

Second Sunday after Pentecost

June 14, 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

Opening Hymn

Hymn 598 Lord Christ, when first thou cam'st to earth

Mit Freuden zart

This hymn arrangement graciously provided by Richard Webster, Organist-Director of Music, Trinity Church/Boston. (used by permission)

Lord Christ, when first thou cam'st to earth, upon a cross they bound thee,
and mocked thy saving kingship then by thorns with which they crowned thee:
and still our wrongs may weave thee now new thorns to pierce that steady brow,
and robe of sorrow round thee.

O awful Love, which found no room in life where sin denied thee,
and, doomed to death, must bring to doom the powers which crucified thee,
till not a stone was left on stone, and all those nations' pride,
o'er thrown, went down to dust beside thee!

New advent of the love of Christ, shall we again refuse thee,
till in the night of hate and war we perish as we lose thee?
From old unfaith our souls release to seek the kingdom of thy peace,
by which alone we choose thee.

O wounded hands of Jesus, build in us thy new creation;
our pride is dust, our vaunt is stilled, we wait thy revelation:
O love that triumphs over loss, we bring our hearts before thy cross,
to finish thy salvation.

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 18:1-15

When Sarah heard the prediction that she would bear a son in her old age, she laughed, for this seemed impossible, even for God. A reading from the Book of Genesis:

The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent." Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son." And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him. Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, "After I have grown old, and my husband is old, shall I have pleasure?" The Lord said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh, and say, 'Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?' Is anything too wonderful for the Lord? At the set time I will return to you, in due season, and Sarah shall have a son." But Sarah denied, saying, "I did not laugh"; for she was afraid. He said, "Oh yes, you did laugh."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 116:1, 10-17

1 I love the Lord, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, *
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.

10 How shall I repay the Lord *
for all the good things he has done for me?

11 I will lift up the cup of salvation *
and call upon the Name of the Lord.

12 I will fulfill my vows to the Lord *
in the presence of all his people.

13 Precious in the sight of the Lord *
is the death of his servants.

14 O Lord, I am your servant; *
I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;
you have freed me from my bonds.

15 I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving *
and call upon the Name of the Lord.

16 I will fulfill my vows to the Lord *
in the presence of all his people,

17 In the courts of the Lord's house, *
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.
Hallelujah!

The Second Lesson

Romans 5:1-8

The gift of faith does not spare us suffering, but it puts the suffering to good use. A reading from Paul's letter to the church in Rome:

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person-- though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn 535 Ye servants of God

Paderborn

John Wright, Organist with Ravae Reynolds, soprano and Craig Gahnz-Kuhar, baritone

1 Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim,
and publish abroad his wonderful Name;
the Name all-victorious of Jesus extol:
his kingdom is glorious; he rules over all.

2 God ruleth on high, almighty to save;
and still he is nigh: his presence we have.
The great congregation his triumph shall sing,
ascribing salvation to Jesus our King.

3 Salvation to God who sits on the throne!
Let all cry aloud, and honor the Son.
The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,
fall down on their faces, and worship the Lamb.

4 Then let us adore, and give him his right:
All glory and power, all wisdom and might,
all honor and blessing, with angels above,
and thanks never ceasing and infinite love.

The Gospel

Matthew 9:35-10:15

Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, proclaim the good news, 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment. Take no gold, or silver, or copper in your belts, no bag for your journey, or two tunics, or sandals, or a staff; for laborers deserve their food. Whatever town or village you enter, find out who in it is worthy, and stay there until you leave. As you enter the house, greet it. If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it; but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet as you leave that house or town. Truly I tell you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgment than for that town.

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

The Sermon

The Rev. John Mikenas
Retired Lutheran Pastor

The Anthem *Sicut cervus*

Sung in Latin by The St. Margaret's Chamber Singers

Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina

Based upon Psalm 42

Sicut cervus desiderat ad fontes aquarum, ita desiderat anima mea ad te, Deus

Translation: As the heart desires the water-brooks, so longs my soul after thee, O God.

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

Keep, O Lord, your household the Church in your steadfast faith and love, that through your grace we may proclaim your truth with boldness, and minister your justice with compassion; for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for 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, 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 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.**

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 [George Floyd, Ahmaud Arbery, Breonna Taylor and] 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 Rondo-Fanfare
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Jean Joseph Mouret

Frederick Swann, organist

Worship Ministers

The Rev. Kathleen Kelly, *Officiant and Reader of the Gospel*

The Rev. John Mikenas (retired Lutheran Pastor), *Preacher*

Jim Duke (Licensed Worship Leader), *Officiant*

Robin Nugent (Licensed Worship Leader), *Officiant*

John Wright, *Director of Music*

Frederick Swann, Organist

Craig Gahnz-Kuhar, *Cantor and Videographer*

Dave and Diane Mueh, *Lectors and 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, 6/21/20

Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17

The First Lesson Genesis 21:8-21

The Second Lesson Romans 6:1b-11

The Holy Gospel Matthew 10:24-39

Sermon will be from The Rev. Kathleen Kelly

Transition News!

Planning for the arrival of our new rector continues apace. The Transition Team is preparing a welcome book, full of helpful information for Andrew, and the Team is pleased that Andrew and Olly have found a place to live in Palm Desert. The vestry and wardens will have further discussion at their meeting next week, including plans for a Celebration of a New Ministry later this year or early in 2021, and meanwhile, Interim Rector Kathleen Kelly continues to lead us until July 31 when she will hand off the care of St. Margaret's to Andrew.

Compassion & Social Justice Ministry

We, the Compassion and Social Justice Ministry Team at St. Margaret's Episcopal Church, feel the need to speak to the multiple pandemics we are facing as a country and world today—the coronavirus pandemic, the racial pandemic, and the economic pandemic.

We want to point to many resources available to all of us who wish to have an impact in some way that not only reflects our SME Covenant, but goes beyond to action—joining with others in our communities and our churches to think about, talk about, and take action aimed at the concerns of the day.

1. Information about Sacred Ground—A Journey of Learning and Healing is available at www.edsd.org. People around our diocese are sharing that this program is the best thing they have ever done. It challenges, enlightens and enriches. We hope many in our parish will want to participate in Sacred Ground groups, using this resource. We claim diversity is a great strength. Deep sharing of differing experiences taps that strength and makes us all better. This is a ten-session series built around a powerful curriculum of documentary film and readings that focus on Indigenous, Black, Latino and Asian/Pacific American histories as they intersect with European American histories. Watch for announcements about St. Margaret's launch of this important initiative which will include ways for parishioners to get involved.
2. "Stay Alive, Stay at Home, Organize: Rev. William Barber Sets June 20th for Poor People's digital March on DC. Read about it and join us at www.democracynow.org. On this site, you will find many other wonderful resources and daily talks sharing the news and events of the day. Check it out.
3. View the recent video of Bishop Susan Brown Snook's talk on <https://youtu.be/R046WFDvAA4>. She makes a powerful statement that should inspire us all. You might visit her blog also on www.edsd.org.
4. Many relevant books are available and more being written, but one we have read recently is most significant. It is *White Fragility* by Robin Diangelo. We plan a book study on this in the coming year.
5. Make sure to watch Oprah Winfrey's "Where Do We Go From Here?" on Youtube. <https://youtu.be/09ysfL2SIHo> <https://youtu.be/1jy6LpivqIM>

These are just a few of the MANY resources available to us. If you have some additional "bests" you'd like to share, please let us know. We intend to provide periodic updates throughout this summer season and hope to see you in person later this year.

Ellie Millam & Marlynn May, Conveners of the Compassion & Justice Ministry Team

Additional On-Line Worship Opportunities for June

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:

June 14 - Compline

June 17 - Morning Prayer

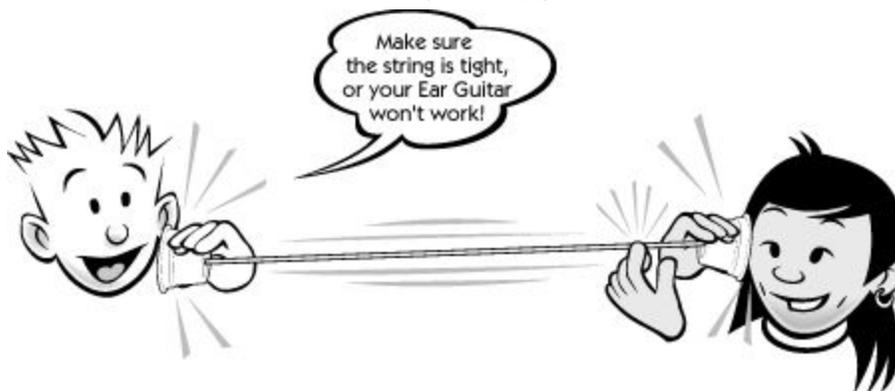
June 21 - Compline

June 24 - Evening Prayer

June 28 - Compline

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 ajtrofka@gmail.com and he will make matches.



Notes of Love and Appreciation.....

Norma Cardenas, our sexton at St. Margaret's for over 12 years, is so deeply thankful to all of you who have sent notes. Norma recently retired, citing health reasons. As the situation in the world prevents us from gathering and celebrating with her, you may send notes of thanksgiving and gratitude, if you have not already done so. A huge thank you to Norma for all the love and

hard work here at St. Margaret's.

Please take a moment to say a prayer for her and send a note to her home.

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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 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! Interest in early time?

If you would like to join a weekly Zoom group to share about your week, please respond to kathleenk@stmargarets.org. Zoom tutorials will be available! No preparation is required. You may also simply share your prayer concerns. A group is now meeting on Mondays at 3 p.m. Are you interested in a group meeting earlier? Some seasonals in different time zones would like a group meeting before Noon Pacific Time.

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

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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