
**Parish of the Ascension
November 13, 2022
Pentecost 23
St. Margaret of Scotland**

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Holy God,
in this eucharist we renew our baptismal covenant.
Help us, through our offering this day,
to renounce all things that draw us from your love.
This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Gracious God,
in this sacrament
we have shared the body and blood of Christ.
May we who have been nourished by holy things
bear witness to his light,
and share in his eternal priesthood;
for he is Lord for ever and ever. **AMEN**

COLLECT

O God,
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 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 FIRST 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**

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

PSALM

Refrain: come, O Lord, and save us.

He counts the number of the stars
and calls them all by their names.

Great is our Lord and mighty in power;
there is no limit to his wisdom.

The Lord lifts up the lowly,
but casts the wicked to the ground.

Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving;
make music to our God upon the harp.

He covers the heavens with clouds
and prepares rain for the earth;

He makes grass to grow upon the mountains
and green plants to serve mankind. **Psalm 146: 4-9**

Reader: The Lord be with you

People: And also with you

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO MATTHEW

People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

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**

Reader: The Gospel of Christ

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ