



## Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

August 16, 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** Benedictus, Op. 59 No. 8  
*Fred Swann, organist*

Max Reger

### Opening Hymn

**Hymn 470** There's a wideness in God's mercy  
*Rick Schaffner, bass; John Wright, organist*

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1 There's a wideness in God's mercy  
like the wideness of the sea;  
there's a kindness in his justice,  
which is more than liberty.  
There is welcome for the sinner,  
and more graces for the good;  
there is mercy with the Savior;  
there is healing in his blood.

2 There is no place where earth's sorrows  
are more felt than up in heaven;  
there is no place where earth's failings  
have such kindly judgment given.  
There is plentiful redemption  
in the blood that has been shed;  
there is joy for all the members  
in the sorrows of the Head.

3 For the love of God is broader  
than the measure of the mind;  
and the heart of the Eternal  
is most wonderfully kind.  
If our love were but more faithful,  
we should take him at his word;  
and our life would be thanksgiving  
for the goodness of the Lord.

## 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 45:1-15**

Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, "Send everyone away from me." So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.' And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. You must tell my father how greatly I am honored in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here." Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

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

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

### **Psalm 133**

1 Oh, how good and pleasant it is, \*  
when brethren live together in unity!

2 It is like fine oil upon the head \*  
that runs down upon the beard,

3 Upon the beard of Aaron, \*  
and runs down upon the collar of his robe.

4 It is like the dew of Hermon \*  
that falls upon the hills of Zion.

5 For there the Lord has ordained the blessing: \*  
life for evermore.

## The Second Lesson

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

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

**People:** Thanks be to God.

## *Hymn 362* Holy, holy, holy

*Nicaea*

Revae Reynolds, soprano; Craig Gahnz, baritone; John Wright, organist

1 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee:  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity.

2 Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,  
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,  
which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

3 Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,  
though the sinful human eye thy glory may not see,  
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,  
perfect in power, in love, and purity.

4 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All thy works shall praise thy Name, in earth, and sky, and sea;  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity.

[Jesus called the crowd to him and said to them, “Listen and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles.” Then the disciples approached and said to him, “Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?” He answered, “Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit.” But Peter said to him, “Explain this parable to us.” Then he said, “Are you also still without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.”]

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, “Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.” But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, “Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.” He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” He answered, “It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” Then Jesus answered her, “Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.” And her daughter was healed instantly.

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

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

## The Sermon

The Rev. Deborah Seles

### **Solo** There is a balm in Gilead

Rich Schaffner, bass; John Wright, piano

Traditional Spiritual

Mark Hayes, *arr.*

*There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole.*

*There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sinsick soul.*

*Sometimes I feel discouraged, and think my work's in vain;*

*But then the Holy spirit revives my soul again.*

*There is a balm ...*

*If you cannot preach like Peter, if you cannot preach like Paul,  
go home and tell your neighbor, "He died to save us all."*

*There is a balm ...*

## 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, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son 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.**

Lord, make us instruments of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let us sow love;

where there is injury, pardon;

where there is discord, union;

where there is doubt, faith;

where there is despair, hope;

where there is darkness, light;

where there is sadness, joy.

Grant that we 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;

and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. **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 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** Toccata, Op. 59 No. 3  
Fred Swann, organist

Max Reger

### **Worship Ministers**

The Rev. Deborah Seles, *Preacher*

The Rev. Andrew Butler, *Officiant*

The Rev. Susan Green, *Gospeler*

Jim Duke, *Licensed Worship Leader*

Robin Nugent, *Licensed Worship Leader*

John Wright, *Organist and Director of Music*

Fred Swann, *Organist*

Craig Gahnz-Kuhar, *Cantor and Videographer*

Vince Heuring, Gretchen Heuring, *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, 8/23/20**

**Psalm 124**

**The First Lesson** Exodus 1:8-2:10

**The Second Lesson** Romans 12:1-8

**The Holy Gospel** Matthew 16:13-20

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

## Join the Diocesan-wide Worship Service, September 6

Bishop Susan Brown Snook will offer a Diocesan Worship Service on Sunday, Sept. 6. It's a time for the diocese to come together in worship, and for clergy to have a break if they choose, and join with other Episcopalians throughout our diocese for worship.

Congregations may stream the service from their congregational channels, or individuals may access it from the Diocesan Facebook page. Bishop Susan will preside and preach, recording from St. Paul's Cathedral. Music and prayers will be in English and Spanish, with a bulletin available in both languages. It's a day for our diocese to come together in worship and thanksgiving! Please contact the [Director of Communications, Chris Tumilty](#), for access. **This will be St. Margaret's Service for September 6.**



**Sacred Ground Update:**

### Sacred Ground Update:

More and more excitement is happening around our commitment to Sacred Ground—the ten-part film and book based curriculum that seeks to build a foundation that would strengthen our congregation's capacity to ask: "What is the history of race in this place?" and to name present-day experiences around race and racial injustice. This series is being offered in small group dialogue circles via Zoom this fall. We now have thirty-some people signed up to participate and 11 facilitators undergoing an orientation to prepare themselves to lead the dialogue circles. We are excited about this and are waiting for more to join in. Go to the SME website and sign up...someone will contact you soon! Meanwhile, pick up the book called, "Growing up White," from Debby Jansma in the church office. Sign up [here](#).



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

We have begun 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](http://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](mailto: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 16 - Compline

August 19 - Evening Prayer

August 23 - Compline

August 26 - Morning Prayer

August 30 - Compline

## 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](mailto: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](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](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.

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

## CARES Act Charitable Giving Incentives

***New charitable deduction for taxpayers who do not itemize.*** Beginning in 2020, individuals can deduct \$300 in charitable contributions even if you do not itemize. Donations must be made in cash (check or credit card). Gifts of appreciated securities and gifts to a donor advised fund do not qualify. These gifts can greatly assist our Neighbors for Neighbors program that helped to feed 829 families this past week.

***No cap on charitable deductions for taxpayers who do itemize.*** For 2020, the 60% cap on contributions is lifted, and donors may deduct up to 100% of their income. This is a significant tax savings for anyone able to contribute larger amounts. Again, this is only for gifts of cash (checks or credit cards), and only for gifts made directly to charity (not to donor-advised funds).

***No required minimum distributions, but qualified charitable distributions still possible.*** The CARES Act eliminates required minimum distributions (RMDs) from many retirement plans in 2020. However, under the CARES Act, it is still possible for donors who are 70½ or over to contribute up to \$100,000 directly to a charity without paying tax on the distribution.

The CARES Act is a complex new law. You should always consult with your professional advisors before making a gift.

## 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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