirit within you, and make you follow my statutes and be careful to observe my ordinances. Then you shall live in the land that I gave to your ancestors; and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.

***Sicut cervus*** by Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina

Sung by Nordic Choir,  
Luther College, Decorah, Iowa

Based upon Psalm 42

Sicut cervus desiderat ad fontes aquarum, ita desiderat anima mea ad te, Deus  
Translation: As the heart desires the water-brooks, so longs my soul after thee, O God.

**Officiant:** Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who are reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

***Paschal Troparion***

**WLP 817 Christ is risen from the dead**

Chanted by the Cantor

## *The Easter Greeting*

**Officiant:** Alleluia. Christ is risen.  
**People:** The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

## *Easter Bells*

### *Collect of the Day*

**Officiant:** The Lord be with you.  
**People:** **And also with you.**  
**Officiant:** Let us pray.

Almighty God, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of our enemy: Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## *The Liturgy of the Word for Easter*

### *The Epistle*

Romans 6:3-11

Read by Tenny Mickey

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

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

### *The Holy Gospel*

Matthew 28:1-10

Proclaimed by the Rev. Deborah Seles

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." So they left the tomb

quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

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

### *The Sermon*

The Rev. Kathleen Kelly

**Hymnal 207 Jesus Christ is risen today**  
The Choir and Organ of Riverside Church, NYC

EASTER HYMN  
Frederick Swann, Organist

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!  
All creation join to say, Alleluia!  
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!  
Sing, ye heavens and earth reply, Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!  
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!  
Dying once, Christ all doth save, Alleluia!  
Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!  
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!  
Death in vain forbids Him rise, Alleluia!  
Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!  
Following our exalted head, Alleluia!  
Made like Christ, who bids us rise, Alleluia!  
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!  
praise eternal as his love, Alleluia!  
praise him, all ye heavenly host, Alleluia!  
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia!

### *The Renewal of Baptismal Vows*

**Officiant:**

Through the Paschal mystery, dear friends, we are buried with Christ by Baptism into his death, and raised with him to newness of life. I call upon you, therefore, now that our Lenten observance is ended, to renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and all his works, and promised to serve God faithfully in his holy Catholic Church.

Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

**People:** I do.

**Officiant:** Do you believe in God the Father?

**People:** I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

**Officiant:** Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**People:** I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

**Officiant:** Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**People:** I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

**Officiant:** Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

**People:** I will, with God's help.

**Officiant:** Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

**People:** I will, with God's help.

**Officiant:** Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

**People:** I will, with God's help.

**Officiant:** Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

**People:** I will, with God's help.

**Officiant:** Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

**People:** I will, with God's help.

**Leader:** Deliver us, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

**People:** Lord, hear our prayer.

**Leader:** Open our hearts to your grace and truth.

**People:** Lord, hear our prayer.

**Leader:** Fill us with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

**People:** Lord, hear our prayer.

**Leader:** Keep us in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

**People:** Lord, hear our prayer.

**Leader:** Teach us to love others in the power of the Spirit.

**People:** Lord, hear our prayer.

**Leader:** Send us into the world in witness to your love.

**People:** Lord, hear our prayer.

**Leader:** Bring us to the fullness of your peace and glory.

**People:** Lord, hear our prayer.

**Officiant:** May Almighty God, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, and called us to ministry in Jesus Christ, keep us in eternal life by his grace; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### *The Lord's Prayer*

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.**

### *Communal Fast from Eucharist*

After an introduction from the Officiant, we pray, giving thanks for all the times we have been fed at the Lord's table before our present fast:

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 Easter Blessing*

### *The Conclusion*

**Officiant:** Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia!

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

### *Postlude*

*Incantation pour un Jour Saint* by Jean Langlais

Frederick Swann, Organist

Recorded at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, D.C.

## Worship Ministers

The Rev. Kathleen Kelly, *Officiant and Preacher*

The Rev. Deborah Seles, *Officiant and Reader of the Gospel*

Craig Gahnz-Kuhar, *Cantor and Videographer*

Robin Nugent, Cash Baxter, Tenny Mickey, & Andrew Trofka, *Lectors*

Robin Nugent, *Intercessor*

Andrew Trofka & Jim Salyers, voices of the people

Emily Vogt, Debby Jansma and Chet Hecht, *Technical assistance*

## Readings for Next Sunday, 4/19/20 Second Sunday of Easter

**The First Lesson** Acts 2:14a, 22-32

**Psalm** 16

**The Second Lesson** 1 Peter 1:3-9

**The Holy Gospel** John 20:19-31

**The Sermon next Sunday will be offered by The Rev. John C. Danforth.** Jack Danforth graduated from Princeton University, Yale Divinity School, and Yale Law School. He practiced law in New York City and St. Louis before serving as attorney general of Missouri, United States senator from Missouri, and United States representative to the United Nations. An ordained Episcopal priest, he is the author of Faith in Politics and Resurrection: The Confirmation of Clarence Thomas. He is a partner in the law firm of Dowd Bennett LLP and divides his time between St. Louis and the Coachella Valley, where he and Sally have long been a treasured part of St. Margaret's.



## Neighbors-4-Neighbors

Miracles continue to happen every Tuesday at St. Margaret's through

**Neighbors 4 Neighbors.** We desperately want to keep the doors open and the carts moving, knowing that many of our clients have depended on the jobs hardest hit during the pandemic closures. With so many facing hardship, the number served has swollen from a usual around 400 to **over 820 last week!** At the same time, the cadre of those able to volunteer has shrunk from a usual around 80 to 30 last week.

Yet God continues to provide and make the seemingly impossible possible. Thank you Chet Hecht and all our volunteers and contributors!

How can you help? Do you know someone healthy enough to safely volunteer? We have strict procedures in place to protect volunteers and clients. **Can you make a special contribution to help with this vital Outreach?** Please respond generously by sending an offering with N4N on the memo line. Or use the easyTithe link on the homepage of [www.stmargarets.org](http://www.stmargarets.org) and note your purpose.



**This Week at St. Margaret's  
for April 12, 2020**



**2020 Easter Flowers**

Thank you for beautifying the steps of  
St. Margaret's for Easter.  
Those passing will see the joy!



**Jay & Nancy Dawson**

In memory of Loved Ones

**Bruce & Helen Dolph**

In memory of Martin, Edward, Laura, Margaret and Alice. In  
Thanksgiving for my 55 years. In celebration of granddaughter Allison's  
wedding.

**Jim & Jane Hodnik**

In memory of Mary & Anzelm Lipnicke and Amelia & Stan Hodnik and in  
Gratitude for family and friends.

**Ursula Johnson**

In Memory of Gordon Johnson

**Mark Leggett**

In Gratitude for all has been given to me

**Rick Swan**

To the Glory of God

**Floss Teiger**

In memory of Stuart & Adele Haupt and Susan Wall.

**Pamela Williams**

In memory of Robert and Cliftine Williams, with all my love!

**Send us a Snapshot**

We are working on updating our directory. Please email us a photo of you individually, as a couple or whole  
family: [debbyj@stmargarets.org](mailto:debbyj@stmargarets.org)

## Your 2020 Vestry

All Vestry members serve as a liaison to ministries in some topical area. Vestry liaisons will:

- Work with staff to coordinate activities and communications;
- Answer your questions about how to get involved; and
- Bring proposals from ministry groups to the Vestry.

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