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The Feast of Margaret of Scotland, Queen, 1093



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LITURGICAL NOTES

The Feast of Margaret of Scotland, Queen, 1093

Shakespeare made familiar the names of Macbeth and Macduff, Duncan and Malcolm; but it is not always remembered that Malcolm married an English princess, Margaret, about 1070.

With considerable zeal, Margaret sought to change what she considered to be old-fashioned and careless practices among the Scottish clergy. She insisted that the observance of Lent, for example, was to begin on Ash Wednesday, rather than on the following Monday, and that the Mass should be celebrated according to the accepted Roman rite of the Church, and not in barbarous form and language. The Lord's Day was to be a day when, she said, "we apply ourselves only to prayers." She argued vigorously, though not always with success, against the exaggerated sense of unworthiness that made many of the pious Scots unwilling to receive Communion regularly.

Margaret's energies were not limited to reformation of formal Church practices. She encouraged the founding of schools, hospitals, and orphanages, and used her influence with King Malcolm to help her improve the quality of life among the isolated Scottish clans. Together, Margaret and her husband rebuilt the monastery of Iona and founded Dunfermline Abbey, under the direction of Benedictine monks.

In addition to her zeal for Church and people, Margaret was a conscientious wife and the mother of eight children. Malcolm, a strong-willed man, came to trust her judgment even in matters of State. She saw also to the spiritual welfare of her large household, providing servants with opportunity for regular worship and prayer.

Margaret was not as successful as she wished to be in creating greater unity in faith and works between her own native England and the Scots. She was unable, for example, to bring an end to the bloody warfare among the highland clans, and after her death in 1093, there was a brief return to the earlier isolation of Scotland from England. Nevertheless, her work among the people, and her reforms in the Church, made her Scotland's most beloved saint. She died on November 16, and was buried at Dunfermline Abbey.

— *Holy Women, Holy Men: Celebrating the Saints, Conforming to General Convention 2009*. New York: Church Publishing, Inc., 2010. p. 682.

Thomas J. Brown
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The Word of God

The people are encouraged to sing all music printed in the bulletin. Please stand.

1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to fol - low Je - sus.
 2 I want to see the bright-ness of God. I want to look at Je - sus.
 3 I'm look-ing for the com - ing of Christ. I want to be with Je - sus.

God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Je - sus.
 Clear sun of right-eous-ness, shine on my path, and show me the way to the Fa - ther.
 When we have run with pa-tience the race, we shall know the joy of Je - sus.

Refrain
 In him there is no dark-ness at all. The night and the day are both a - like.

rit. *a tempo*
 The Lamb is the light of the ci - ty of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

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Collect of the Day

Presider God be with you.
People And also with you.
Presider Let us pray.

O God, you called your servant Margaret to an earthly throne that she might advance your heavenly kingdom, and gave her zeal for your Church and love for your people: Mercifully grant that we who commemorate her this day may be fruitful in good works, and attain to the glorious crown of your saints; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People Amen.

Please sit.

Reading

2 John 1-9

Reader A reading from the second letter of John.

The elder to the elect lady and her children, whom I love in the truth, and not only I but also all who know the truth, because of the truth that abides in us and will be with us forever: Grace, mercy, and peace will be with us from God the Father and from Jesus Christ, the Father's Son, in truth and love. I was overjoyed to find some of your children walking in the truth, just as we have been commanded by the Father. But now, dear lady, I ask you, not as though I were writing you a new commandment, but one we have had from the beginning, let us love one another. And this is love, that we walk according to his commandments; this is the commandment just as you have heard it from the beginning—you must walk in it. Many deceivers have gone out into the world, those who do not confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh; any such person is the deceiver and the antichrist! Be on your guard, so that you do not lose what we have worked for, but may receive a full reward. Everyone who does not abide in the teaching of Christ, but goes beyond it, does not have God; whoever abides in the teaching has both the Father and the Son.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches.
People Thanks be to God.

Remain seated for the psalm.

Psalm 146:4-9 at the Gradual

1 How hap - py those whose hope is in the God whom Ja - cob knew,
2 To those op - pressed, the Lord our God gives jus - tice con - stant - ly;
3 The Lord lifts up all those bowed down and gives the blind new sight;
4 God brings the wick - ed to their doom; the Lord will reign al - ways;
who made the heav - ens, earth, and sea, whose pro - mis - es are true.
God feeds the hun - gry, and all those in pris - on are set free.
the stran - ger, wid - ow, or - phan, all are streng - thened by God's might.
from age to age, O Zi - on sing to God un - end - ing praise.

Please stand.

Gospel

Matthew 13:44-46

Deacon

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.

People

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it."

Deacon

The Gospel of our Savior.

People

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Please sit.

Sermon: The Bishop's Address

The Right Reverend Thomas J. Brown, *Bishop Diocesan*

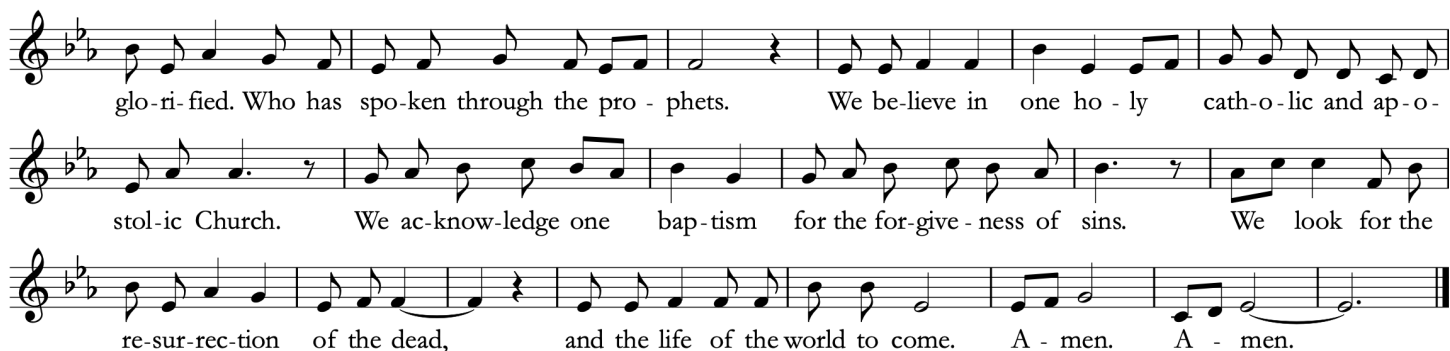
Nicene Creed

Please stand.



organ

We be-lieve in one God, the Fa-ther, the Al-might-y,
ma-ker of hea-ven and earth, of all that is, seen and un-seen. We be-lieve in one Lord, Je-sus
Christ, the on-ly son of God, e-ter-nal-ly be-got-ten of the Fa-ther, God from God, Light from
Light, true God from true God, be-got-ten, not made, of one be-ing with the Fa-ther.
Through him all things were made. For us and for our sal-va-tion he came down from hea-ven:
by the pow-er of the Ho-ly Spi-rit he be-came in-car-nate from the Vir-gin Ma-ry, and was made man.
For our sake he was cru-ci-fied un-der Pon-tius Pi-late; he suf-fered death and was bur-ied.
On the third day he rose a-gain in ac-cord-ance with the Scrip-tures; he as-cend-ed in-to hea-ven and is
seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther. He will come a-gain in glo-ry to judge the liv-ing and the dead, and his
king-dom will have no end. We be-lieve in the Ho-ly Spi-rit, the Lord, the giv-er of life,
who pro-ceeds from the Fa-ther and the Son. Who with the Fa-ther and the Son is wor-shipped and



Prayers of the People

Deacon Let us pray to the Lord saying, "Hear our prayer."

Intercessor Most loving and gracious God, we ask your blessing on the clergy, laity, diocesan staff, and our bishop, as we gather for the 205th annual convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Maine. Equip us to build and support your communities of faith. God of grace,

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor Lord, we thank you for all the blessings of our lives. Help us to recognize the uniqueness of each church, chapel, and ministry in this Diocese, including Camp Bishopswood. Bless our partnerships with the Dioceses of New Hampshire and Vermont, and help us to honor the differences among peoples. On this sacred ground inspire us to show understanding and compassion to all. God of grace,

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor We pray for people in need who are struggling to survive. We pray for those who are homeless and hungry, for those who are destitute and lonely. Bless us all that we may support the Christian Food Movement, Social Justice and Outreach, the Episcopal Peace Fellowship and Creation Care, adding our gifts of generosity and compassion, and working towards sustainable living. God of grace,

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor We pray for peace in our nation following our recent election cycle. We pray for peace in the world, especially in Ukraine, Israel and Palestine, and for all victims of warfare and injustice. We pray also for the ministry of our new Presiding Bishop, Sean Rowe; for the Anglican Communion in its global outreach to the churches of the world, and for our partnerships with Haiti and with the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem, especially with All Saints in Beirut, Lebanon. God of grace,

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor We pray for our young people as they discern their future vocations, for all who are embarking on new careers and opportunities and for our churches in transition. Help us to hear your still, small voice and to respond joyfully as you call us to new vocations and ministries. God of grace,

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor We pray for healing for those who are ill or in mental or physical distress, and for comfort and support for the victims of abuse, violence, floods, fires, and extreme weather across the globe. We pray for all who travel and for our first responders, medical personnel, police and fire departments, military and for all who serve others. God of grace,

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor We pray for all who have died in the communion of your Church, for the victims of the mass shooting in Lewiston one year ago, and for those who have died in this diocesan family in the last year:

Hester Stuhlman, *wife of the Rev. Byron Stuhlman (9 October 2023)*
Julia Mead Knox, *daughter of the Rev. Regina Knox (7 November 2023)*
Jane Hartwell, *former Diocesan Staff member (7 December 2023)*
Patricia Bamforth, *wife of the late Rev. Richard Bamforth (5 February 2024)*
The Rev. Myrick (Rick) Cross *(10 February 2024)*
The Rev. Richard (Dick) Ellis *(24 August 24 2024)*
The Rev. Canon Mary Ann Taylor *(6 November 2024)*

May they, with all the saints, have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal. God of grace,

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor We pray for the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Worshipers are invited to make their own petitions, either silently or aloud.

God of grace,

People Hear our prayer.

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

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.

Presider 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.

People Amen.

Blessing of Newly-Stitched Kneelers

The kneelers are processed forward by members of the Kneelers Guild of the Cathedral Church of St. Luke.

The choir sings the Antiphon & the Responsory.

Solomon beautified the sanctuary, and multiplied the vessels of the temple.

℣. Oh, the majesty and magnificence of God's presence!

℟. Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!

Presenters We present to you these kneelers to be set apart for the service of Christ's holy Church.

Presider Let us pray.

Silence

O God, whose blessed Son has sanctified and transfigured the use of material things: Receive these kneelers which we offer, and grant that they may proclaim your love, benefit your Church, and minister grace and joy to those who use them; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People Amen.

Commissioning of the Canon to the Ordinary

The newly elected and appointed leader approaches the front of the altar.

Bishop (to the congregation)

Today, we celebrate that Mark Furlow has been chosen to serve as canon to the ordinary of this Diocese.

(to Mark)

Mark, do you, in the presence of this body, commit yourself to this new trust and responsibility?

Canon

I do.

Bishop (to the congregation)

Will you who witness this new beginning support and uphold Mark in this ministry?

People

We will.

Bishop

Let us pray.

Everliving God, strengthen and sustain Mark in his work among us. Bless him with gifts of wisdom, compassion and energy as he helps to implement mission, supports clergy and parish leaders and collaborates with the Dioceses of New Hampshire and Vermont. In this way, build up your Church in this place, through Christ who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People

Amen.

The Peace

Presider

The peace of Christ be always with you.

People

And also with you.

Please sit.

Welcome, Announcements, Instructions

The Holy Communion

Offertory

Donations from this morning's service will support Hurricane Helene Relief in the Diocese of Western North Carolina. Please use the QR code at right for online donations.



Anthem at the Offertory

God has called us: and how can we but raise our voices, echoing God's praise? God has called us: and let us answer with our lives. God has changed us: and how can we but live as servants of the Spirit's gift? God has changed us: and let us worship with our lives. God has charged us: and how can we but ask for wisdom for the Christly task? God has charged us: and let us labor with our lives.

Please stand as you are able to sing

1 An - gel - ic hosts now join us as we pray.
2 Your Church on earth has strug - gled through the years,
3 May we re - main a place for hea - ven's peace.
4 O Bread of Life, feed those in hun - ger's clasp.

O mar - tyrs strong and saints who've shown the way.
we've hoped and prayed that you would calm our fears.
May Christ's true love for us bid an - ger cease.
O Sol - ace, heal the souls in sor - row's grasp.

We thank you, God, who res - cued us from Sa - tan's bru - tal sting.
Your Ho - ly Spi - rit calls us now to start our life a - new.
With grate - ful hearts may we re - new our deep - est vow to be
O Com - fort - er, pro - vide a place for those who home - less be,

And thank you earth - ly an - gels here, whose prais - es now we sing.
Breathe on us cour - age, faith and love, your sa - cred work to do.
your Ho - ly Church, your hands and feet, and serve you joy - ful - ly.
and let us help Love's work on earth, O Bless - ed Trin - i - ty.

The Great Thanksgiving

Presider The Lord be with you. *People* And al - so with you.

Presider Lift up your hearts. *People* We lift them to the Lord.

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *People* It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Presider All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; and so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry.

Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the

Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Presider

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

People

Dying, you destroyed our death. Rising, you restored our life. Christ Jesus, come in glory!

Presider

Send your Holy Spirit ✠ upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love.

Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with blessed Margaret, blessed Luke, and all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

People

Blessed are you now and for ever. AMEN.

Presider And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
People 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.

The Breaking of the Bread


The Presider breaks the consecrated bread. A period of silence is kept before all sing the Fraction Anthem.

Antiphon



The dis - ci - ples knew the Lord Je - sus in the break - ing of the bread.

Verses

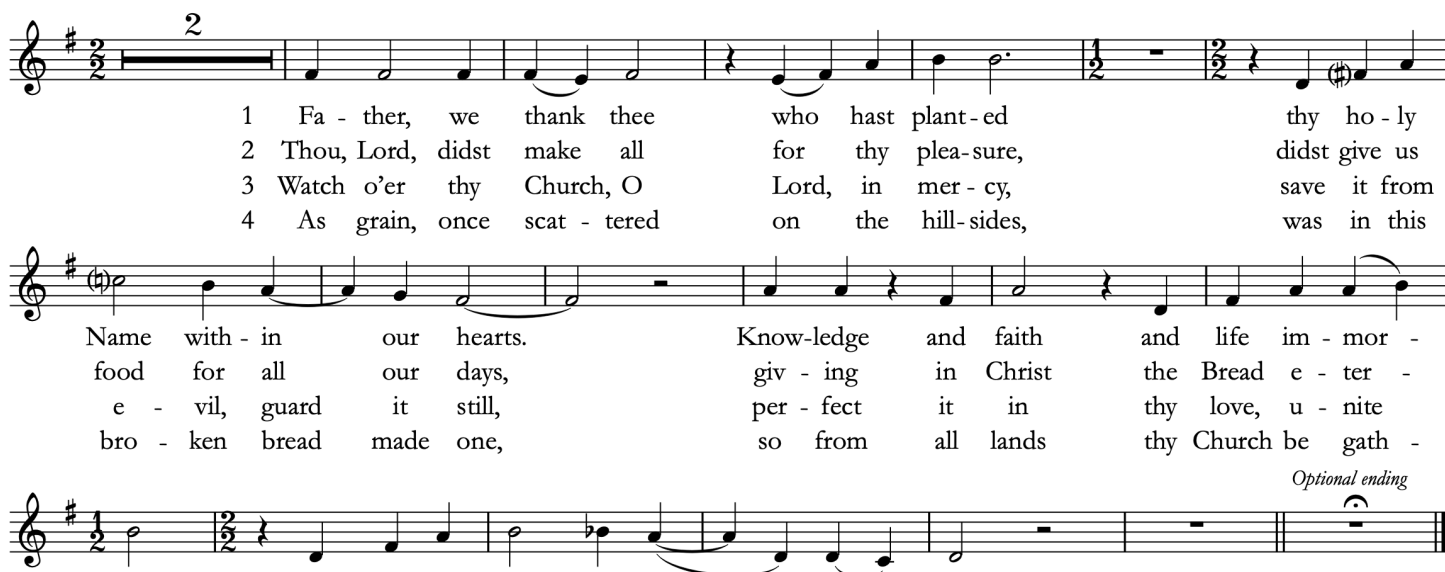


1 The bread which we break, Al-le - lu - ia, is the com - mun-ion of the Bo - dy of Christ.
 2 One bo - dy are we, Al-le - lu - ia, for though ma - ny we share one bread.

Invitation to Communion

The choir sings "All Shall Be Well"

If there is a lover of God on earth, safe from life's storms and strife, it has not been shown to me, for trials are part of life. In falling and rising we find his grace, through tempests his love is the same. For all shall be well, and all shall be well, his promise to us will remain. All shall be well, all shall be well. All manner of thing shall be made well. In every hardship we feel his hand, guiding us through the unknown. With faith and courage, we rise again. His love never leaves us alone. Burdened by fear and crippled with doubt, his love will see us through. He promised, "You shall not be overcome." All manner of thing is made new. All shall be well, all shall be well. All manner of thing shall be made well. All shall be well.



1 Fa - ther, we thank thee who hast plant - ed thy ho - ly
 2 Thou, Lord, didst make all for thy plea - sure, didst give us
 3 Watch o'er thy Church, O Lord, in mer - cy, save it from
 4 As grain, once scat - tered on the hill - sides, was in this

Name with - in our hearts. Know - ledge and faith and life im - mor -
 food for all our days, giv - ing in Christ the Bread e - ter -
 e - vil, guard it still, per - fect it in thy love, u - nite
 bro - ken bread made one, so from all lands thy Church be gath -

-tal Je - sus thy Son to us im - parts.
 nal; thine is the power, be thine the praise.
 it, cleansed and con - formed un - to thy will.
 ered in - to thy king - dom by thy Son.

Take, oh take me as I am; sum - mon out what I shall be;
set your seal up - on my heart and live in me.

Please stand.

Postcommunion Prayer

Presider Let us pray.

People Loving God,
we give you thanks for restoring us in your image
and nourishing us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.
Now send us forth
a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;
that we may proclaim your love to the world
and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Episcopal Blessing

Bishop — — — — —

Our help is in the Name of the Lord;

People — — — — —

The maker of heaven and earth.

Bishop — — — — —

Blessed be the Name of the Lord;

People — — — — —

From this time forth for ever more.

The Bishop ✠ blesses the People, who respond
Amen.

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.



1 Great is thy faith-ful-ness, O God my Fa-ther, there is no shad-ow of turn-ing with thee;
 2 Sum-mer and win-ter, and spring-time and har-vest, sun, moon and stars in their cour-ses a-bove,
 3 Par-don for sin and a peace that en-dur-eth, thine own dear pres-ence to cheer and to guide;

thou chan-gest not, thy com-pas-sions, they fail not, as thou hast been thou for-ev-er wilt be.
 join with all na-ture in man-i-fold wit-ness, to thy great faith-ful-ness, mer-cy and love.
 strength for to-day and bright hope for to-mor-row, bless-ings all mine, with ten thou-sand be-side!

Refrain
 Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Morn-ing by morn-ing new mer-cies I see;

all I have need-ed thy hand hath pro-vid-ed, great is thy faith-ful-ness, Lord, un-to me!

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