



Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 9, 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 Dolcezza
John Wright, organist

Percy Whitlock

Opening Hymn

Hymn 637 How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord
Rick Schaffner, bass; John Wright, organist

Lyons

1 How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in his excellent word!
What more can he say than to you he hath said,
to you that for refuge to Jesus have fled?

2 "Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dismayed!
For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

3 "When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
the rivers of woe shall not thee overflow;
for I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless,
and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

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 37:1-4, 12-28

Jacob settled in the land where his father had lived as an alien, the land of Canaan. This is the story of the family of Jacob.

Joseph, being seventeen years old, was shepherding the flock with his brothers; he was a helper to the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father's wives; and Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father. Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his children, because he was the son of his old age; and he had made him a long robe with sleeves. But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably to him.

Now his brothers went to pasture their father's flock near Shechem. And Israel said to Joseph, "Are not your brothers pasturing the flock at Shechem? Come, I will send you to them." He answered, "Here I am." So he said to him, "Go now, see if it is well with your brothers and with the flock; and bring word back to me." So he sent him from the valley of Hebron.

He came to Shechem, and a man found him wandering in the fields; the man asked him, "What are you seeking?" "I am seeking my brothers," he said; "tell me, please, where they are pasturing the flock." The man said, "They have gone away, for I heard them say, 'Let us go to Dothan.'" So Joseph went after his brothers, and found them at Dothan. They saw him from a distance, and before he came near to them, they conspired to kill him. They said to one another, "Here comes this dreamer. Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; then we shall say that a wild animal has devoured him, and we shall see what will become of his dreams." But when Reuben heard it, he delivered him out of their hands, saying, "Let us not take his life." Reuben said to them, "Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but lay no hand on him" —that he might rescue him out of their hand and restore him to his father. So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe, the long robe with sleeves that he wore; and they took him and threw him into a pit. The pit was empty; there was no water in it.

Then they sat down to eat; and looking up they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead, with their camels carrying gum, balm, and resin, on their way to carry it down to Egypt. Then Judah said to his brothers, "What profit is it if we kill our brother and conceal his blood? Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and not lay our hands on him, for he is our brother, our own flesh." And his brothers agreed. When some Midianite traders passed by, they drew Joseph up, lifting him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 105, 1-6, 16-22, 45b

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.

16 Then he called for a famine in the land *
and destroyed the supply of bread.

17 He sent a man before them, *
Joseph, who was sold as a slave.

18 They bruised his feet in fetters; *
his neck they put in an iron collar.

19 Until his prediction came to pass, *
the word of the Lord tested him.

20 The king sent and released him; *
the ruler of the peoples set him free.

21 He set him as a master over his household,
as a ruler over all his possessions,

22 To instruct his princes according to his will
and to teach his elders wisdom.

45 Hallelujah!

The Second Lesson

Romans 10:5-15

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that “the person who does these things will live by them.” But the righteousness that comes from faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) “or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say?

“The word is near you,
on your lips and in your heart”

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

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

Hymn Precious Lord, take my hand
Rick Schaffner, bass; John Wright, piano

Thomas A. Dorsey

Precious Lord, take my hand, Lead me on, let me stand
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
Through the storm, through the night,
Lead me on to the light
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

When my way grows drear, Precious Lord, linger near,
When my life is almost gone;
Hear my cry, hear my call Hold my hand lest I fall:
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

When the darkness appears, And the night draws near,
And the day is past and gone,
At the river I stand, Guide my feet, hold my hand:
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

The Gospel

Matthew 14:22-33

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Andrew Butler

SOLO Lord, make me an instrument of Thy Peace
Attributed to St. Francis of Assisi
Rick Schaffner, bass; Louane Anderson, piano

Olive Dungan

*Lord, make me an instrument of Thy Peace
Where there is hatred, let me sow Love*

*Where there is injury, Pardon
Where there is doubt, Faith
Where there is despair, Hope
Where there is darkness, Light
Where there is sadness, Joy*

*O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
To be consoled, as to console.
To be understood, as to understand.
To be loved, as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive.
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned.
It is in dying that we are born to Eternal Life.*

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

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; 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.**

God of the present moment, God who in Jesus stills the storm and soothes the frantic heart; bring hope and courage to all who wait or work in uncertainty. Bring hope that you will make them the equal of whatever lies ahead. Bring them courage to endure what cannot be avoided, for your will is health and wholeness; you are God, and we need you. **Amen.**

Gracious Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church. Fill it with all truth, in all truth with all peace. Where it is corrupt, purify it; where it is in error, direct it; where in any thing it is amiss, reform it. Where it is right, strengthen it; where it is in want, provide for it; where it is divided, reunite it; for the sake of Jesus Christ your Son our Savior. **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 Carillon du Longpont

Fred Swann, organist

Louis Vierne

Worship Ministers

The Rev. Andrew Butler, *Preacher*

The Rev. Deborah Seles, *Officiant*

The Rev. Susan Green, *Gospeler*

Jim Duke, *Licensed Worship Leader*

Robin Nugent, *Licensed Worship Leader*

Samantha Hirsch, *Licensed Worship Leader*

John Wright, *Organist and Director of Music*

Craig Gahnz-Kuhar, *Cantor and Videographer*

Cash Baxter, Betty Baxter, *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, 8/16/20

Sermon will be from The Rev. Deborah Seles

Psalm 133

The First Lesson Genesis 45:1-15

The Second Lesson Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

The Holy Gospel Matthew 15: (10-20), 21-28

For a direct link to the readings for next week, click [here](#)

**HUGE PARADE OF CARS WELCOMES FR. ANDREW AND OLLY
ONE AND A HALF TONS OF FOOD DONATED FOR HUNGRY FAMILIES
“A MIRACLE IS HAPPENING HERE IN THE PARKING LOT!”**



Fr. Andrew and Olly arrive on Sunday in classic desert style to lead parade and accept food donations.

Sunday morning over 300 cars formed a steady stream of parishioners intent on delivering a big in-person welcome to our new Rector, The Rev. Andrew Butler. Cars brought bags and boxes of canned goods to the parking lot of the church's hillside campus as donations for Neighbors4Neighbors.

More than 3,500 pounds of food was safely dropped off in a No-Touch zone run by volunteers.

“I am grateful that even in these difficult times so many members of St. Margaret's came out to support their hungry neighbors. They are living out the ideal that Jesus asked of us.” said Butler.

Earlier, In his Sunday sermon Butler said, “How appropriate that today's gospel is the story of feeding the five thousand with just two fish and five loaves of bread. If you want to see a miracle, come see the number of families that are fed here at St. Margaret's. A miracle is happening in the parking lot.”

Butler arrives in Palm Desert along with his fiancé, Olly, from Riverdale, Bronx, New York.

“I watched the live feed of my fellow churchgoers on FaceBook and was moved to tears by the outpouring of love and support for Fr. Andrew and the hungry,” said Senior Warden Jan Romerdahl, who is visiting family in Idaho.

“It was a morning filled with welcome, joy and abundance,” said Margo Baxley, a parish member who CO-CHAIRERD THE Search Committee.

FR. Andrew and Olly were driven to the event in a red '57 Thunderbird convertible provided by El Paseo Cruise Night, a group of classic car enthusiasts.

An Update on the Sacred Ground Initiative!!

We now have ten facilitators identified and committed to leading the charge for launching Sacred Ground! We are preparing to meet the demand of SME participants and others from outside our congregation. We presently have at least 25 people who have signed up! If you want to join us, please go to SME's website and sign up! You can also get one of the primary books, "Waking Up White" from Debby Jansma at the church office. Groups of eight participants will be starting this important learning and sharing adventure in September. You will soon hear about start dates/times for your engagement.

Take a peek at some of the interesting films that are part of the ten-part series. You can see an excerpt (a short 8.5 minutes) from one important documentary in the curriculum by going to this link <https://youtu.be/Yd8YoRp9WEE>. Join us in this exciting adventure.

Christian Formation Plans for Program Year

COVID won't get us down! We're planning a rich program year full of offerings to help your spiritual journey. To date ALL our offerings will be via Zoom. You only need a cell phone to connect with Zoom. Email Mother Deb (deborahs@stmargarets.org) for more information.

Stay tuned to THIS space for more details:

Scripture & Sermon Reflections:

- Mondays at 3 p.m. or Wednesdays at 9 a.m. Zoom groups to discuss where we've met God during the week (through daily reflections, sermons, scripture readings). Judy Burton, Chris Davidson & Rick Martin facilitate the Monday group. Art & Scripture Email: curated by Hovak Najarian. Each week receive an email from Hovak about one or two pieces of art that take their inspiration from the weekly lectionary. For info about how to get on this email list, ask Mother Deb (email above)

All About Church:

- Episcopal 101: An Introduction to the Episcopal Church for New and Seasoned Episcopalians Zoom Classes will begin in September. We'll use Jenifer Gamber's text: *Your Faith, Your Life: An Invitation to the Episcopal Church*. Some copies available in church office for purchase (\$20) or https://www.amazon.com/dp/B0765P82ZS/ref=dp-kindle-redirect?_encoding=UTF8&btkr=1
- Episcopal 201: (Dates TBA) A Journey through *The Book of Common Prayer*. Text: *Walk in Love: Episcopal Beliefs and Practices*, Scott Gunn & Melody Shobe: https://www.amazon.com/Walk-Love-Episcopal-Beliefs-Practices-ebook/dp/B079H3N7XG/ref=sr_1_1?dchild=1&keywords=walk+in+love+gunn&qid=1596748113&s=digital-text&sr=1-1

Christian Living & Social Justice:

- Sacred Ground: 10 session film and book exploration of our experience of race and diversity. Sessions begin in September. *Waking Up White* text, available for purchase in the office: \$20.00. Check with Debby on Mondays or Thursdays for purchase.

Donating Stock, Bonds, Mutual Funds to St. Margaret's

The stock market is up significantly. Your investments have probably appreciated greatly. Have you considered using appreciated stocks/bonds/mutual funds to pay your pledge or make an extra donation to the church?

Donating long-term appreciated securities is a win-win for the donor and the church. The church receives the full gift and the donor is able to deduct the full fair market value as a donation without paying taxes on the gains (some limitations may apply, please consult your tax advisor).

If you'd like to make a donation of securities, please contact Darlene Fletcher, Controller at darlenef@stmargarets.org or (Zoo760) 346-2697 ext. 125 for more information.

Children's (and the Young-At-Heart!) Worship Resources

We began last week with an additional offering for the young and the young-at-heart: Mother Deb reading a selection from *The Jesus Storybook Bible: Every Story Whispers His Name*. The link will be on the Children's Resources on our website (www.stmargarets.org).

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.

Additional On-Line Worship Opportunities for August

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:

August 9 - Compline

August 12 - Morning Prayer

August 16 - Compline

August 19 - Evening Prayer

August 23 - Compline

August 26 - Morning Prayer

August 30 - Compline



Zoom Coaching Available

Zooming is as easy as 1,2,3! Learn to connect with virtual online Worship, Sunday Coffee Hour, Weekly Reflection groups, and meetings in general using Zoom on a computer, tablet, or smartphone! Please contact Andrew Trofka at (902) 619-6392 or by email andrewtrofka@gmail.com



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.

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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