**Prayer over the Gifts**

God of grace and mercy, who made your holy servant Margaret a partner in the works of your loving-kindness, regard our service according to your mercy, that your grace may be the leaven of this offering and your love may be mingled with these gifts. We ask this through Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen**

**Prayer after communion**

God our Redeemer, you restore the dignity of creation with a new and glorious liberty. Grant us so to follow the example of your servant Margaret, that we may discern your Son in all whom we meet. We ask this in the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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**Margaret**

**Queen of Scotland, Helper of the Poor**

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**Collect**

O God, you gave to your servant Margaret such faithfulness as Queen of Scotland that she cared for the poor and relieved the needs of those who lay in prison. Grant us a like devotion, whatever the service to which you call us, that we may be agents of your justice and true servants of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**A Reading**from the book of Isaiah.

Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you,

the glory of the Lord shall be your rearguard. Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday.

The Lord will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you

shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

***Isaiah 58:6-12***

**Psalm**

*Refrain:* **Happy are they who hope in the Lord their God!** Hallelujah! Praise the Lord, O my soul! I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being. **R**Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth, for there is no help in them. When they breathe their last, they return to earth, and in that day their thoughts perish. **R**Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! whose hope is in the Lord their God; Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; who keeps his promise for ever; Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger. **R** The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind; the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;The Lord loves the righteous; the Lord cares for the stranger; he sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked. The Lord shall reign for ever, your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah! **Happy are they who hope in the Lord their God!**

***Psalm* 146: 4-9**

God our creator and redeemer, inspire your people, in

prosperity or adversity, to turn always to you, eternal source

of life, health, and goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**A Reading** from the book of James.

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, ‘Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill’, and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead. **James 2:14-17**

**The Holy Gospel**of our Lord Jesus Christ according toMatthew. ‘When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, “Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.” Then the righteous will answer him, “Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?” And the king will answer them, “Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family,you did it to me.”

***Matthew 25:31-40***