

# ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND ANGLICAN CHURCH

161 Hanmer St. W., Barrie, On L4N 7S1  
www.stmargaretbarrie.ca    Email: [stmarg@rogers.com](mailto:stmarg@rogers.com)  
(705) 721-9528    Fax: (705) 721-9455



## Wednesday Service

*Wednesday, June 15, 2022*

# Wednesday Service

*Wednesday, June 15, 2022*

11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

## THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

THE GREETING: Rev. Susan Snelling

Pg. 185

Celebrant: As we begin this service let us pray:

**People:** Holy Creator, you made all people in every land in your image and entrusted them with care of the earth you graciously gave to all peoples. Make us mindful of the first peoples who dwelt on this land we are on, the Huron-Wendt, Odawa (oh-da-wah) and Anishinabek (ah-nish-nah-bek) Nations and the land subject to Treaty 16 of the Upper Canada Treaties, also known as the Lake Simcoe Purchase of 1815.

**Give us penitent hearts, that we may recall the destructiveness of western settlement on these peoples. Give us attentiveness, that we may hear and give thanks for indigenous voices in our community and in the Anglican Church of Canada. Give us sincere and open hearts, that we may embrace the work of reconciliation to which you call your Church. We pray these things in your name, in the name of the Son and the Sacred Spirit.**

Celebrant: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

**People:** And also with you.

Celebrant: Almighty God,

**People:** to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**KYRIE:** Lord, have mercy.  
Christ, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy.

## THE COLLECT

**All:** Father, we praise you: through your Word and Holy Spirit you created all things. You reveal your salvation in all the world by sending to us Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. Through your Holy Spirit you give us a share in your life and love. Fill us with the vision of your glory, that we may always serve and praise you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

## THE PSALMS

### PSALM 81

Leader: Sing for joy to God our strength;

**People: shout aloud to the God of Jacob!**

Leader: Begin the music, strike the timbrel,

**People: play the melodious harp and lyre.**

Leader: Sound the ram's horn at the New Moon, and when the moon is full, on the day of our festival;

**People: this is a decree for Israel, an ordinance of the God of Jacob.**

Leader: When God went out against Egypt,

**People: he established it as a statute for Joseph.**

Leader: I heard an unknown voice say: "I removed the burden from their shoulders;

**People: their hands were set free from the basket.**

Leader: In your distress you called and I rescued you, I answered you out of a thundercloud;

**People: I tested you at the waters of Meribah**

Leader: Hear me, my people, and I will warn you—

**People: if you would only listen to me, Israel!**

Leader: You shall have no foreign god among you;

**People: you shall not worship any god other than me.**

Leader: I am the LORD your God, who brought you up out of Egypt.

**People: Open wide your mouth and I will fill it.**

Leader: "But my people would not listen to me;

**People: Israel would not submit to me.**

Leader: So I gave them over to their stubborn hearts

**People: to follow their own devices.**

Leader: "If my people would only listen to me, if Israel would only follow my ways,

**People: how quickly I would subdue their enemies and turn my hand against their foes!**

Leader: Those who hate the LORD would cringe before him,

**People: and their punishment would last forever.**

Leader: But you would be fed with the finest of wheat;

**People: with honey from the rock I would satisfy you."**

## THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

**FIRST READING:** Romans 1:28-2:11

### A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ROMANS

Furthermore, just as they did not think it worthwhile to retain the knowledge of God, so God gave them over to a depraved mind, so that they do what ought not to be done. They have become filled with every kind of wickedness, evil, greed and depravity. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit and malice.

They are gossips, slanderers, God-haters, insolent, arrogant and boastful; they invent ways of doing evil; they disobey their parents; they have no understanding, no fidelity, no love, no mercy. Although they know God's righteous decree that those who do such things deserve death, they not only continue to do these very things but also approve of those who practice them.

You, therefore, have no excuse, you who pass judgment on someone else, for at whatever point you judge another, you are condemning yourself, because you who pass judgment do the same things. Now we know that God's judgment against those who do such things is based on truth.

So, when you, a mere human being, pass judgment on them and yet do the same things, do you think you will escape God's judgment? Or do you show contempt for the riches of his kindness, forbearance and patience, not realizing that God's kindness is intended to lead you to repentance?

But because of your stubbornness and your unrepentant heart, you are storing up wrath against yourself for the day of God's wrath, when his righteous judgment will be revealed. God "will repay each person according to what they have done." To those who by persistence in doing good seek glory, honor and immortality, he will give eternal life.

But for those who are self-seeking and who reject the truth and follow evil, there will be wrath and anger. There will be trouble and distress for every human being who does evil: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile; but glory, honor and peace for everyone who does good: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile. For God does not show favoritism.

The Word of the Lord

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

**GOSPEL:**       Matthew 18:1-9

*(All stand for the Gospel)*

**Reader:**       The Lord be with you.

**People:**       **And also with you.**

**Reader:**       The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According To Matthew

**People:**       **Glory to You Lord Jesus Christ**

At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, “Who, then, is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?”

He called a little child to him and placed the child among them. And he said: “Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Therefore, whoever takes the lowly position of this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. And whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me.

“If anyone causes one of these little ones—those who believe in me—to stumble, it would be better for them to have a large millstone hung around their neck and to be drowned in the depths of the sea. Woe to the world because of the things that cause people to stumble!

Such things must come, but woe to the person through whom they come! If your hand or your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life maimed or crippled than to have two hands or two feet and be thrown into eternal fire. And if your eye causes you to stumble, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than to have two eyes and be thrown into the fire of hell.

The Gospel of Christ.

**People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## **Sermon**

Rev. Susan Snelling

*Gracious God, our creator, may my words, the thoughts of our minds, and the love in our hearts spur us to fruitful action in our lives and the lives of our neighbours. Amen.*

How old do you suppose you were when you learned to play. “I’m the King of the Castle?” And from then on, we don’t want to be the dirty rascal. We were too young then to question the game - but who gets to decide what a dirty rascal is? The King - the one with the power? And what is wrong with a dirty rascal anyway?

Jesus’ disciples misunderstanding what the Kingdom of heaven is, is about asking Jesus who will be the greatest in heaven - as if our human way of ordering society will still be in place when we get to heaven. I am supposing at this point Jesus is wondering if they understood anything he has said, so he dramatically speaks about the Kingdom.

First, he takes a young child and places him before the disciples - then he says, “They must change, becoming like children if they want to even get into the Kingdom. In Jesus’ time, children had no status except as caretakers of parents in the future. No one paid much attention to them. They were vulnerable.

In her book, *Daring Greatly*, Brene Brown, an American researcher and author, defines vulnerability as “uncertainty, risk, and emotional exposure.” It definitely involves moving out or being moved out by circumstances of our comfort zone. We love certainty, stability, and have been carefully trained not to break down or express our emotions.

No one wants to put themselves in a situation of vulnerability such as that experienced by a child who is dependent on others to meet their basic needs. Jesus’ claim to the disciples must have seemed ludicrous.

However, vulnerability is a strength not a weakness. It is from a place of vulnerability that joy, creativity, belonging, and love “flow”. Getting in touch with these qualities will enrich our lives immeasurably. We will “be freed” to be imperfect, to make mistakes, to be kind to others and to ourselves.

In order for us to be resocialized as vulnerable people in the world we will need to engage in a process of unlearning cultural or societal commitments to greatness and domination, to superiority and advantage. Our minds will need to be refocused on relationship rather than status. Kindness and compassion will result.

Then, Jesus goes on to shock the disciples with talk of millstones around their necks or hands and feet being cut off. This violent imagery is certainly a contrast to innocent children. But it does make a point.

We, as a society continue to promote a culture of perfection, of greatness, and superiority. As parents we were faced with a dilemma about greatness. I was raised in a family that celebrated academic excellence. But when Bill and I had our family, it included gifted children, children with learning disabilities, and children who fall in the middle of the spectrum. It became clear, very early, those celebrations of excellence at school or emphasis on high marks would not be appropriate. It would be a source of division and could lead to low self-esteem among our children. I had to unlearn some behaviours in order to operate in a different system.

In order to level the playing field, knowledge was celebrated and considered more important than a ranking system of grades. Each of our children is smart but not all are able to compete in the system.

It occurs to me that this is what Jesus is talking about. Placing worth on specific measurements of achievement or success. They can cause people to stumble. To doubt themselves and their worth in our “success’ driven society. Is success marked by what we have achieved or what we possess? Because if it is, we are excluding a lot of people.

- Perhaps success is overcoming trauma and being able to contribute to others’ lives
- or it could be giving up an addiction to drugs, alcohol, gambling and learning to appreciate the little things in life as gifts.
- It could be managing mental health challenges while working and raising a family

Although our society glorifies the rich and famous, they are not always happy or fulfilled. We put so much pressure on ourselves to be “better” than we are when the truth is we are beautiful, worthy, imperfect people created by God for relationship. We are to encourage one another, to share our authentic selves. In doing so we get a glimpse of what the Kingdom of heaven is.

Let us pray:

*Loving and compassionate God, we ask you to remind us of our worth and giftedness. Help us to embrace creativity, and joy so we like little children may fully live the Good News.*

**People:**        **Amen**

## **INTERCESSIONS AND THANKSGIVINGS**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (#4 Litany)

(In peace let us pray to the Lord, saying, “**Lord, hear and have mercy.**”)

**Leader:**        We pray for all who confess the name of Christ; fill us with the power of your Holy Spirit.

**People:**        **Lord, hear and have mercy.**

Leader: We pray for those whose lives are bound in mutual love, and for those who live in celibacy; be their joy and their strength.

**People: Lord, hear and have mercy.**

Leader: For all in danger, for those who are far from home, prisoners, exiles, victims of oppression; grant them your salvation.

**People: Lord, hear and have mercy.**

Leader: For all who are facing trials and difficulties, for those who are sick and those who are dying; show them your kindness and mercy.

**People: Lord, hear and have mercy.**

Leader: We pray for one another; may we always be united in service and love.

**People: Lord, hear and have mercy.**

Leader: We pray for be forgiven our sins and set free from all hardship, distress, want, was and injustice.

**People: Lord, hear and have mercy.**

Leader: May we discover new and just ways of sharing the goods of the earth, struggling against exploitation, greed, or lack of concern, may we all live by the abundance of your mercies and find joy together.

**People: Lord, hear and have mercy.**

Leader: May we be strengthened by our communion with all Christ's saints.

**People: Lord, hear and have mercy. Amen**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Celebrant: Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

*(Silence is kept.)*

Celebrant: Most merciful God,

**People: 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 neighbours 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.**

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**People: Amen.**

## THE PEACE:

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People: And also, with you.**

## THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

### PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS:

**All:** Living God, receive all we offer you this day. Grant that hearing your word and responding to your Spirit, we may share in your divine life. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

### EUCHARISTIC PRAYER #5:

**Celebrant:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

**Celebrant:** Lift up your hearts.

**People:** We lift them to the Lord.

**Celebrant:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People:** It is right to give our thanks and praise.

**Celebrant:** We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, for the gift of a world full of wonder, and for our life which comes from you. By your power you sustain the universe.

**People:** Glory to you for ever and ever.

**Celebrant:** You created us to love you with all our heart, and to love each other as ourselves, but we rebel against you by the evil that we do.

In Jesus, your Son, you bring healing to our world and gather us into one great family. Therefore, with all who serve you on earth and in heaven, we praise your wonderful name, as we say,

**People:** Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

**Celebrant:** we give you thanks and praise, loving Father, because in sending Jesus, your Son, to us you showed us how much you love us. He cared for the poor and the hungry. He suffers with the sick and the rejected.

Betrayed and forsaken, he did not strike back but overcame hatred with love. On the cross he defeated the power of sin and death. By raising him from the dead you show us the power of your love to bring new life to all your people.

**People:** Glory to you for ever and ever.

**Celebrant:** On the night before he gave up his life for us, Jesus, at supper with his friends, took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "Take this, all of you, and eat it: this is my body which is given for you."

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is the cup of my blood, the blood of the new and eternal covenant, which is shed for you and for many, so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in memory of me."

**People: Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant: Gracious God, with this bread and wine we celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus, and we offer ourselves to you in him.

Send your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts, that we may know the presence of Jesus in the breaking of bread and share in the life of the family of your children.

**People: Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant: Father, you call us to be your servants; fill us with the courage and love of Jesus, that all the world may gather in joy at the table of your kingdom.

We sing your praise, almighty Father, through Jesus, our Lord, in the power of the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

**People: Glory to you for ever and ever. Amen.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Celebrant: Gathering our prayers and praises into one, let us pray as our Saviour taught us,

**People: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.**

## **BREAKING OF BREAD #2:**

Celebrant: We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**All: We, being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

## **LAMB OF GOD:**

**All: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.**

## **THE COMMUNION**

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION:**

**All: Almighty and eternal God, may we who have received this eucharist worship you in all we do, and proclaim the glory of your majesty. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen**

THE DOXOLOGY:

**All: Glory to God, whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask of imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.**

**NOTICES:**

**BLESSING:**

**Officiant:** The Lord bless us and keep us. The Lord make his face shine on us and be gracious to us. The Lord look upon us with favour and grant us peace.

**People:** Amen.

**DISMISSAL:**

**Celebrant:** Let us bless the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

+++++++

Service of Morning Prayer taken from the The Book of Alternative Services. Copyrite1985 by the General Synod of the Anglican Church of Canada.

Biblical texts taken from the New Revised Standard Version Bible, copyright © 1989 the Division of Christian Education of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America.

**Assisting today:**

**Celebrant/Preacher:** The Rev. Susan Snelling

**Video:** Dr. Amy Pauley

**This morning in our worship we remember in our prayers those of our family and friends who have immediate needs and concerns:**

Martin Bertelsen & The Bertelsen Family; Stuart Family; Toby; Brody; Lequita Adkins; Peggy Russell; Pat Ellis' Family; Linda; Anthony Stone; Judy Hill; Ida; Lynn Venkat; Shirley Hatch; Edna Goyette; Frances McInnis; Ida; Cecilia Mowat; Stephanie; Alvin Maynard; Nova; Irene; Kayla; Kim Middaugh; Wilma; Sally; Ron and Karen; Braedy; Karyn; Sharron Snider; Peter Hubbard; Sally Smith; Marilyn Lloyd.

**The names below are people in need of ongoing prayers for various reasons so we ask you to please continue to pray for them and their continuing need of God's healing touch and grace:**

Rev. Janet Mitchell; Matthew Canning; Brenda; Gail Jones; Jim & Barb Tomkins; Donna, Ray, Nancy & Chris Wilson; Lorraine Whitwell; Steve & Jade; John; Celeste & parents; Colleen; Stephen Bertelsen; Theresa & Pete; Valerie; Darlene Jessem; Doreen; Derek; Sean; Rose McIntyre; Vayda; Daniel Leibovich; Barb Semsch; Rose Court; Mark Ralston; Jackson; Phil & Kathy C.; Bob Anderson; Nancy Perault; Sharon Z; Adesh; Lisa Marie; Joyce Antony; Bill & Cathy Gray; Dave Lawrence; Livia & Neil Purcell; Sheila Green; Carrie Snow; Carl; Mark & Erin; Wally Raymond; Christine; Audrey Moody; Lynda Raye; Garn Mennell; Lee & Jeannie Martin; Michelle Sinclair and mom; Jane & Ron Lewis; Marilyn Foley; Bill Snow; Jen Galicinski; Arlene; Joan Gough; Eunice Merrett; Jean Wallace; Nancy Dodds; Wendy Goodyer; Do Saunders; Jefferson Jr.; June Osolin.

**In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for:**

The Diocese of Mahajanga (Indian Ocean)

**In the Toronto Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for:**

St. Andrew by-the-Lake

## **Pass The Word**

June 15, 2022

### **COVID UPDATE**

As of Sunday June the 4<sup>th</sup> we will be returning to the Green Phase in our Diocesan response to Covid. This means that all restrictions have now been dropped including wearing of masks, physical distancing, sharing the Common Cup and hospitality around food. This means that we will need to exercise our own discretion and care and that we will need to respect the choices that others make. We will do our utmost to retain a safe and healthy space for worship and community activities. We will reintroduce the Common Cup for the Eucharist and coffee hour after services in June once we have ironed out some of the logistics of what that will take. Proof of vaccination will still be a requirement for those participation in leadership and ministry.

### **COVID SHOT UPDATE**

Just a reminder that to be a volunteer at the church you must have your COVID immunization shots. If you have already told us of your first two shots, thank you. If you have had any others since your second shot, can you please bring in your confirmation showing the dates so we can update your record. Once again, thank you so much for volunteering to help our church.

### **RHUBARB**

If anyone has rhubarb, that they would like to donate to the church, we would appreciate receiving it for pie making for our Christmas Bazaar. It can be placed in the freezer in the kitchen. Thank you.

**Daily Devotions** – team of writers at Good Shepherd, St. Margaret’s and Trinity – contact Norm Savill [nsavill@bell.net](mailto:nsavill@bell.net) to be included or check the parish websites.

### **Sunday School**

We are open again! 10:00 a.m. Sunday service.

### **Messy Church**

Our next Messy Church will resume in September. Fun and fellowship for families. Crafts, story time, music, and prayers, simple supper. For more information contact Rev. Susan.

### **Movie Nights**

**We are going to alternate between Friday and Thursday nights for movies as we have some who would like to come out but cannot make it on Fridays.**

Thursday, **June 23rd**, 7:00 p.m. - Movie – “**The First Wives Club**”, a comedy starring Bette Midler, Goldie Hawn, Diane Keaton.

Friday, **July 10**, 7:00 p.m. – Movie – “**Gosford Park**”, mystery starring Helen Mirren, Stephen Fry, Derek Jacobi, plus so many other British stars. This was an Academy Award Winner.

Thursday, **July 21**, 7:00 p.m. - Movie – “**Did You Hear About the Morgans?**” A comedy starring Hugh Grant, Sarah Jessica Parker, Sam Elliot, Mary Steenburgen.

**\*\*\*\*We would really appreciate donations to the foodbank for Movie Nights.\*\*\*\***

### **Book Club**

Thursday, **June 16**, 1:30 p.m. at church to discuss “**Indians on Vacation**”, author- **Thomas King**.

If you would like more information, please contact Michelle: [michelle\\_e\\_sinclair@yahoo.ca](mailto:michelle_e_sinclair@yahoo.ca) OR 705-737-9895.

Please feel welcome to join us even if you have not read the book.

### **Summer Day Camp**

We will be resuming our summer Day Camp. It will be held **July 25<sup>th</sup> to July 29<sup>th</sup>**. If you are interested, please contact the church office as soon as possible as space is limited and it will be a first come first served basis. Price \$15.00 per day.

## **STEWARDSHIP FINANCIAL NEWS FLASH!!! APRIL 22’**

The month of April showed an increase in Sunday attendance. We saw an increase in envelopes offerings as a result. Even though we closed the gap in April we have fallen farther behind YTD as is reflected in the numbers, below. Please help us if you can. Your generosity can make a difference!

Budgeted PAG & Envelope as of April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022

\$59,010

Actual PAG & Envelope as of April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022

\$48,556

Revenue Shortfall as of April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022

(\$10,454)

### **Easter Offerings Update**

2022                      \$4,230

2021                      \$2,625

Very positive results for this Easter over Covid Easter last year.

*Thank you from your Stewardship Committee*