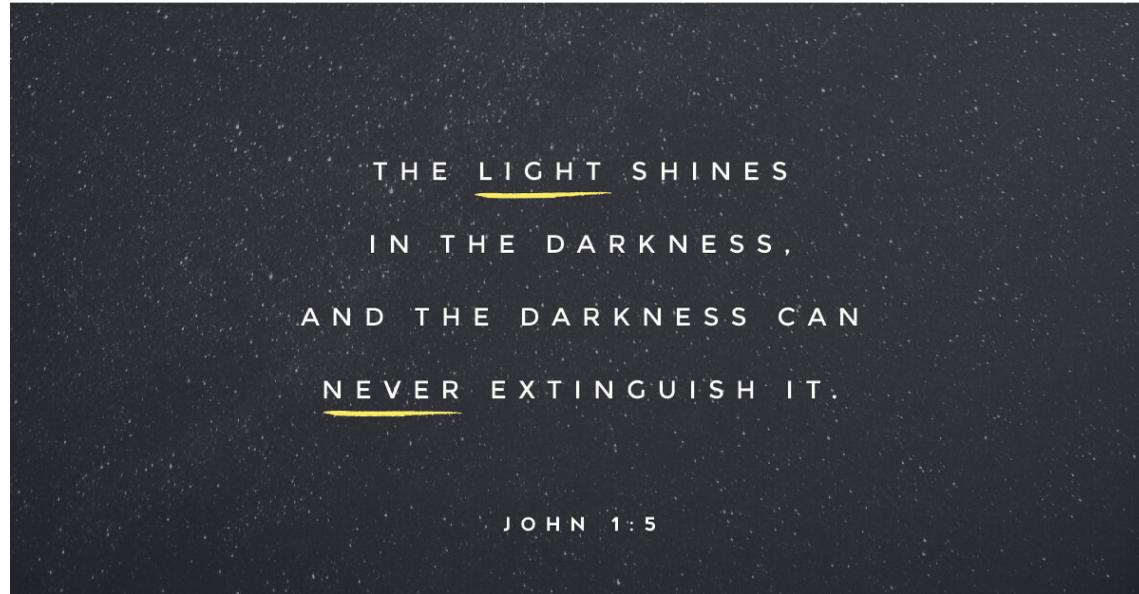


ST. MARGARET'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



DECEMBER 27, 2020 IN PERSON / 9:30AM FACEBOOK LIVE First Sunday after Christmas

Welcome to all newcomers and visitors in the name of Jesus Christ. Please sign the guest book in the narthex or fill out one of our visiting guest cards found in the pew.

Our Vision:

God loves us, we love and serve God in others.

We do this through Worship (Faith), Outreach (Hope) and Nurture (Love).

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HOLY EUCHARIST: Rite II

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

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.**

Gloria in Excelsis

People and Celebrant: 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: Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

Lector: A Reading from **Isaiah 61:10-62:3**

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD,
my whole being shall exult in my God;
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.
For as the earth brings forth its shoots,
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,
so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise
to spring up before all the nations.
For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,
and her salvation like a burning torch.
The nations shall see your vindication,
and all the kings your glory;
and you shall be called by a new name
that the mouth of the LORD will give.
You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD,
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Psalm (People Answer Responsively): **Psalm 147:13-21**

13 Worship the LORD, O Jerusalem; praise your God, O Zion;

14 For he has strengthened the bars of your gates; he has blessed your children within you.

15 He has established peace on your borders; he satisfies you with the finest wheat.

16 He sends out his command to the earth, and his word runs very swiftly.

17 He gives snow like wool; he scatters hoarfrost like ashes.

18 He scatters his hail like bread crumbs; who can stand against his cold?

19 He sends forth his word and melts them; he blows with his wind, and the waters flow.

20 He declares his word to Jacob, his statutes and his judgments to Israel.

21 He has not done so to any other nation; to them he has not revealed his judgments.
Hallelujah!

People: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Lector: A Reading from **Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7**

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian.

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Gospel: **John 1:1-18**

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Homily: The Reverend Eric Holloway

The Nicene Creed

People and Celebrant: 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.

Prayers of the People Form III

Lector: Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

People: That we all may be one.

Lector: Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

People: That your Name may be glorified by all people.

Lector: We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons, especially for Justin, our Archbishop; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; David, our own Bishop; and Eric, our Rector.

People: That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

Lector: We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world; especially for Donald, our President; Greg, our Governor; Ron, our Mayor; and all members of the Congress and the Supreme Court of the United States;

People: That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Lector: Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

People: That our works may find favor in your sight.

Lector: Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble; especially [____]. We pray,

People: That they may be delivered from their distress.

Lector: We pray for those serving in the Armed Forces, especially [____]. We also pray this day for those who are celebrating birthdays or anniversaries, especially [____]. In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we give thanks for [____].

Lector: Give to the departed eternal rest, [especially ____];

People: Let light perpetual shine upon them.

Lector: We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

People: May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others. *(Silence)*

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

The Confession

Celebrant: We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Lector and People: Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Sentence

The Presentation Doxology

People and Celebrant: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer B

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.

Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

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.

Celebrant: We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life. On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ 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." Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

People and Celebrant: We remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory;

Celebrant: And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with St. Margaret and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant: And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

People and Celebrant: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. AMEN.

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Celebrant: Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Prayer of Spiritual Communion (for those worshipping from home)

My Jesus,

I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things,

and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,

Come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there

and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.

Post-Communion Prayer of Thanksgiving

Celebrant: Let us pray.

People and Celebrant: Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do; to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Announcements and Birthday / Anniversary Blessings

The Blessing

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

PRAYER CONCERNS

IMMEDIATE

For all who are affected by the coronavirus, especially Frank, Bill, & Larry; for the needs of Allen Family, Rhodes Family, Byrne & Stephanie, Michael, Sarah, Jade and Emma Mae, Haff family, Ponec family, Hill family, Christene, Julie & Christina, Julie, Abby & Justin, Carol.

ONGOING

and also for the needs of Diane, Gretchen, Tom & Karen, Don, Brenda, Karen, Nancy, Cindy, Bill, Kerry & Brendan, Joyce, Mary Helen, Elaine & Bill, Kate, Maggie, BJ, Monica, Ruth & Dick, Kevin, Heidi, Amber & family, Kelsea & Andy, Chris, Jade, Ned, Ricky, First Responders, Police, Fire, EMS, and especially for Kevin, Herman, Chris, Joseph, Tim, and Timmy.

ARMED FORCES

All members of the Armed Forces and especially for Landon, Greta, Josh, and all those serving in harm's way.

BIRTHDAYS

Matt Kitchen – December 28
Sable Kitchen – December 29
Melanie Polasek – December 31

ANNIVERSARY

Jerry and Patty Black – January 1

DEATHS

Kevin Rhodes
Delores Allen
Joe Montoya (Uncle of Leslie Huerta)

DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER (The First Sunday after Christmas)

Give thanks for Messiah, Gonzales; St. Stephen's, Wimberley; and St. Stephen's, San Antonio.

To place a name on the **Prayer List**, please email Mike Burroughs mburroughs@satx.rr.com.

Remember to update your immediate requests every 30 days and your ongoing requests every 60 days with **Mike Burroughs** at 210-564-8772 or mburroughs@satx.rr.com.

If you would like to schedule a **Prayer Visit** with a Prayer Team Member, please contact **Mike Burroughs** at 210-564-8772.

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by those on our Poinsettia List

Lector/Prayers of the People: Gretchen Benne

Greeter: Bob McDonald

Usher: Bob McDonald

Flower Guild: Gloria Maynard

WEEKLY SCHEDULE:

Sundays 9:30am Morning Service: FACEBOOK LIVE / IN PERSON

Sundays 10:45am Christian Education: ZOOM / IN PERSON

Monday Videos – FACEBOOK PAGE and PARISH EMAIL

Wednesdays 9:00am Book Study: ZOOM

Fridays Bible Verse Reflections by Tanner: FACEBOOK PAGE and PARISH EMAIL

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