



## Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

July 26, 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 celebrate that all things are possible with God!

### Morning Prayer

**Prelude** **Be Thou my vision (*Slane*)**  
John Wright, organist

Richard Elliott, *arr.*

**Hymn 388** **O worship the King, all glorious above!**

*Hanover*

John Wright, organist; Linda Morgan and Ravae Reynolds, soprano; Nicole Benvenuti, alto

1. O worship the King, all glorious above!  
O gratefully sing his power and his love!  
Our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,  
pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.
2. O tell of his might! O sing of his grace!  
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.  
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,  
and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.
3. The earth, with its store of wonders untold,  
Almighty, thy power hath founded of old,  
hath stablished it fast by a changeless decree,  
and round it hath cast, like a mantle, the sea.

### **Greeting**

**Officiant:** Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

### **Confession and Absolution:**

**Officiant:** Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**All Together:** **Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,**

by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

**Officiant:** 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. **Amen.**

### **Invitatory**

**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:** The mercy of the Lord is everlasting: Come let us adore him.

### **Venite**

*Psalm 95:1-7*

*Chanted by the Cantor*

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Come, let us sing to the Lord; \*

let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \*

and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, \*

and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are the caverns of the earth, \*

and the heights of the hills are his also.

The sea is his, for he made it, \*

and his hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \*

and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For he is our God,

and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. \*

Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

## The Lessons

### The First Lesson

Genesis 29:15-28

Laban said to Jacob, "Because you are my kinsman, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall your wages be?" Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. Leah's eyes were lovely, and Rachel was graceful and beautiful. Jacob loved Rachel; so he said, "I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel." Laban said, "It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to any other man; stay with me." So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of the love he had for her.

Then Jacob said to Laban, "Give me my wife that I may go in to her, for my time is completed." So Laban gathered together all the people of the place, and made a feast. But in the evening he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob; and he went in to her. (Laban gave his maid Zilpah to his daughter Leah to be her maid.) When morning came, it was Leah! And Jacob said to Laban, "What is this you have done to me? Did I not serve with you for Rachel? Why then have you deceived me?" Laban said, "This is not done in our country—giving the younger before the firstborn. Complete the week of this one, and we will give you the other also in return for serving me another seven years." Jacob did so, and completed her week; then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel as a wife.

**Reader:** The Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

### Psalm 105:1-11, 5b

1 Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name; \*  
make known his deeds among the peoples.

2 Sing to him, sing praises to him, \*  
and speak of all his marvelous works.

3 Glory in his holy Name; \*  
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

4 Search for the Lord and his strength; \*  
continually seek his face.

5 Remember the marvels he has done, \*  
his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,

6 O offspring of Abraham his servant, \*  
O children of Jacob his chosen.

7 He is the Lord our God; \*  
his judgments prevail in all the world.

8 He has always been mindful of his covenant, \*  
the promise he made for a thousand generations:

9 The covenant he made with Abraham, \*  
the oath that he swore to Isaac,

10 Which he established as a statute for Jacob, \*  
an everlasting covenant for Israel,

11 Saying, "To you will I give the land of Canaan \*  
to be your allotted inheritance."

45b Hallelujah!

## The Second Lesson

## Romans 8:26-39

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all day long;  
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.”

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**Reader:** The Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

## **Hymn 488** Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart

*Slane*

John Wright, organist; Linda Morgan, soprano

1 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
all else be nought to me, save that thou art—  
thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

2 Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
thou my great Father; thine own may I be;  
thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.

## The Gospel

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Jesus put before the crowds another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."

He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."

"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.

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

"Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

## The Sermon

The Rev. Deborah Seles

### **Solo** *Be Still My Soul (based on the tune Finlandia)*

John Wright, Organist; Linda Morgan, soprano

Sibelius

John Wright, *arr.*

Be still, my soul, for God is on your side; bear patiently the cross of grief or pain.  
Trust in your God, your savior and your guide, who through all changes faithful will remain.  
Be still, my soul, your best, your heavenly friend through stormy ways leads to a peaceful end.

Be still, my soul, your God will undertake to guide the future surely as the past.  
Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake; all now mysterious shall be bright at last.  
Be still, my soul, life's tempests still obey the voice that once the waves' wild fury stayed.

Be still, my soul, the hour is hastening on when we shall be forever in God's peace;  
When disappointment, grief and fear are gone, love's joys restored, our strivings all shall cease.  
Be still, my soul, when change and tears are past, all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

## **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**

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and 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 made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

O Great Love, thank you for living and loving in us and through us. May all that we do flow from our deep connection with you and all beings. Help us become a community that vulnerably shares each other's burdens and the weight of glory. Listen to our hearts' longings for the healing of our world. Please add your petitions for the world and for those suffering who are close to you: [Pause] We pray for those who have died, grieving losses from Covid-19, from acts of violence, and from all the perils of this life, including those we now name: [Pause] We offer these prayers trusting that you are seeing our needs beyond what we know to express. **Amen.**

### **The General Thanksgiving**

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.  
We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to your service,

and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. **Amen.**

**Officiant:** Let us bless the Lord.  
**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

**Officiant offers a Blessing.**

**Postlude Trumpet Tune**  
John Wright, organist

Andrew Carter

### **Worship Ministers**

The Rev. Deborah Seles, *Officiant and Preacher*  
Jim Duke (Licensed Worship Leader), *Officiant*  
Robin Nugent (Licensed Worship Leader), *Officiant*  
John Wright, *Organist and Director of Music*  
Craig Gahnz-Kuhar, *Cantor and Videographer*  
Andrew Trofka, Ed Rainey, *Lectors*  
Dave and Diane Mueh, *voices of the people for Confession*  
Judy Burton, Mary McKenzie, Cash Baxter and Betty Baxter, *voices of the people*  
Emily Vogt, Debby Jansma and Chet Hecht, *Technical assistance*

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**Readings for Next Sunday, 8/2/20 Sermon will be from The Rev. Andrew Butler**

***Psalm*** 17:1-7, 16

***The First Lesson*** 17:1-7, 16

***The Second Lesson*** Romans 9:1-5

***The Holy Gospel*** Matthew 14:13-21

### **Sacred Ground Initiative**

Keeping us focused on **Sacred Ground** plans...if you didn't see "We the People"—a 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration concert done by the National Cathedral in Washington DC., we urge you to take some time to view it. The link on YouTube is <https://youtu.be/fyVPTVlbjCU>. Along with beautiful music and tributes of all kinds, Martin Luther King, is shown speaking at the Cathedral just a few days before he was assassinated. He is telling the Rip Van Winkle story, sharing how Rip's long sleep meant he missed the whole revolution that was going on at that time. It is easy to see how we may have gone to sleep in the years since MLK's Civil Rights movement. So, we do not want to go to sleep during the present awakening in our country. Let's make sure we do our part to live out our faith by upholding the goodness and well-being of all people in our country, ensuring equality and equity for all!

Our Sacred Ground endeavor is about "keeping us awake," doing our part as individuals and whole communities. Another quick link to peek at some of the Sacred Ground materials can be found at <https://youtu.be/VnfKgffCZ7U>.

## Parishioner Database Updates

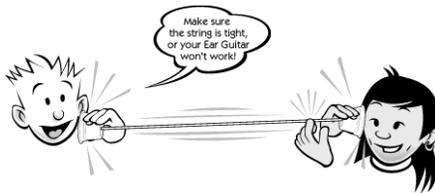
Debby is almost finished updating our database. Do we have a photo of you in the directory? **We want to make sure Andrew knows who you are!** Just email any favorite snapshot to Debby: [debbyj@stmargarets.org](mailto:debbyj@stmargarets.org).

## Additional On-Line Worship Opportunities for July

Join us weekly on our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/St.MargaretsEpiscopalChurch>) for Morning or Evening Prayer on Wednesdays and Compline on Sunday evenings:

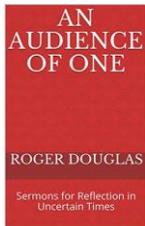
July 26 - Compline

July 29 - Morning Prayer



## Technology Coaching

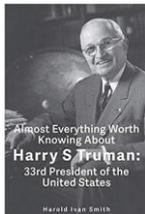
Don't miss out on chances to connect and worship using a computer or smart phone! The whole Altar Guild met last week on Zoom and had a blast. If you either could use a little coaching or could offer some coaching, please contact Andrew Trofka at (902) 619-6392 or [aitrofka@gmail.com](mailto:aitrofka@gmail.com) and he will make matches.



### New Books:

#### Sermons by Fr. Roger Douglas & Latest from Harold Smith

Fr. Douglas has just published a new book on Amazon called *An Audience of One*. It contains a number of the sermons that he preached in the Chapel at St. Margaret's during the Saturday night service. You can purchase a paperback copy for \$9.95 or a Kindle EBook for \$4.95 or read it for free if you have a Kindle Unlimited subscription. Just search Amazon books for "Douglas An Audience of One".



Also, you can find information about the latest book by parishioner Harold Smith, *Almost Everything Worth Knowing about Harry Truman*: <https://www.amazon.com/Almost-Everything-Worth-Knowing-Truman/dp/0578646684>



## Neighbors-4-Neighbors UPDATE!

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](http://www.stmargarets.org) and note your purpose.

## Your 2020 Vestry

All Vestry members serve as a liaison to ministries in some topical area. Vestry liaisons will:

- Work with staff to coordinate activities and communications;
- Answer your questions about how to get involved; and
- Bring proposals from ministry groups to the Vestry.

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