

him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

May the Lord bless this reading.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn: 145

Gospel Reading: John 20. 1-18

Reader: Jane Hobbs

The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes. But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon: Revd Daniel Walker

Intercessions: Andrew Wardle

We pray for:

Our Diocese: Christopher our Diocesan Bishop; The Ascension, Blackheath

World Church: The bishops, priests, deacons & people of The Church in the Province of the West Indies.

The World: The ongoing conflicts in Gaza and Israel; Yemen, Sudan and Congo; the war in Ukraine and other nations in conflict.

The Environment: Lord, grant that we may rise from the graves of human and environmental destruction, into the light of hope.

Our Community: We pray for those in our community who feel isolated and alone.

The Sick: Catherine Williams; Glenys Grey; Michael Letchfield; Shirley Gibbs, Daren Hearne, Jackie Cunningham; Marion Scott, Ros Wilkes, Sandra Parsons, Jonathan, Shelagh.

Year's Mind: George Pinhorn; Richard James Kirkman; Winifred Goodban; Harry Haughton; Vera Manuel.

Offertory Hymn: 141 (ii)

All are warmly invited to the dais to receive communion. If you would prefer to receive a blessing, please bow your head as a signal to the priest.

Anthem: Dum transisset Sabbatum (John Tavener)

Translation: When the Sabbath had passed, Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Salome had bought sweet spices, that they might come and anoint Jesus. Alleluia. And very early in the morning, on the first day after the Sabbath, they came unto the sepulchre at the rising of the sun. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

Communion Hymn: 153

Post Communion Prayer: God of Life, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection have delivered us from the power of our enemy: grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn: 160

Organ Voluntary: Saraband on the morning of Easter (Herbert Howells)

NOTICES

1. **We are holding a bring-and-share lunch** in the Crypt after today's 10:30 service, to thank Revd Daniel

Walker for four years of dedicated ministry at St Margaret's. All are welcome.

2. **We are hiring!** St Margaret's is looking for a part-time Parish Administrator (25 hours) and a part-time caretaker (20 hours). The full job descriptions and person specifications are available at stmargaretslee.org.uk. Deadline: Monday 15th April.
3. **Lunch Club:** An Easter edition of St Margaret's Lunch Club will be taking place on Monday 8th April at Kingswood Halls, from 11am-3pm. All families with primary school-age children are welcome – adults must accompany. If you are able to help out on the day, please speak to Fran Browne, or get in touch with the office.
4. **Bob Lassam's Memorial Service** will take place on Saturday 20th April at 10am at St Margaret's. It will be followed by a reception.
5. **PCC Secretary Vacancy:** We are looking for someone to take over as the PCC secretary. Please see the noticeboard at the back of the church for more details.
6. **Parish Electoral Roll:** There will be a parish electoral roll revision in April. Application forms for the electoral roll will be available at the back of the church.
7. **More volunteers are needed,** particularly for the coffee rota and the Welcomers rota. please see the church noticeboard/contact the office if you can help.

Donations: One-off donations may be given in cash via the offertory plate or contactless giving machine at the back of the church. We also encourage you to sign up to our Parish Giving Scheme- see website/back of church for details.

Donations can also be given using the following QR code:



Please contact the office if you would like to add anyone to the prayers list for the sick or departed.

Useful contacts:

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Website: www.stmargaretslee.org.uk

Facebook: www.facebook.com/StMargaretsLee

Insta: www.instagram.com/saintmargaretschurchlee

St Margaret's School: Church Places

If you are thinking of applying for a church place at St Margaret's Lee school you will need to:

- Make contact with the Parish Administrator
- Read the school Admissions Policy which can be found at www.stmargaretslee.lewisham.sch.uk
- Complete two years of church attendance, fortnightly.

St Margaret's, Lee

Easter Day

31st March 2024

6.00am Dawn Eucharist
with Easter Fire

10.30am Festival Eucharist

6.00 am DAWN EUCHARIST

Celebrant: Revd Daniel Walker

The service begins on page 3 of the service booklet.

10.30am FESTIVAL EUCHARIST FOR EASTER DAY

Celebrant: Revd Daniel Walker

If you have a young child who needs a break, we have a creche room downstairs in the crypt (go through the doors at the bottom of the stairs); feel free to come and go during the service.

Setting: *The setting for today's service (Gloria, Sanctus, Agnus Dei) is Franz Schubert's Mass in G major.*

Processional Hymn: 147

The Collect

Lord of all life and power, who through the mighty resurrection of your Son overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him: grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, may reign with him in glory; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be praise and honour, glory and might, now and in all eternity. **Amen.**

First Reading: Acts 10. 34-43

Reader: Christine Speller

Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with