Gradual: 426 (omit v.3)

Gospel Reading: Matthew 22.34-end

Reader: Patrick Dalton

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
All: Glory to you, O Lord.

When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. 'Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?' He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." This is the greatest and first commandment.
And a second is like it: "You shall love your neighbour as yourself." On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.' Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: 'What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?' They said to him, 'The son of David.' He said to them, 'How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, "The Lord said to my Lord, 'Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet'"? If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?' No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon: Revd Marion Barber

After the sermon: Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier, Variation 1 (Rink)

Intercessions: Wyn Kirkman

Our Diocese: Sarah Mullally, Archbishop of Canterbury, Rosemarie our Interim Diocesan Bishop, Alastair Bishop of Woolwich, Manuela our Rector, and for All Saints CofE Primary School Croydon, and All Saints with St Margaret Ministry Teams, Upper Norwood
The World Church: The Anglican Communion, all the Bishops, priests, deacons & people of The Church of the Province of Central Africa
The World: for all populations suffering ongoing conflicts and unrest in war zones all around the globe
The Environment: may we become more focused on turning from careless tenants into true stewards of clean air, pure water, and a healthier earth.
The Community: for rejoicing in the differences of culture, language, and race by which God enriched humanity. Let us repent when we fail to recognise Christ in one another. May Black history continues past October, to pursue justice and peace for all your children
The People to Pray For: Linda, Wendy Thomson, Dottie and Klaus Godec, Bill Widdis, Karen and Richard Hann, Robert Cunningham, Ian Thomas, Natalie Wilson, Chris Falconer, Samantha Senior, Doreen Brooker, Sabrina; Lydia and Stephen Johnson; Essie Savage and Michael Letchfield. Lord calm their anxious fears and give them strength and healing; may your life-giving powers flow into every cell of their body.
The Departed: David Drummond, Sister Christine, Revd George Bush
Year's Mind: Thelma Waddell, Ralph Sims, Comfort Oyelumede

Offertory: 393

Music At Communion: Lord, keep us steadfast in thy word, Op. 100 Vol VIII: 2 (Flor Peeters)

Post Communion Prayer
God of all grace, your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry with the bread of his life and the word of his kingdom: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your true and living bread; who is alive and reigns, now and forever.

The Notices are read.

Recessional: 429 (omit v.3)

Organ Voluntary: Fugue in G major (BWV 577) (J.S. Bach)
A year of Bach: A joyful fugue in G major to end the season of Trinity. The variations on Liebster Jesu heard already are also in G major - linking this back to the start of the service.
The compound time signature gives a dance feel to the music that inspired its nickname, the jig fugue.

NOTICES

1. **Morning Prayer and Midweek Eucharist:** Manuela is on holiday; there will be no Midweek services. Manuela will return on 1st of November. All Midweek services will resume subsequently.
2. **All Souls Service:** on Sunday 1st November at 6pm. A service to remember loved ones who have died. There is a box at the back of the church, you still have time today to add a loved one's name to be remembered at the service. The list from last year will be carried forward.
3. **Christmas is coming:** the Christmas cards are ready. As part of our fund raising for the Organ, you can now buy them! 1 card costs £2, and 10 cards cost £15! Someone will be at the back selling them after the service.
4. **Pastoral Care Team:** we are still looking to build a pastoral care team at St Margaret's, if you are interested in being part of this, please have a chat with Manuela or email her at rector@stmargaretslee.org. All members of the team will have to undertake the necessary safeguarding training and checks and will receive specific training for pastoral care.
5. **Breakfast Club Young Leaders:** The Breakfast Club is looking for any young leaders (15-18) who would like to get some volunteering experience working with young people (e.g., or DofE) at our monthly youth group. Please chat to Natasha or Aidan, or email: youth@stmargaretslee.org.uk.

CONCERTS

1. **The Organ at St Margaret's concert:** on Saturday 14th November at 7.30pm. A celebration of the Organ and its music, by the Organists of of St Margaret's: Duncan Atkinson, Yui Hanada, Tilly Fawkner Jones, David Knight, Jenny Standage. Free entry, retiring collection. All proceeds go to the St Margaret's Organ Fund
2. **Blackheath Choir and St Paul's Sinfonia Concert:** on Sunday 15th November at 7.30pm, the Blackheath choir will be performing Haydn the creation.
   Conductor: Patricia Williams – soprano: Natalka Pasicznyk – Tenor: Quito Clothier – Bass: Grant Doyle
   Tickets: £18 (paid in advance); £22 (on the door); under 18s £9/£11

WHAT'S ON AROUND THE PARISH

6. **Breakfast Club:** on Sunday 23rd November at 6.30pm (they will go ice skating), then the 10.30-11.30am, in the Crypt will be on Sunday the 29th of November. Aidan & Natasha coordinate sessions filled with fun Autumn related activities for children aged 5-9, 9-14 years old.
1. **Dacre Digs Community Gardening**: on Friday the 6th of November at 10am, in the Community Garden at Kingswood Place. Jackie & Denny always welcome new joiners willing to grab some fresh air and have a fun time whilst gardening.

Streaming: The 10.30am service is live streamed. If you would prefer to not be on camera, please sit on the north side of the church (the main entrance side) to the north of the pillars. We do not stream the receiving of communion. All streamed services can be found here https://www.youtube.com/@StMargaretsLee

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:

6:00pm CHORAL EVENSONG

Leader: Jenny Standage

Introit: Teach me thy way (William Fox)
Responses: Smith
Psalm: Ps 119 vv.89-104
First Reading: Ecclesiastes 11, 12
Second Reading: 2 Tim 2.1-7
Setting: Short Service (Orlando Gibbons)
Anthem: Resignation (Florence Price)
Black History Month: Florence Price (1887-1953) is widely admired as the first African American woman to be a successful a composer of symphonies in the 1930s. She wrote both the words and the music for this meditative anthem
Hymns: 584 (omit v.4), 495(i)

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St Margaret's School: Church Places

If you will be applying for a church place at St Margaret's Lee School, you will need to:

School places in Y3, Y4 & 5, if you know anyone who has recently moved to the area, please do let them know.

- Contact the Parish Administrator
- Read the school Admissions Policy which can be found at www.stmargaretslee.lewisham.sch.uk
- Complete 2 years of church attendance, fortnightly.

St Margaret's, Lee

Last Sunday After Trinity

25th October 2026

8am BCP Holy Eucharist
10.30am Sung Eucharist
6pm Choral Evensong

8.00am BCP HOLY EUCHARIST

Celebrant: Revd Charles Pickstone

The Collect

Merciful God, teach us to be faithful in change and uncertainty, that trusting in our word and obeying your will we may enter the unfailing joy of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**.

First Reading: Leviticus 19.1-2, 15-18
Second Reading: Matthew 22.34-end

10.30am SUNG EUCHARIST

Celebrant: Revd Marion Barber

Children's church runs in the crypt for school age children. They go downstairs together just after the start of the service and will return to families during communion. Please bring your child down to register if attending for the first time. If you have a younger preschool age child, they are very welcome to join in but must be accompanied.

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.

Before the service: Chorale Prelude on 'Liebster Jesu' (BWV 731) (J.S. Bach)
A Year of Bach: The last Sunday after Trinity is also known as Bible Sunday. The hymn Liebster Jesu is appropriate to the day as the hymn opens 'Dearest Jesu, we are here… to listen to your word'. The tune is highly decorated above an accompaniment split between manual and pedal.

Setting: Mass of St. Thomas

Introit: 448 (tune 502)

First Reading: Leviticus 19.1-2, 15-18

Reader: Anne Smith

The Lord spoke to Moses, saying: Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy.
You shall not render an unjust judgement; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbour. You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbour: I am the Lord.
You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbour, or you will incur guilt yourself. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbour as yourself: I am the Lord.

May the Lord bless this reading.
All: Thanks be to God.