

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Proper 7, Service of Antecommunion

St. John's Episcopal Church, Ithaca NY 14850

5 July 2020, live-stream at 10:30 am on [YouTube](#) and [FaceBook](#)

Prelude

A Little Mosaic of Hymns from LEVAS II

Hymn

Just as I am (Woodworth)

Hymnal # 693 or page 4

Opening Acclamation

BCP 355

Gloria

Hymnal # S - 280

The Collect of the Day

BCP 230

O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

First Lesson

Zechariah 9:9-12

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!

Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!

Lo, your king comes to you;

triumphant and victorious is he,

humble and riding on a donkey,

on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim

and the war horse from Jerusalem;

and the battle bow shall be cut off,

and he shall command peace to the nations;

his dominion shall be from sea to sea,

and from the River to the ends of the earth.

As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,

I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;

today I declare that I will restore to you double.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 145:8-15

Exaltabo te, Deus

8 The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, *
slow to anger and of great kindness.

9 The Lord is loving to everyone *
and his compassion is over all his works.

10 All your works praise you, O Lord, *
and your faithful servants bless you.

- 11 They make known the glory of your kingdom *
and speak of your power;
- 12 That the peoples may know of your power *
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.
- 13 Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; *
your dominion endures throughout all ages.
- 14 The Lord is faithful in all his words *
and merciful in all his deeds.
- 15 The Lord upholds all those who fall; *
he lifts up those who are bowed down.

Epistle

Romans 7:15-25a

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

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

Jesus said to the crowd, "To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,

'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;
we wailed, and you did not mourn.'

For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon'; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds."

At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

The Rev. Megan Castellan

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

Prayers of the People

[Form IV](#)

BCP 388

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, and especially for:

Wes	Jean	Susan	Joan	CeCe	Elizabeth	Richard
Dhara	Julee	Lorraine	Edith	Libby	John	Kathleen
Theodore	Paul	Louis	Kay	Joyce	Jennifer	Sue
Skip	Joe	Inge	Amelia	Tucker	Kevin	Virginia

For those celebrating the anniversary of their birth this week: Nate Way, Robyn Saulsbury, Kathleen O'Neil, Carolyn Grigorov

Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

Hymn

For the beauty of the earth (Alternate Tune: Dix)

Last Page

Peace & Dismissal

Postlude

Meditation on *Woodworth* (Just as I am)

Charles Callahan, 2009

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Please Join Us:

Coffee Hour, Today at 11:30 on zoom <https://zoom.us/j/94583970408>
Morning Prayer, Weekdays at 9:30 am on [FB Live](#) and [YouTube Live](#)
Adult Education, Sundays at 9:15am on Zoom; for log-in info contact [Mtr. Megan](#)

Announcing a Congregational Cyber Choir!

Just how many singers can we gather in a week to sing, *We Gather Together?*
Join us in our first Congregation Cyber Choir, and let's find out!
It is not hard and will be fun; bring your friends along, Instructions [HERE](#).

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The Hymnal 1982 - Hymnal #693

1 Just as I am, with - out one plea, but that t
 2 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout with man - y
 *3 Just as I am, poor, wretch - ed, blind; sight, rich - c
 4 Just as I am: thou wilt re - ceive; wilt wel - co
 5 Just as I am, thy love un - known has bro - k

1 blood was shed for me, and that thou bidd'st n
 2 con - flict, man - ya doubt; fight - ings and fears w
 3 heal - ing of the mind, yea, all I need, i
 4 par - don, cleanse, re - lieve, be - cause thy prom - i
 5 ev - ery bar - rier down; now to be thine, y

1 come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I com
 2 in, with - out, O Lamb of God, I come, I com
 3 thee to find, O Lamb of God, I come, I com
 4 I be - lieve, O Lamb of God, I come, I com
 5 thine a - lone, O Lamb of God, I come, I com

6 Just as I am, of thy great love
 the breadth, length, depth, and height to prove,
 here for a season, then above:

Form III

The Leader and People pray responsively

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and
humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
*That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and
Sacraments.*

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations
of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest.
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.
Silence

The People may add their own petition

HYMN #416 (Sung to alternative tune, *Dix*)

1 For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies,
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies. [Refrain:]
Christ our God, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

2 For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light, (Refrain)

3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight,
for the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight, (Refrain)

4 For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild, (Refrain)

5 For the Church which evermore lifteth holy hands above,
offering up on every shore thy pure sacrifice of love, (Refrain)

6 For each perfect gift of thine, to the world so freely given,
faith and hope and love divine, peace on earth and joy in heaven. (Refrain)

Refrain

Christ, our ~~Lord, to you~~ God to thee we raise this, our hymn of grate-ful praise.