



The Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 17, 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 380 From all who dwell below the skies

Laast uns erfreuen

The Choir and Organ of Riverside Church, NYC; Frederick Swann, Choirmaster and Organist
(used by permission)

1 From all that dwell below the skies
let the Creator's praise arise! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Let the Redeemer's Name be sung
through every land, by every tongue! Alleluia! Alleluia!

2 Eternal are thy mercies, Lord,
eternal truth attends thy word: Alleluia! Alleluia!
thy praise shall sound from shore to shore
till suns shall rise and set no more; Alleluia! Alleluia!

3. Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!
praise him above, ye heavenly hosts:
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Alleluia! Alleluia!

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!

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 17:22-31

When brought before the leaders of Athens to defend his teachings, St. Paul made use of what God provided. A reading from the Acts of the Apostles:

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we too are his offspring.'

Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 66:7-18

7 Bless our God, you peoples; *
make the voice of his praise to be heard;

8 Who holds our souls in life, *
and will not allow our feet to slip.

9 For you, O God, have proved us; *
you have tried us just as silver is tried.

10 You brought us into the snare; *
you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.

11 You let enemies ride over our heads;
we went through fire and water; *
but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.

12 I will enter your house with burnt-offerings
and will pay you my vows, *
which I promised with my lips
and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.

13 I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts
with the smoke of rams; *
I will give you oxen and goats.

14 Come and listen, all you who fear God, *
and I will tell you what he has done for me.

15 I called out to him with my mouth, *
and his praise was on my tongue.

16 If I had found evil in my heart, *
the Lord would not have heard me;

17 But in truth God has heard me; *
he has attended to the voice of my prayer.

18 Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, *
nor withheld his love from me.

The Second Lesson

1 Peter 3:13-22

Christ equips us to greet the inevitable suffering of this life with hope. A reading from the first letter of Peter:

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the

spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you-- not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn 411 O bless the Lord, my soul!

St. Thomas (Williams)

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

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

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

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

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

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

6 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

John 14:15-21

Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the

world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Sermon

The Rev. Kathleen Kelly

The Anthem *Calling My Children Home*
Sung by the St. Margaret's Chamber Singers

Lawson, Waller and Yates
Joseph Jennings, arr.

Those lives were mine to love and cherish
To guard and guide along life's way
Oh God forbid that one should perish
That one alas should go astray.
Back in the years with all together
Around the place we'd romp and play
So lonely now I often wonder
Oh will they come back home someday.
I'm lonesome for my precious children
They live so far away
Oh may they hear my calling, calling
And come back home some day.
I gave my all for my dear children
Their problems still with love I share,
I'd brave life's storm, defy the tempest
To bring them home from anywhere.
I lived my life, my love I gave them,
To guide them through this world of strife,
I hope and pray we'll live together
In that great glad here after life.
I'm lonesome

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, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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.**

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

Grand Choer by Guy Weitz
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Frederick Swann, organist

Worship Ministers

The Rev. Kathleen Kelly, *Preacher and Officiant*

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

Jim Duke (Licensed Worship Leader), *Officiant*

John Wright, *Director of Music*

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Readings for Next Sunday, 5/24/20

Psalm 68:1-10, 33-36

The First Lesson Acts 1:6-14

The Second Lesson 1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11

The Holy Gospel John 17:1-11

Sermon will be from The Rev. Deborah Seles

**IMPORTANT
INFORMATION**

Dear Friends & Neighbors...

Since the beginning of the COVID-19 quarantine, Neighbors-4-Neighbors at St. Margaret's has fed between 800-950 families a week, up from the 350-400 families we were feeding previously. We can really use your help by dropping off non-perishable food items to the church this Monday, May 18th from 10am-2pm. The drop off area is under the white tent at the lower end of the church building. Just pull up and open your trunk, and we will unload and send you on your way with our thanks and blessings!

Neighbors-4-Neighbors



St. Margaret's, Palm Desert

FOOD DRIVE-BY

Suggested Items:

Canned Tuna/ Chicken

Canned Soup

Canned Stew/ Chili

Canned Spaghetti Sauce

Canned Fruit/ Vegetables

Peanut Butter

Rice

Beans

Pasta

**PLEASE MAKE SURE DONATED PRODUCTS ARE NOT EXPIRED. NO GLASS CONTAINERS PLEASE
NO CANS LARGER THAN 15OZ.**

FOOD ONLY PLEASE AS WE CANNOT ACCEPT CLOTHING OR HOUSEHOLD ITEMS AT THIS TIME

For More Information Call Chet Hecht @ 760-285-0833



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! No preparation is required. You may also simply share your prayer concerns. A group is now meeting on 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

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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