



## Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 19, 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 423 Immortal, invisible, God only wise**  
John Wright, organist; Revae Reynolds, soprano

*St. Denio*

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
almighty, victorious, thy great Name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,  
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;  
thy justice like mountains high soaring above  
thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all life thou givest, to both great and small;  
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;  
we blossom and flourish, like leaves on the tree,  
then wither and perish; but nought changeth thee.

Thou reignest in glory, thou rulest in light,  
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;  
all laud we would render: O help us to see  
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee.

#### 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 28:10-19a

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the Lord stood beside him and said, "I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it!" And he was afraid, and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. He called that place Bethel.

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

**People:** Thanks be to God.

### Psalm 139:1-11, 22-23

1 Lord, you have searched me out and known me;  
you know my sitting down and my rising up;  
you discern my thoughts from afar.

2 You trace my journeys and my resting-places  
and are acquainted with all my ways.

3 Indeed, there is not a word on my lips,  
but you, O Lord, know it altogether.

4 You press upon me behind and before  
and lay your hand upon me.

5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;  
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.

6 Where can I go then from your Spirit?  
where can I flee from your presence?

7 If I climb up to heaven, you are there;  
if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.

8 If I take the wings of the morning  
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,

9 Even there your hand will lead me  
and your right hand hold me fast.

10 If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me,  
and the light around me turn to night,"

11 Darkness is not dark to you;  
the night is as bright as the day;  
darkness and light to you are both alike.

22 Search me out, O God, and know my heart;  
try me and know my restless thoughts.

23 Look well whether there be any wickedness in me  
and lead me in the way that is everlasting.

## The Second Lesson

## Romans 8:12-25

Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh-- for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ-- if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

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

**People:** Thanks be to God.

### **Hymn 411 O bless the Lord, my soul!**

*St. Thomas (Williams)*

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O bless the Lord, my soul!  
His grace to thee proclaim!  
And all that is within me join  
to bless his holy Name!

O bless the Lord, my soul!  
His mercies bear in mind!  
Forget not all his benefits!  
The Lord to thee is kind.

He will not always chide;  
he will with patience wait;  
his wrath is ever slow to rise  
and ready to abate.

He pardons all thy sins,  
prolongs thy feeble breath;  
he healeth thine infirmities  
and ransoms thee from death.

He clothes thee with his love,  
upholds thee with his truth;  
and like the eagle he renews  
the vigor of thy youth.

Then bless his holy Name,  
whose grace hath made thee whole,  
whose loving-kindness crowns thy days:  
O bless the Lord, my soul!

## **The Gospel**

**Matthew 13:24-30, 36:43**

Jesus put before the crowd another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'"

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!"

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

## **The Sermon**

The Rev. Susan Green, Deacon

### **Hymn 593 Lord, make us servants of your peace**

John Wright, Organist; Ravae Reynolds, soprano

*Dickinson College*

Lord, make us servants of your peace:  
where there is hate, may we sow love;  
where there is hurt, may we forgive;  
where there is strife, may we make one.

Where all is doubt, may we sow faith;  
where all is gloom, may we sow hope;  
where all is night, may we sow light;  
where all is tears, may we sow joy.

Jesus, our Lord, may we not seek  
to be consoled, but to console,  
nor look to understanding hearts,  
but look for hearts to understand.

May we not look for love's return,  
but seek to love unselfishly,  
for in our giving we receive,  
and in forgiving are forgiven.

Dying, we live, and are reborn  
through death's dark night to endless day:  
Lord, make us servants of your peace,  
to wake at last in heaven's light.

## **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, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, 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 of peace, who has taught us that in returning and rest we shall be saved, in quietness and confidence shall be our strength: By the might of your Spirit lift us, we pray, to your presence, where we may be still and know that you are God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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** Improvisation

John Wright, organist

## Worship Ministers

The Rev. Susan Green, Deacon, *Preacher and Reader of the Gospel*  
The Rev. Deborah Seles, *Officiant*  
The Rev. Kathleen Kelly, *Officiant*  
Jim Duke (Licensed Worship Leader), *Officiant*  
Samantha Hirsch (Licensed Worship Leader), *Officiant*  
John Wright, *Director of Music*  
Craig Gahnz-Kuhar, *Cantor and Videographer*  
David Carter, The Rev. Betsy Stilwell, *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, 7/26/20

*Psalm 105:1-11, 45b*

*The First Lesson Genesis 29:15-28*

*The Second Lesson Romans 8:26-39*

*The Holy Gospel Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52*

**Sermon will be from The Rev. Deborah Seles**

## 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).

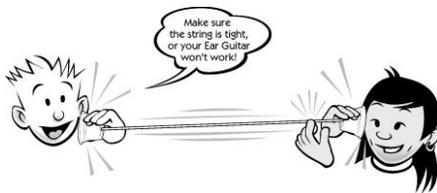
## Additional On-Line Worship Opportunities for July

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 19 - Compline  
July 22 - Evening Prayer

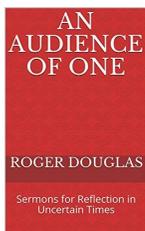
July 26 - Compline  
July 29 - Morning Prayer

In addition, after viewing our service on Sunday, you might want to check out Fr. Andrew's sermons: <http://christchurchriverdale.org/>



## Technology Coaching

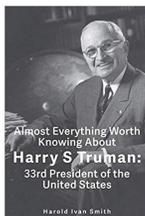
Don't miss out on chances to connect and worship using a computer or smart phone! The whole Altar Guild met last week on Zoom and had a blast. If you either could use a little coaching or could offer some coaching, please contact Andrew Trofka at (902) 619-6392 or [ajtrofka@gmail.com](mailto:ajtrofka@gmail.com)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

**Give Now**  
**Neighbors-4-Neighbors**



**Palm Desert**

## 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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