



The Seventh Sunday of Easter The Sunday after the Ascension

May 24, 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 603 When Christ was lifted from the earth

St. Botolph

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

When Christ was lifted from the earth,
his arms stretched out above
through every culture, every birth,
to draw and answering love.

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!

Pascha nostrum

Christ our passover

Chanted by the Cantor

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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 1:1-11

Before Jesus ascended into heaven, his disciples still expected him to recapture the throne of David and establish an earthly kingdom. A reading from the Acts of the Apostles:

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 47

1 Clap your hands, all you peoples; *
shout to God with a cry of joy.

2 For the Lord Most High is to be feared; *
he is the great King over all the earth.

3 He subdues the peoples under us, *
and the nations under our feet.

4 He chooses our inheritance for us, *
the pride of Jacob whom he loves.

5 God has gone up with a shout, *
the Lord with the sound of the ram's-horn.

6 Sing praises to God, sing praises; *
sing praises to our King, sing praises.

7 For God is King of all the earth; *
sing praises with all your skill.

8 God reigns over the nations; *
God sits upon his holy throne.

9 The nobles of the peoples have gathered together *
with the people of the God of Abraham.

10 The rulers of the earth belong to God, *
and he is highly exalted.

The Second Lesson

Ephesians 1:15-23

After the Resurrection and Ascension, the church became Christ's body on earth. A reading from the letter to the Ephesians:

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn 625 Ye holy angels bright

Darwall's 148th

The Choir and Organ of Riverside Church, NYC; Frederick Swann, Choirmaster and Organist
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1 Ye holy angels bright,
who wait at God's right hand,
or through the realms of light
fly at your Lord's command,
assist our song,
for else the theme
too high doth seem
for mortal tongue.

2 Ye blessed souls at rest,
who ran this earthly race
and now, from sin released,
behold the Savior's face,
his praises sound,
as in his sight
with sweet delight
ye do abound.

3 Ye saints, who toil below,
adore your heavenly King,
and onward as ye go
some joyful anthem sing;
take what he gives
and praise him still,
through good or ill,
who ever lives!

4 My soul, bear thou thy part,
triumph in God above:
and with a well-tuned heart
sing thou the songs of love!
Let all thy days
till life shall end,
whate'er he send,
be filled with praise.

The Gospel

Luke 24:44-53

Jesus said to his disciples, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you-- that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Deborah Seles

The Anthem *Ubi caritas*

Ola Gjeilo

Sung by the St. Margaret's Chamber Singers

Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est. Where charity and love are, God is there.

Congregavit in inum Christi amor. The love of Christ has gathered us together.

Exsulemus et in ipso jucundemur. Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Timeamus et amemus Deum vivum. Let us revere and love the living God.

Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero. And let us love from a pure heart.

Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est. Where charity and love are, God is there.

Congregavit in inum Christi amor. Amen The love of Christ has gathered us together. Amen.

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, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **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 and Father of all, whom the whole heavens adore: Let the whole earth also worship you, all nations obey you, all tongues confess and bless you, and men and women everywhere love you and serve you in peace; 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

Fugue on “St. Denio” by John Weaver
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Frederick Swann, organist

Worship Ministers

The Rev. Deborah Seles, *Preacher, Reader of the Gospel and Officiant*
The Rev. Kathleen Kelly, *Officiant*
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Readings for Next Sunday, 5/31/20

Psalm 104:25-35, 37

The First Lesson Numbers 11:24-30

The Second Lesson Acts 2:1-21

The Holy Gospel John 7:37-39

Sermon will be from The Rev. Kathleen Kelly



Neighbors-4-Neighbors THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who donated food on Monday!
You TRULY made a difference!!

The photo at right shows just SOME of what we collected. We will have another Food Drive-By soon. In the meantime, your financial support is making a huge difference. Please know that every dollar helps us meet essential needs.

The number served each Tuesday is holding at double our pre-Covid-19 levels, so we need the help!



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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