

# ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND ANGLICAN CHURCH

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## **Wednesday Service**

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11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

**THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY**

THE GREETING: Rev. Susan Snelling

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Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ is Risen  
People: **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Celebrant: May his grace and peace be with you.  
All: **May he fill our hearts with joy. Amen.**

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: **Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another and walk in the way of his commandments, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

**THE PSALMS**

**PSALM 72**

Leader: Endow the king with your justice, O God,  
People: **the royal son with your righteousness.**

Leader: May he judge your people in righteousness,  
People: **your afflicted ones with justice.**

Leader: May the mountains bring prosperity to the people,  
People: **the hills the fruit of righteousness.**

Leader: May he defend the afflicted among the people and save the children of the needy;  
People: **may he crush the oppressor.**

Leader: May he endure<sup>[a]</sup> as long as the sun,

**People:** as long as the moon, through all generations.

Leader: May he be like rain falling on a mown field,

**People:** like showers watering the earth.

Leader: In his days may the righteous flourish

**People:** and prosperity abound till the moon is no more.

Leader: May he rule from sea to sea

**People:** and from the River to the ends of the earth.

Leader: May the desert tribes bow before him

**People:** and his enemies lick the dust.

May the kings of Tarshish and of distant shores

**People:** bring tribute to him.

Leader: May the kings of Sheba and Seba

**People:** present him gifts.

Leader: May all kings bow down to him

**People:** and all nations serve him.

Leader: For he will deliver the needy who cry out,

**People:** the afflicted who have no one to help.

Leader: He will take pity on the weak and the needy

**People:** and save the needy from death.

Leader: He will rescue them from oppression and violence,

**People:** for precious is their blood in his sight.

Leader: Long may he live!

**People:** May gold from Sheba be given him.

Leader: May people ever pray for him

**People:** and bless him all day long.

Leader: May grain abound throughout the land;

**People:** on the tops of the hills may it sway.

Leader: May the crops flourish like Lebanon

**People:** and thrive like the grass of the field.

Leader: May his name endure forever;

**People:** may it continue as long as the sun.

Leader: Then all nations will be blessed through him,

**People:** and they will call him blessed.

Leader: Praise be to the LORD God, the God of Israel,

**People:** who alone does marvelous deeds.

Leader: Praise be to his glorious name forever;  
People: **may the whole earth be filled with his glory. Amen and Amen.**

Leader: This concludes the prayers of David son of Jesse.

## **THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

**FIRST READING:** 1 Thessalonians 5:12-28

### A READING FROM THE FIRST BOOK OF THESSALONIANS

Now we ask you, brothers, and sisters, to acknowledge those who work hard among you, who care for you in the Lord and who admonish you. Hold them in the highest regard in love because of their work. Live in peace with each other. And we urge you, brothers, and sisters, warn those who are idle and disruptive, encourage the disheartened, help the weak, be patient with everyone. Make sure that nobody pays back wrong for wrong, but always strive to do what is good for each other and for everyone else.

Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

Do not quench the Spirit. Do not treat prophecies with contempt but test them all; hold on to what is good, reject every kind of evil.

May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do it.

Brothers and sisters, pray for us. Greet all God's people with a holy kiss. I charge you before the Lord to have this letter read to all the brothers and sisters.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL:** Matthew 6:19-24

*(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**

“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

“The eye is the lamp of the body. If your eyes are healthy, your whole body will be full of light. But if your eyes are unhealthy, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light within you is darkness, how great is that darkness!

“No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.

The Gospel of Christ.

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

## **Sermon**

Rev. Susan Snelling

God who raised Christ from the dead, speak to us through word and thought so that your will may be done, and our nightmare give way to your dream for our world. Amen.

In the closing verses of the letter to the Thessalonians, Paul has some final words of wisdom to impart. Right in the middle we find verses 16-18. In the Contemporary English Bible they read:

Always be joyful and never stop praying. Whatever happens, keep thanking God because of Jesus Christ. This is what God wants you to do.

Always be joyful. Despite the particular admonitions, Paul has already issued, this one is key. It seems a little bit like what our mothers (and we as mothers) may have said when we were going out.

Take a sweater.  
Drive safely - Don't drink and drive.  
Call me if you need a ride.  
Be careful.  
Have a good time.

Did she really want us to have a good time. Most likely the answer is yes. But because it is the last thing she said, it got buried under a lot of other considerations - based on fear.

Fear can block our joy. Jesus knew that our fear of failure, fear about having enough, fear about the future, can all steal our joy about this day; our joy about God's grace and love; our joy about our lives. That is why he speaks about our treasure.

The world will try to tell us that the treasure that matters is the treasure we value here on earth. For example, gold, silver, gemstones, currency, rare or historic objects, land, real estate. All of these things are valued here on earth. Those who possess these things have access to power and resources. Those who do not possess these things often lack power and resources. Since most of the wealth in our world is owned by relatively few people - other measures of success are invented. Money in bank accounts, homes, pensions, and savings are valued. High paying jobs are sought out. However, in our pursuit of all these treasures, our focus becomes ensuring our security and safety. We tend to worry about ourselves and our loved ones rather than others.

Jesus wants to warn us about this behaviour. The treasure our world values is material and therefore is subject to destruction - either naturally - through aging or by others who are jealous or vandals who actively seek to destroy that which someone else values. And the cold hard truth is “You can't take it with you.” This type of

treasure will be left behind when we die - either to be passed on to those we wish to see benefit from it as we have, or through theft or natural destruction.

Jesus is encouraging people to recognize a different kind of treasure. A treasure which is intangible - life, breath, light, growth, love, hope, peace, birth, relationships of mutual respect, sunsets, rainbows, gold finches, roses, mountains, spider webs, cycles of migration. For much of the past 500 years, these treasures have often been overshadowed by technology and human mastery. But obviously even in Jesus's day there was a temptation to ignore the miracles occurring all around people.

What if we treasure God, the source of all these miracles, the giver of life and breath? What if we focused more on relationships and less on our own security?

Jesus uses the contrast between light and dark to answer these questions. If we are able to see the light than our whole body will be full of light. But if our eyes cannot detect the light than we will find ourselves in darkness. And then a mindboggling observation. If we are only able to recognize the darkness around us, conceiving of it as the light, how dark is that darkness which **deserve** us?

If we want to live as God's children - we are encouraged to live in the light not the darkness. In the light there is room for love and hope and joy. In the dark there is fear. Fear keeps us small. Love and hope encourage growth. Hedging our bets is fear speaking to us - convincing us that love and hope are unreliable. This is why God says we cannot serve two masters. We will grow to hate one eventually. We will not be able to tolerate either the darkness or the light.

Therefore, Paul encourages the Thessalonians to keep thanking God for the light which is Jesus Christ, no matter what happens. If we put our faith in the light; in the goodness of God: in the love and grace of God: active in our lives; in the possibility and potential of God to bring new life out of death or destruction, we will discover the truth which Paul speaks of in the letter to the Romans - nothing including death can separate us from the love of God.

We belong in life and in death and life beyond death to God. That is the treasure. This is what God wants us to do. To keep thanking God for the treasure of Jesus, the Word made flesh and to rejoice in our belonging to God with Jesus eternally. We are called to serve God not mammon or money or possessions, or the constant pursuit of having more.

When we do this, we will find it much easier to move in peace and harmony through life. Our fears will be eased. Our perceptions will shift.

One of the instructions Paul gives to the believers in Thessalonica is "Test everything. Hold on to the good." By testing our assumptions, our conclusions, our worldview, we take an honest look at what is happening in our lives, in our relationship to God. Then we will be able to recognize what is good or what is not good and adjust. It is not always easy to discern which voice is God's, which is our own, and which is the crowd's. And the longer we take to test things out, the harder the task will become.

Paul's advice is sound. We are called to be joyful - to give thanks for so many blessings and to pray always. Being in a continual conversation with God will keep us honest and focused on what God is speaking to us.

Let us pray.

God of love and compassion,  
We ask that you would help us to  
Be joyful.

Encourage us to speak to  
You and to listen for your response.  
Guide us as we strive to serve  
And follow you, in Jesus's name.

**People:**       **Amen**

## INTERCESSIONS AND THANKSGIVINGS

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (#15 Litany)

(In joy and hope let us pray to the source of all life, saying, "Hear us, Lord of Glory!")

Reader:       That our risen Saviour may fill us with the joy of his holy and life-giving resurrection, let us pray to the Lord.

**People:**       **Hear us, Lord of glory!**

Reader:       That isolated and persecuted churches may find fresh strength in the Easter gospel, let us pray to the Lord.

**People:**       **Hear us, Lord of glory!**

Reader:       That he may grant us humility to be subject to one another in Christian love, let us pray to the Lord.

**People:**       **Hear us, Lord of glory!**

Reader:       That he may provide for those who lack food, work, or shelter, let us pray to the Lord.

**People:**       **Hear us, Lord of glory!**

Reader:       That by his power wars and famine may cease through all the earth, let us pray to the Lord.

**People:**       **Hear us, Lord of glory!**

Reader:       That he may reveal the light of his presence to the sick, the weak, and the dying, that they may be comforted and strengthened; let us pray to the Lord.

**People:**       **Hear us, Lord of glory!**

Reader:       That he may send the fire of the Holy Spirit upon his people, that we may bear faithful witness to his resurrection, let us pray to the Lord.

**People:**       **Hear us, Lord of glory! 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:** **God of loving care, you spread before us the table of life, and give us the cup of salvation to drink. Keep us always in the fold of your Son Jesus Christ, our Saviour and our shepherd. Amen.**

### **EUCHARISTIC PRAYER #3:**

**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:** Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true paschal lamb who has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us eternal life. Therefore, joining our voices with the whole company of heaven, we sing our joyful hymn of praise to proclaim the glory of your name.

**All:** **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 thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son.

For in these last days, you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand

before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, Father, according to his command,

**All: we remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory.**

Celebrant: and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant. Unit us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

**People: 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 #8:

Celebrant: Lord, we died with you on the cross.

**All: Now we are raised to new life.**

Celebrant: We were buried in your tomb.

**All: Now we share in your resurrection.**

Celebrant: Live in us, that we may live in you.

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the People of God.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

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:**            **God of love, in this eucharist we have heard your truth and shared in your life. May we  
always walk in your way, 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.**

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**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:**

Pat Ellis; Rineke Semsch; Linda; Gerry Anderson's Family; Don Cuccio and family; Georgina Ferguson & Family; Daphne Hellard's Family; Anthony Stone; Judy Hill; Pauline, Craig & Brewster Family; Ida; Victoria Paradis; McPhee family; Lynn Venkat; Shirley Hatch; Val Firman; Edna Goyette; Frances McInnis; Gail Jones; Brenda & Family; John & Family; Bruno, sons & all the family; Matthew Canning; Bill Canning; Donna, Ray, Nancy & Chris Wilson; Ida; Cecilia Mowat; Stephanie; Alvin Maynard; Nova; Irene; Kayla; Kim Middaugh; Wilma; Sally; Jim & Barb Tomkins; Ron and Karen; Braedy; Karyn; Rev. Janet Mitchell; 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:**

Colleen; Elizabeth Cresswell; Martin Bertelsen; Stephen Bertelsen; Theresa & Pete; Valerie; Darlene Jessem; Doreen; Brenda & Brian; Derek; Jaxon Croft; Sean; Rose McIntyre; Vayda; Daniel Leibovich; Barb Semsch; Rose Court; Mark Ralston; Jackson; Phil & Kathy C.; Bob Anderson; Nancy Perault; Marco Romita & Rose; Sharon Z; Adesh; Lisa Marie; Joyce Antony; Bill & Cathy Gray; Dave Lawrence; Livia & Neil Purcell; Sheila Green; Carrie Snow; Sheri Scott; 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; Deborah Hall; Jen Galicinski; Arlene; Joan Gough; Eunice Merrett; Jean Wallace; Nancy Dodds; Wendy Goodyer; Do Saunders; Jefferson Jr.; June Osolin; Tanya Wade-Vargas.

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

The Diocese of Llandaff (Wales)

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

The Postulancy Committee

# Pass The Word

May 18, 2022

**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 date is May 28<sup>th</sup>, 4:00-6:00 p.m. Fun and fellowship for families. Crafts, story time, music and prayers, simple supper. For more information contact Rev. Susan.

## Yard Sale

We are planning a church yard sale for Saturday the 4<sup>th</sup> of June. We will send out more information closer to the time, but please put this date in your calendar and hold on to things we might be able to sale. Contact Beth Steffler for more information.

## 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 can't make it on Fridays.**

Thursday, **May 19<sup>th</sup>**, 7:00 p.m. - Movie – “**The Family Stone**”, starring Diane Keaton, Sarah Jessica Parker, Rachel McAdams.

Friday, **June 10<sup>th</sup>**, 7:00 p.m.– Movie – “**At Bertram's Hotel**”, starring Joan Hinkson as Miss Marple.

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

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

## Book Club

Thursday, May 19<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m. in church. We will be reading *The Book of Joy: Lasting Happiness in a Changing World* by Desmond Tutu & Dalai Lama. 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.

## Mini Meals Sale – Trinity ACW

Trinity ACW do a fundraiser for local Barrie charities by selling prepared meals. They include: **Shepherd's Pies** -Lg. \$7.00/ Sm. \$5.00; **Meat Pies** – Lg. (6") pie - \$7.00/ Sm. (4") pie - \$5.00; **Soups** - Squash, asparagus, beef barley, or bean and bacon -- \$6.00; **Potato Pancakes**, 2 per pkg. - \$1.00. Please **call Mae at 705 734 1888** to place your order and arrange for pickup. Pickup is also available after Church on Sundays but must be ordered ahead.

# STEWARDSHIP FINANCIAL NEWS FLASH!!!

We are seeing good things happening, here, at St. Margaret's. The COVID restrictions are being lifted, attendance is increasing on Sundays and there is a light that is promising good things to come for the balance of the year.

Our expense budget is focused on a slow start with a gradual build to year end. We are keenly aware of the dollars needed to drive the programs, the Clergy and staff and other operating costs. We are confident with our expense numbers. Revenue is what we need!

## FIRST QUARTER RESULTS – Q 1 – 2022

Did you know?                      77% of annual revenue (congregation)  
Main methods are Envelopes & PAG  
Monthly budgeted - \$14,753

Expected PAG & Envelope      as of March 31<sup>st</sup> 2022  
\$44,257

Actual PAG & Envelope        as of March 31<sup>st</sup> 2022  
\$35,027

Revenue Shortfall                as of March 31<sup>st</sup> 2022  
(\$9,230)

*Your Stewardship Committee*