

Word from the Brothers: **Miracle**

You are a survivor. Perhaps in the face of many odds, your life has extended into this new day. Past events in your life may have just killed you, but look at you. You've come back to life. It's not just Jesus who is a walking miracle; you also are a walking miracle.

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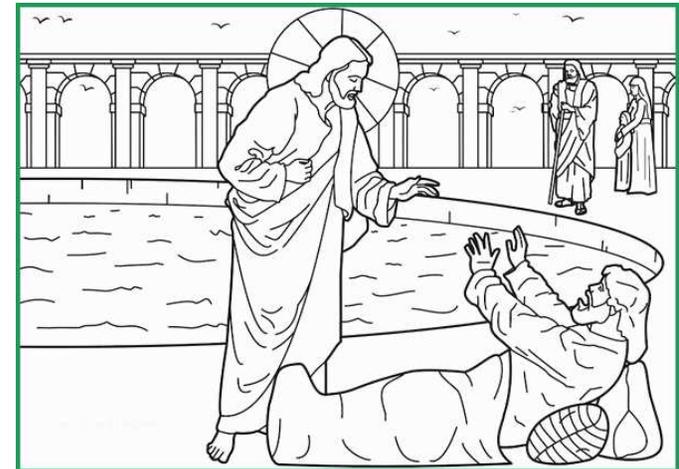
St. Margaret of Scotland Anglican Church

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

May 26, 2019

10:30 am

**CELTIC
FAMILY EUCHARIST**



"Do you want to be made well?"

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

Greeting:

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Christ is alive in our hearts.

The God who is love dwells in us. Alleluia!

Opening Prayer

The Lord of creation be with you

And also with you

Let us pray.

**O God, you made the universe with all its marvelous order,
its atoms, worlds, and galaxies,**

and the infinite complexity of living creatures:

Grant that, as we probe the mysteries of your creation,

we may come to know you more truly,

**and more fully understand the purpose to which we are
called;**

in the name of Christ our Lord.

Amen.

A Hymn of Praise

Let us praise the Holy One, the Creator,

the Maker of all, the God of creation!

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

And God said, "Let there be light!"

Let the light and the darkness bless you, O Lord,

for you are the God of all creation.

- ❖ Pastoral Visitation continues with Sherry Smith, Ruth Rogers and Frank Riggs reaching out to shut-in parishioners. Rev. Charles will offer a pastoral visitation course in the fall for others interested in this important ministry.
- ❖ The Prayer Shawl Ministry has shawls available to anyone who wishes to take one. They are currently located on the back pew of the choir but will soon be relocated to a more visible and accessible location. For further information about this ministry speak to Dale Moffat.
- ❖ If you would like to have a loved one remembered in the Prayers of the People, please submit the person's name in writing to Sherry Smith or to the church office at least one week in advance. Please include your name in case clarification is required.

- ❖ We are looking into offering a Food Handling Course sometime this year. Stay tuned for further information.
- ❖ Advance notice: an afternoon concert by the ScotianAires, an *acapella* group, will be held here at St. Margaret's on a Sunday afternoon in the fall. Date to be confirmed.
- ❖ Eastlink will be doing some maintenance work on their equipment on the church roof. A new antenna will also be installed by Sigma Wireless.
- ❖ All 14 garden beds in the community garden have been allotted. The Community Garden Committee is looking into grants to build ten additional beds to be ready for planting in spring 2020.
- ❖ A \$3000 grant has been received from the Diocesan Financial Management and Development Vision Strategy and Support Team (FMDVSST) for New Missional Initiatives. The application consisted of three components: Reaching Out to Seniors; Involving Youth in Mission; and Connecting With the Larger Community. Parishioners will be hearing more about these initiatives soon – there is something for everyone to get involved in and use their talents. Speak to Ted Johnson, Victor Day, Margery Cotterell or Danny Ray, Chair of the Outreach Committee.
- ❖ The initial focus of the Outreach Committee was preparing and serving a meal at the St. George's Soup Kitchen on April 27. Twenty parishioners were involved and it was a great experience. We are looking at once again serving this community in the fall. Speak to Danny if you'd like to help.

The winds of new beginnings stirred,
and the deep and everlasting waters flowed.

**Let the winds and the waters bless you, O Lord,
for you are the God of all creation.**

God Created the earth and the earth grew green,
green with trees and fields and valleys.

**Let the mountains and hills, the fields and the valleys
all join to bless you, O Lord,
for you are the God of all creation.**

The great light ruled the day
and the gentle light ruled the night,
and they guided the seasons
and marked the days and years.

**Let the sun and moon praise you, O Lord,
for you are the God of all creation.**

The waters brought forth living creatures,
and the creatures filled the seas, roamed the earth,
and rose up to the sky.

**Let the birds and the fish, the dogs and cats,
the cows and ostriches and giraffes all bless you,
O Lord, for you are the God of all creation.**

God formed humans in his own likeness,
and so we carry your life within us, O Lord.

**Let the people all praise you,
and let everything that can sing bless your Name,
O Lord, for you are the God of all creation. Amen.**

Praise Song:

**Jubilate, everybody,
serve the Lord in all your ways, and
come before his presence singing:
enter now his courts with praise.
For the Lord our God is gracious,
and his mercy everlasting.
Jubilate, jubilate, jubilate Deo!**

Collect for the Sixth Sunday of Easter

The Lord be with you
And also with you

Let us pray

Merciful God,

you have prepared for those who love you

riches beyond imagination.

Pour into our hearts such love toward you

that we, loving you above all things,

may obtain your promises,

which exceed all that we can desire,

through Jesus Christ our Lord,

**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 (16:9-15)

That night Paul had a vision in which he saw a Macedonian standing and begging him, "Come over to Macedonia and help us!" As soon as Paul had this vision, we got ready to leave for Macedonia, because we decided that God had called us to preach the Good News to the people there.

We left by ship from Troas and sailed straight across to Samothrace, and the next day to Neapolis. From there we went inland to Philippi, a city of the first district of Macedonia; it is also a Roman colony. We spent several days there. On the Sabbath we went out of the city to the riverside, where we thought there would be a place where Jews gathered for prayer. We sat down and talked to the women who gathered there. One of those who heard us was Lydia from Thyatira, who was a dealer in purple cloth. She was a woman who worshiped God, and the Lord opened her mind to listen eagerly to what Paul was saying. After she and the people of her house had been baptized, she invited us: "Come and stay in my house if you have judged me to be a true believer in the Lord." And she persuaded us to go.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The **Altar Guild Banquet** is this Tuesday May 28th at 6:00 pm at Kempster's

Back by popular demand! Our **Neighbourhood Potluck** is taking place on Saturday June 8 Starting at 5:00 pm. If you live in the neighbour hood you are especially encouraged to come along. And if you live father away you are welcome to come along as well.

Green Planet Supper & Sale at St. Margaret of Scotland Hall June 1, 2019, 4:30 p.m. Sale includes: Food, Used Books and New to You Items, Jewelry, Silent Auction, Swap Registry, Fish Pond. Supper includes, Ham, Salads, Baked Beans, Rolls & Assorted Desserts. Live Entertainment and Door Prizes. Tickets \$12 before May 26th or \$15 at the door. Kids 10 & under bring a book to sell. To Reserve your ticket call 902-429-2240. Proceeds for St. Paul's Anglican Church Outreach Activities.

Ward 5 Children's Trip Fundraiser

Hope to see you at our Spaghetti Dinner 5540 Russell Street on Tuesday May 28, 5 - 7 pm. Cost \$7 per person \$20 family of (4) Includes: Spaghetti with meat sauce, rolls, Dessert - cookies or Lemon Tarts, Water/Milk/Juice. "All proceeds go towards the Children's Year End Trip." For further information contact Susan Nordin Program manager 545-0018, ward5susan@ward5.org

Parish Council Highlights May 2019

- ❖ St. Margaret of Scotland is a Safe Place and it is important that *everyone* knows that they are welcome here and safe. To that end and in keeping with the Diocesan SafeR Church guidelines, Parish Council has developed 8 ½' x11" laminated notices to be posted at the entrances to the church and the hall. Please take a moment to review the information and perhaps point them out to any newcomers.

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 May 26 - June 2

Sun	5:30 pm - Youth Group, Hall & Church
Mon	6:30 pm - Scouting Banquet, Hall
Tues	6:00 pm - Altar Guild Banquet, Kempsters
Wed	6:00 pm - 78 th Highlanders, Church & Hall 6:30 pm - Communication Committee, NSCC Atrium 9:00 pm - Compline, Church
Thur	11:30 am - Casserole Luncheon, Hall 6:30 pm - Scouts, Hall 7:00 pm - Ordination of Taunya Dawson & Nichola Fish-Cummine, All Saints Cathedral
Fri	All Day - Set up, and Prep, Hall Rental (St. Paul's)
Sat	4:30 pm - St. Paul's Fundraiser, Hall
Sun	2:00 pm - Music Recital, Church & Hall (Rental) 5:30 pm - Youth Group, Hall & Church

The Last Casserole Luncheon is this Thursday, May 30th 11:30 am to 1 pm. Admission \$10 Students & Seniors \$7.50. Please spread the word and if you are not already attending, think about coming and bring a friend or two. If you are able to assist in any way, by providing a dish (we need casseroles, salads, desserts, rolls, etc) or lending hand, talk to Anne King. Thank you all for another successful year and see you again in the Fall.

Good News for St. Mark's: It's official!

Bishop Ron has appointed a new rector to our mother Church. St. Mark's. The Rev. Nichola Fish Cumine. Rev. Nichola is to be ordained, Priest this Thursday at the same service that our former student, Taunya Dawson, is made Transitional Deacon. The plan is for the Rev. Vivien Hannon and The Rev. Jim Purchase to continue offering pastoral care and administrative support for the present congregation, while Rev. Nichola concentrates on reaching out to the community to grow the Church. Let us all keep Rev. Nichola and St. Mark's in our prayers! *Charles*

Gradual Hymn: *It Only Takes a Spark*

Mission Praise #348 (vv. 1,2)

Gospel Reading

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (5:1-9)

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

(after the reading)

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gradual Hymn: *It Only Takes a Spark* (v. 3) Mission Praise #348

Sermon

An Affirmation of Faith

Let us join in affirming our faith in God.

**Our God is the God of all humanity,
of heaven and earth, of the seas and the rivers,
of the sun and the moon, and all the stars,
God of the highest mountains and of the lowest valleys,
over heaven, in heaven, and under heaven.
God is present in all things in heaven and earth and seas,
inspires all things, brings life to all things,
is over all things and supports all things.
God makes the light of the sun to shine,
and surrounds the moon and stars,
brings water to the deserts
and places dry islands in the sea.
God's Son lives as God lives, eternal and holy.
The Holy Spirit breathes in the Father and the Son,
and the Holy Spirit lives in God the Christ.
And God is forever. Amen.**

6 The Prayers of the People

We pray now for the needs of all people throughout the world, remembering that God created all and loves all. Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we come before you with reverence and with faith that through our prayers your presence can bless. We pray for the Church that its mission may reach to the ends of the earth.

May we be Christ to each other and light to the world.

We pray for the world that its leaders may follow the path of justice and it's peoples way of peace.

May we and all nations respect one another in freedom, truth, and love.

We pray for our community that those who make decisions that affect the lives of others may be inspired by your wisdom.

May we all act with integrity, respect, and courage that we may live together in harmony.

We pray for those in any sickness, need or trouble, naming them silently or aloud. (Pause)

God of hope, comfort and restore all suffer in body mind and spirit.

May they know the power of your healing love through human compassion.

We remember those who have died and those who mourn, naming them silently or aloud. (Pause) Father, into your hands we commend them.

Bring peace to those who mourn in their time of loss.

We pray for ourselves in this church community and for the ministries in which we serve God here, naming them silently or aloud. (Pause)

Lord, you have called us to serve you.

**Grant that we may walk in your presence
with your truth in our minds,
your strength in our souls
and your love in our hearts,
that we may share the light of your love with all,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

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Announcements

Recessional Hymn: *Children of the Light*

Refrain:

**We are children, children of the light
We are shining, in the darkness of the night.
Hope for this world, joy through all the land.
Touch the heart of everyone,
Take everybody's hand.**

**Come and gather round the flame,
Share the light in his name,
We are children of the light.
As the wind blows where it will,
Spread the news to everyone,
There's still plenty of time, for we have just begun.**

Refrain

**Join the song of all the earth,
We've a dream, a dream to share,
And a promise of rebirth.
Let the earth feel the warmth
Of the love there in your heart,
We have many a dream, and promises to keep.**

Refrain

The Dismissal

Alleluia! Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Communion Hymn: *There's a Quiet Understanding*

Mission Praise #678

Solo: Sweet Beulah Land

Colleen and Steve

SENDING

Closing Prayers

Let us pray.

**O God, who has renewed the earth by the gift of creation,
we thank you for opening our hearts
and making us new with this holy meal.
As we have shared this bread and wine,
may we also generously share our lives in love,
and as we seek you in your creation each day,
may we find the patience and vision
to see your love at work in all things
and the grace to let our lives reflect that love;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Lord of all light, as we go forth into the world,
we extinguish the lights that here represent
the presence of the Holy in our midst,
**But we will carry the light in our hearts, and
we pray that as we go about our work in the world,
we will shine with the love of God. Amen.**

The Blessing

The Lord of creation open your eyes
to behold the beauty around you,
The Lord of light shine forth to guide you on your way,
and the Lord of love enfold you in his arms,
this day and every day.
And the blessing of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
be with you now and always.
Amen.

Sharing the Peace

God makes peace with us.

Let us claim it.

God makes peace between us.

Let us share it.

CELEBRATION

Offertory Hymn: *Shine, Jesus, Shine*

Common Praise #460

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 God thanks and praise.

All things are yours, O God of creation,

And so we return our gifts of treasure to you.

Blessed are you, O God of creation, through whose goodness
we have this bread to offer, which earth has given
and human hands have made;

May it become for us the bread of life.

Blessed are you, O God of creation, through whose goodness
we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine
and work of human hands;

May it become for us the cup of blessing.

Receive these gifts, dear God, and accept in them the
sacrifice of our selves.

In life and in death may we be an offering to you for ever.

We offer you praise and hearts lifted high, O God, by whose word the heavens were formed and the earth was brought forth from the waters. The reflection of your glory shines in each created thing, and though earth's flowering fades, you plant within us imperishable seeds for our salvation and call life out of death into the light that endures forever. And so with heaven and earth's host of light, with the sainted woman and men of every nation, and with those who now live in the spirit as you are Spirit, we join in the song of your unending greatness:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord; God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!**

Blessed are you, O God, for the great day of salvation prepared from the beginning of the world, when Christ, though rejected on earth, will be seen by all to be chosen and precious in your sight. We bless you for Christ who carried sin's destructive powers to the cross that we and all people might be set free. Through Christ you inspire the hope in us that earth's forces of darkness will be scattered, and angels of glory and principalities of light will bring a new heaven and a new earth.

Just as prophets long before Christ had spoken of the sufferings that would be his, so Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and having blessed it, he broke the bread, and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take, eat; this is my body which is broken for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way he took wine and, having given thanks for it, he poured it out, and gave the cup to his disciples, saying: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

**Remembering his eternal self-giving,
we proclaim the mystery of Christ among us.
Made one with him and one with each other,
we offer these gifts, and with them ourselves,
a single, holy living sacrifice.**

Bless us with your Holy Spirit, O God, and bless this bread and wine, that through them we may be made strong again with the strength that only you supply. May our inner selves be nourished that, in the outward things of life, we may follow the way of Christ and grow more and more into salvation; through Christ, by whom, with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour is yours, almighty God, world without end.

Amen.

Let us pray in song the prayer our Lord taught us:

**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 the Bread

Gracious God, we come to your table;

Nourish us with the bread of life and the cup of heaven.

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.)