



The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Happy Mothers' Day

May 10, 2020

Thank you for choosing to worship with St. Margaret's today. Your virtual presence blesses all those who join this worship. The Morning Prayer Service you will experience has deep roots in Christian history. This gives a sense of being surrounded by all the faithful through time. May you find food for your soul here as we continue to celebrate the 50 days of Easter!

Morning Prayer

Prelude Fanfare

Hymn 28 O blest Creator

Bromley

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O blest Creator, source of light,
you gave the day with splendor bright,
when on the new and living earth,
you brought all things to glorious birth.

Opening Greeting and Invitatory

Officiant: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Officiant: Lord, open our lips.

People: And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

All Together: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Officiant: Come let us adore him. Alleluia!

Pascha nostrum

Christ our passover

Chanted by the Cantor

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Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us, therefore let us keep the feast,
Not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness,
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more;
death hath no more dominion over him.

For in that he died, he died unto sin once;
but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God.
Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin,
but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Christ is risen from the dead,
and become the first fruits of them that slept.
For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead.
For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The Lessons

The First Lesson

Acts 7:55-60

*Stephen, the first to be martyred for his faith, died praying for God to extend mercy to his attackers.
A reading from the Acts of the Apostles:*

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

1 In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge;
let me never be put to shame; *
deliver me in your righteousness.

2 Incline your ear to me; *
make haste to deliver me.

3 Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe,
for you are my crag and my stronghold; *
for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.

4 Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, *
for you are my tower of strength.

5 Into your hands I commend my spirit, *
for you have redeemed me,
O Lord, O God of truth.

15 My times are in your hand; *
rescue me from the hand of my enemies,
and from those who persecute me.

16 Make your face to shine upon your servant, *
and in your loving-kindness save me."

The Second Lesson

1 Peter 2:2-10

God calls us to be agents of mercy who long for sustenance from God that may be shared with others. A reading from the first letter of Peter:

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture:

"See, I am laying in Zion a stone,
a cornerstone chosen and precious;
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame."

To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe,

"The stone that the builders rejected
has become the very head of the corner",

and

"A stone that makes them stumble,
and a rock that makes them fall."

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

Once you were not a people,
but now you are God's people;
once you had not received mercy,
but now you have received mercy.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn 657 Love divine, all loves excelling

Hyrfydol

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1 Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heav'n to earth come down:
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown:
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter ev'ry trembling heart.

2 Come, Almighty to deliver,
let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never,
nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray and praise thee without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.

3 Finish, then, thy new creation;
pure and spotless let us be:
let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee;
changed from glory into glory,
'til in heav'n we take our place,
'til we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

The Gospel

John 14:1-14

Jesus said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

The Sermon

The Rev. Deborah Seles

The Anthem *This joyful Eastertide* by Alec Wyton

The Choir and Organ of Riverside Church, NYC; Frederick Swann, Choirmaster and Organist
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Apostle's Creed

Officiant: Please join in proclaiming our faith in the words of the Apostle's Creed, followed by the Lord's Prayer.

People:

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth;
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

**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 Suffrages *All join in the bold letter responses*

- V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;
R. And grant us your salvation.
- V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
R. Let your people sing with joy.
- V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
R. For only in you can we live in safety.
- V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;
R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.
- V. Let your way be known upon earth;
R. Your saving health among all nations.
- V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.
- V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;
R. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

Collects and Prayers

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

O God our heavenly Father, you have blessed us and given us dominion over all the earth: Increase our reverence before the mystery of life; and give us new insight into your purposes for the human race, and new wisdom and determination in making provision for its future in accordance with your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us now offer the longings of our hearts, recalling first all those in peril of any kind, whose names I invite you to speak. [Pause] And now recalling those who have died, especially those who have recently fallen to COVID-19 and those whose passing for other reasons cannot be honored because of our confinement.

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

Officiant: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Officiant offers the Easter Blessing.

Postlude

Toccata on “O Filii et Filiae” by Lynwood Farnam

Frederick Swann, organist

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Worship Ministers

The Rev. Deborah Seles, *Preacher, Reader of the Gospel and Officiant*

The Rev. Kathleen Kelly, *Officiant*

Jim Duke (Licensed Worship Leader), *Officiant*

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Craig Gahnz-Kuhar, *Cantor and Videographer*

Diane and Dave Mueh, *Lectors*

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Readings for Next Sunday, 5/17/20

Psalm 66:7-18

The First Lesson Acts 17:22-31

The Second Lesson 1 Peter 3:13-22

The Holy Gospel John 14:15-21

Sermon will be from The Rev. Kathleen Kelly



Neighbors-4-Neighbors

Miracles continue to happen every Tuesday at St. Margaret's through Neighbors 4 Neighbors. We desperately want to keep the doors open and the carts moving, knowing that many of our clients have depended on the jobs hardest hit during the pandemic closures. With so many facing hardship, the number served has generally **doubled** from what was typical before. And while many regular volunteers must stay away during sheltering, new ones have appeared. God

continues to provide and make the seemingly impossible possible. *Thank you Chet Hecht and all our volunteers and contributors!*

How can you help? Do you know someone healthy enough to safely volunteer? We have strict procedures in place to protect volunteers and clients. ***Can you make a special contribution to help with this vital Outreach?*** Please respond generously by sending an offering with N4N on the memo line. Or use the easyTithe link on the homepage of www.stmargarets.org and note your purpose.

Please note: due to our volunteer and space constraints, we are unable to accept clothing at this time.





Let's Share Some Selfies!

We are all missing each other, so let's share some photos to bridge the distance as we shelter-in-place. Email us fun photos of what you and/or your pets are doing while in sheltering. We'll share them and put together a slide show. Email them to Debby at debbyj@stmargarets.org

Parishioner Database Updates

Debby is busy working on updating our database and we want to include an updated photo of you! Just email any favorite snapshot to Debby: debbyj@stmargarets.org. Have an updated phone number, address or email? Send those updates too!



Zoom with Us!

If you would like to join a weekly Zoom group to share about how the weekly sermon or daily reflections connect with your life, please respond to kathleenk@stmargarets.org. Zoom tutorials will be available! If you would like to facilitate a group, please let that be known as well. A group is now forming that will "meet" Mondays at 3 p.m.

New Forward Day by Day Devotional Booklets

Even though we are not in church together, you can still access the new Forward Day by Day devotional booklets. The online version is available on their website www.prayer.forwardmovement.org, or contact Debby for help, and she will be sure you get one! Debbyj@stmargarets.org

