

Word from the Brothers: **Grace**

It is Jesus who will change us, not we ourselves. It is the work of grace. Our work is to deepen our relationship with Jesus so that we can allow him, mysteriously and wonderfully, to change us.

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**St. Margaret of Scotland**

**Open minds and loving hearts  
All are Welcome**

**The Second Sunday of Easter**

**April 28, 2019 - 10:30 am**

**FAMILY EUCHARIST**



***Thomas said: "My Lord and my God!"***

**A warm welcome to all**, especially those who are worshipping with us for the first time this morning. We hope your time here today will be a blessing to you, as your presence is a blessing to us. *All who seek closeness with God are welcome to receive Holy Communion this morning.*

## GATHERING

Processional Hymn: *Jesus Is Risen from the Grave*  
Common Praise #232

Alleluia! Christ is Risen  
**The Lord is risen indeed Alleluia!**  
May his grace and peace be with you.  
**May he fill our hearts with joy.**

This is the day which the Lord has made.  
**Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

Confession and Absolution:

Happy are those whose sins are forgiven,  
whose wrongs are pardoned.  
I will confess my sins to the Lord,  
I will not conceal my wrong doings to the Lord,  
God forgives and heals us.

**We need your healing, merciful God:  
give us true repentance.  
Some sins are plain to us;  
some escape us, some we cannot face.  
Forgive us;  
set us free to hear your word to us;  
set us free to serve you.**

God forgives you.  
Forgive others;  
forgive yourself. (silence)  
Through Christ, God has put away your sin:  
approach your God in peace.

Praise Song:

**Allelu- allelu- allelu- alleluia!  
Praise Ye the Lord!**

## *Easter Memorials*

A memorial gift has been given to the glory of God

To General Funds

In loving memory of Max & Rachel Durnford  
From Donna & John Young

To the Altar Guild

In loving memory of parents & brothers  
From Wendy & Randy Millington

## *From the Book of Remembrance*

Today we remember on their *Year's Mind*

Blanche Miles - April 28  
Arnold MacNeil - April 29  
Carrie Tench - April 29  
Harold Dominie - April 30

*Rest eternal grant unto them O Lord.  
And let light perpetual shine upon them. Amen.*



## May & June Dates at a Glance

Sat May 11 - Men's Breakfast  
Sat May 11 - White Rose Dinner  
Sat May 25 - Sandwich Club  
Sat May 25 - Inter-church Supper & Variety Show  
Mon May 27 - Scout Banquet  
Thurs May 30 - Casserole Luncheon  
Thurs May 30 - Ordination of Taunya Dawson,  
Cathedral  
Thur June 6 - Catering - Monarchists  
Sat June 8 - Neighbourhood Potluck  
Sat June 15 - Sandwich Club  
Thur June 20 - Sat June 22 Rental: Art Classes

**St. Margaret of Scotland Mission Statement:**

To be a Christ-centered, mission minded community embracing all people across the spectrum of cultural, ethnic, gender, sexual orientation, ages and class diversity as full members of the family of God.

**Week at a Glance****April 28 — May 5**

Sun	5:30 pm	Youth Group, Hall & Church
Mon	6:30 pm - 7:30 pm	Beavers, Hall
Tues	1:30 pm - 4:30 pm	Northwood Staff Meeting, Hall
	6:30 pm - 8:00 pm	Cubs, Hall
Wed	7:00 pm	78 <sup>th</sup> Highlanders, Church & Hall
	7:00 pm	Pre-Synod Meeting, St. Peter's, Birch Cove
	9:00 pm	Compline, Church
Thur	1:00 pm	Grief Group, Church
	6:30 pm	Scouts, Hall
Fri	All Day	Set Up, Spring Fair, Hall
Sat	4:30 pm	Spring Fair & Turkey Dinner, Hall
Sun	5:30 pm	Youth Group, Hall & Church

**Spring Fair & Turkey Supper**, this Saturday May 4th (4:30 to 6:00 pm.) Adults \$13 and Children \$7. Includes Tea/coffee and dessert. There will be a Bake Table and a Craft & Book Table. Take Outs available. The sign up sheet is at the back of the church. Contributions of baked goods to the Bake Table need to be marked with your name or envelope number for identification. Help will be needed on Friday and Saturday.

The Friends of St. Margaret invite the congregation of St. Margaret of Scotland to their **Annual White Rose dinner** on Saturday, May 11 at 5:00 pm. Come and enjoy a delicious Spaghetti Dinner, Salad, Dessert, Tea and Coffee. Bring your favourite board game, cards for fun with your church family after dinner. If coming, for purposes of planning please sign your name on the sheet at the back of the church.

**Thank you** to everyone who helped out at the Casserole Luncheon. The Next one will be on Thursday May 30<sup>th</sup>.

Collect for the Second Sunday of Easter: (together)

**Almighty and eternal God,  
the strength of those who believe  
and the hope of those who doubt,  
may we, who have not seen, have faith  
and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing,  
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. AMEN**

***PROCLAMATION***

First Reading: A Reading from the Book of Acts (5:27-32)

They brought the apostles in, made them stand before the Council, and the High Priest questioned them. "We gave you strict orders not to teach in the name of this man," he said; "but see what you have done! You have spread your teaching all over Jerusalem, and you want to make us responsible for his death!"

Peter and the other apostles answered, "We must obey God, not people. The God of our ancestors raised Jesus from death, after you had killed him by nailing him to a cross. God raised him to his right side as Leader and Saviour, to give the people of Israel the opportunity to repent and have their sins forgiven. We are witnesses to these things—we and the Holy Spirit, who is God's gift to those who obey him."

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn: *Open Our Eyes, Lord*

Mission Praise #545

Gospel Reading

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (20:19-31)

**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

*(after the reading)*

The Gospel of Christ.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Gradual Hymn: *Open Our Eyes, Lord* Mission Praise #545

Sermon

An Affirmation of Faith (Celtic)

Let us affirm our faith in God.

**We believe in God above us,  
 maker and sustainer of all life,  
 of sun and moon, of water and earth,  
 of male and female.**

**We believe in God beside us, Jesus Christ,  
 the Word made flesh,  
 born of a woman, servant of the poor,  
 tortured and nailed to a tree.**

**A man of sorrows, he died forsaken.  
 He descended into the earth to the place of death.  
 On the third day he rose from the tomb.  
 He ascended into heaven, to be everywhere present,  
 and his kingdom will come on earth.**

**We believe in God within us,  
 the Holy Spirit of pentecostal fire,  
 life-giving breath of the Church,  
 Spirit of healing and forgiveness,  
 source of resurrection and of eternal life. Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

Music during Communion: *As We Are Gathered* Mission Praise #38

*Surely the Presence of the Lord*

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.  
 I can feel his mighty power and his grace.  
 I can hear the brush of angels wings.  
 I see glory on each face.  
 Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

*SENDING*

Prayer after Communion

**Father,  
 we have seen with our eyes  
 and touched with our hands  
 the bread of life.  
 Strengthen our faith  
 that we may grow in love for you and for each other;  
 through Jesus Christ the risen Lord.  
 Amen.**

The Blessing

Announcements

Recessional Hymn: *He Rose* Common Praise #233

Dismissal:

*ALLELUIA! Christ is risen!  
 He is risen indeed! ALLELUIA!*

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name.  
your kingdom come, your will be done,  
on earth as 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 forever. Amen.**

The Breaking of Bread:

Lord, we died with you on the cross.  
**Now we are raised to new life.**

We were buried in your tomb.  
**Now we share in your resurrection.**

Live in us, that we may live in you.

Invitation to Communion

The gifts of God for the people of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*Eat this bread, drink this cup.  
come to me and never be hungry.  
Eat this bread, drink this cup,  
trust in me and you will not thirst.*

*(All who seek closeness with God are welcome to receive  
Holy Communion this morning.)*

*CELEBRATION*Offertory Hymn: Lord of the Dance

I danced in the morning when the world was begun,  
And I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,  
And I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth:  
At Bethlehem I had my birth.

*REFRAIN*

Dance, then, wherever you may be,  
I am the Lord of the dance, said he,  
And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,  
And I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee,  
But they would not dance and they wouldn't follow me;  
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John;  
They came with me and the dance went on: *REFRAIN*

I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame:  
The holy people said it was a shame.  
They whipped and they stripped and they hung me high,  
And they left me there on a cross to die: *REFRAIN*

I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black;  
It's hard to dance with the devil on your back.  
They buried my body and they thought I'd gone.....  
But I am the dance, and I still go on: *REFRAIN*

They cut me down and I leapt up high  
I am the life that'll never, never die.  
I'll live in you, if you'll live in me:  
I am the Lord of the dance, said he. *REFRAIN*

Prayer over the Gifts

(together)

**God of grace,  
you have freed us from our sins  
and made us a kingdom in your Son  
Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Accept all we offer you this day,  
and strengthen us in the new life you have given us,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN**

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

O God, creator of all, we are glad to give you thanks and praise because you love us. With Jesus we sing your praise.

**Glory to you forever and ever.**

Because you love us, you sent us Jesus your Son, to bring us home to you and to gather us together as the children of one family. With Jesus we sing your praise.

**Glory to you forever and ever.**

For such great love we thank you, together with the angels and with all the saints of heaven, as we sing:

**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.**

Blessed be Jesus, whom you sent to be the friend of children and of the poor. He came to show us how we can love you, O God, by loving one another. He promised to send the Holy Spirit, to be with us always, so that we can live as your children.

**Jesus has given his life for us.**

On the night before he died he showed us how much you love us. When he was at supper with his friends, he took bread, and gave you thanks. Then he broke the bread, and gave it to his friends and said: "Take this, all of you, and eat it. This is my body which is given for you. Do this in memory of me."

**Jesus has given his life for us.**

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine. He thanked you and said: "Take this all of you and drink it. This is my blood, of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many, so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in memory of me."

**Jesus has given his life for us.**

Gracious God, with this bread and wine we celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus, and we offer ourselves to you in him.

**We praise you, we bless you, we thank you.**

Creator God, we now ask you to send your Holy Spirit on these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be for us the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**We praise you, we bless you, we thank you.**

Send your Holy Spirit on all who share this special meal.

Bring us close together in the family of your Church.

**We praise you, we bless you, we thank you.**

Pour out your Spirit on the whole earth, and make it your new creation, a kingdom of peace and love and joy forever.

**We praise you, we bless you, we thank you.**

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

**AMEN.**