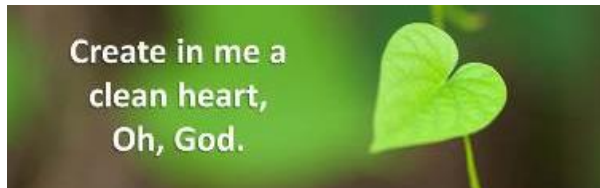


**St. Margaret of Scotland Mission Statement:**  
*To be a Christ-centred, mission minded community,  
embracing all people across the spectrum of cultural,  
ethnic, gender, sexual orientation, ages and  
class diversity as full members of the family of God.*



*St. Margaret of Scotland Anglican Church*

**Open minds and loving hearts  
All are Welcome**

The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
August 29, 2021

9:30 am – FAMILY WORSHIP  
BOOK OF ALTERNATIVE SERVICES

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Clean Heart / Dirty Hands

A warm welcome to and all, especially those who are worshipping with us for the first time this morning. We hope your time here today will be a blessing to you, as your presence is a blessing to us.

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.

1 Peter 3:15

Family Worship  
Book of Alternative Services  
Lay Minister: Danny Ray

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome to the Parish of St. Margaret of Scotland in the north end of Halifax. We are blessed as we gather together in community for worship. We are blessed in our ministry team this morning.

Our Paschal Candle is lit in memory of Muriel Moffat as her family is awaiting a funeral interment.

**Hymn: Make Me a Channel of Your Peace**

Greeting of the Community

God is our light and our salvation, and in his name we light these candles. May they remind us of the beauty of his truth and the radiance of his love. May our hearts be open to the light of Christ now and at all times.

**Lord, in your mercy, let there be light.**

Collect

PROCLAMATION

First Reading: Song of Solomon 2:8-13 *Sherry Smith*  
The Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

Psalms 45:1-2, 7-10 *Charlene Day*  
Psalm Response: **God has blessed you for ever.**

Second Reading: James 1:17-27 *Victor Day*  
The Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

*Outreach Missional Initiatives*

**22nd Halifax Scouts.** They are looking for new leaders. Please contact Steve Terrio @ 902-489-0290 or steveterrio@gmail.com

**Missional Committee:** Do you have a new neighbour? There is a supply of bags in the cupboard in the coat room at the back of the church, next to the prayer shawls. Or, inform someone on the Missional Committee (Ted Johnson, Margery Cotterell, Frank Riggs, Victor Day) and we will arrange for someone else to welcome them.

*Discretionary Fund*

**Special thanks to our parishioners** who have donated to our Discretionary Fund over the years.

**April - St. Mark's Food Bank** We donated 8 gift cards of \$25.00 each for their food bank ministry.

**May - Ward 5** - Special thanks to all who contributed to the silver jar campaign. We raised \$698.90.

**June - St. Georges** - Special thanks to all who contributed to the Soup Kitchen Meal. We raised over \$250.00 With costs of \$625.00.

**July** - We have forwarded \$250.00 to the Mi'kmaw Native Friendship Center, for their back to school backpack program.

- **Out of the Cold Shelter** - We donated 7 gift cards of \$10.00 each and one of \$15.00 for their clients.

- **St. Mark's Food Bank** - We donated 11 gift cards of \$10.00 each and 6 of \$25.00 each for their food bank ministry. We also donated \$48.00 as a gift to their ministry.

**August** - We have forwarded \$250.00 to **Parker Street Food Bank** for their back to School Backpack Program.

- We have forwarded a cheque in the amount of \$150.00 to the **Anglican Church Women Board**, for their **annual project**, this year being the **Marguerite Center**.

## *Pastoral Care*

The cycle of Prayer for the North End Churches, we pray for Hope United, Rev. Sean Handcock

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for:  
We pray for our primate Right Rev. Linda Nicholls; our Bishop Sandra Fyfe and for the Valley Region, Bridgetown, The Reverend Deborah Lonergan-Freake, Priest-in-Charge. Bellisle Clements, Clementsport & Bear River, The Reverend Ken Vaughan, Priest-In-Charge,

World In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for: Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan

**Serenity Prayer** God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference.

## *Spiritual Development*

**Readings for next week:** The Fifteenth Sunday after Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23; Psalm 125; James 2:1-10 (11-13), 14-17; Mark 7:24-37.

**Serenity Prayer** God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference.

## **Gradual Hymn: Be Not Afraid**

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.  
**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Holy Gospel: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

The Gospel of Christ.  
**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Sermon *Judy Carpenter*

Prayers of the People & Confession – *Sherry Smith*  
Let us pray together to the Lord, saying,  
Lord, hear our prayer.” **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Loving God, we thank you for your many gifts to us, for the love which brings us together, for the earth which provides for our needs, for the new life you have given us in Jesus Christ,  
**Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray to you for our Christian family and for grace to grow in your love. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray to you for our world, for all its cares and needs, and for all who lead us and care for us, **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray to you for those in need, for the sick and the lonely, for the hurt and the frightened, and for those who live without hope. **Lord, hear our prayer**

We pray for those we love who have died, that you will surround them with your care and love **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for one another, asking you to bless us, our friends, and relatives. Bless the places where we work, and bless our home and our life together. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Let us remember before God our selfish ways, the things we have done wrong, the sorrows we have caused, the love we have not shown.

Silence for reflection is kept.

**Most merciful Father, forgive us our sins against you and against each other. Strengthen us to overcome our weaknesses, that we may live in love as you would have us live, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.**

Fill our hearts, O God, with your Holy Spirit that we may go forth this day in peace and joy, serving you eagerly in all we do, for Jesus' sake. **Amen.**

The Peace of the Lord Be always with you  
**And also with you**

**Offertory Hymn: Peace is Flowing Like a River**

Prayer over the Gifts  
Book of Remembrance & Memorials

For those who have gone before us and noted in our Book of Remembrance we give you thanks. Sarah Lawrence (July 27), Horatio Beck (July 28), Barbara Green (July 28), Letitia Bowdridge (July 31). For the financial offering of your people for the work of your church, we give you thanks. For the service of your people in workplaces, community organizations and our faith community, we give you thanks. For all your gifts O Lord, we give you thanks.

Doxology  
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father who art in heaven  
Hallowed be thy name  
May your kingdom come  
May your will be done  
On earth as it is in heaven  
Give us this day our daily bread  
Forgive us our sins As we forgive others  
And lead us not into temptation  
But deliver us from the evil one  
For the kingdom  
And the power  
And the glory are yours forever. Amen**

Blessings - Life is short and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who walk this way with us. So be swift to love, and make haste to be kind; and the blessing, mercy, and grace of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be upon us and remain with you always. Amen.

Birthday Prayers for the month of August God our Father, the birth of your Son Jesus Christ brought great joy to Mary and Joseph. We give thanks to you for N, whose birthday we celebrate today. May he/she ever grow in your faith, hope, and love. We ask this in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Anniversary Prayers for the month of August Gracious God, on this our special day we remember with thanksgiving our vows of love and commitment to you and to each other in marriage. We pray for your continued blessing. May we learn from both our joys and sorrows, and discover new riches in our life together in you. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Announcements and Mission Minute

**Hymn: Just a Closer Walk With Thee**

Postlude