

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Proper 10, Service of Antecommunion

St. John's Episcopal Church, Ithaca NY 14850

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

Hymns from the *Lift Every Voice and Sing II* Hymnal

Hymn

We gather together (Kremser)

Hymnal # 433, or p. 4

Opening Acclamation

BCP 355

Gloria

Hymnal # S - 280

The Collect of the Day

BCP 231

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

First Lesson

Isaiah 55:10-13

As the rain and the snow come down from heaven,
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.
For you shall go out in joy,
and be led back in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you
shall burst into song,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.
Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;
and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial,
for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalms 65: 1-14

Te decet hymnus

- 1 You are to be praised, O God, in Zion; *
to you shall vows be performed in Jerusalem.
- 2 To you that hear prayer shall all flesh come, *
because of their transgressions.
- 3 Our sins are stronger than we are, *
but you will blot them out.

- 4 Happy are they whom you choose
and draw to your courts to dwell there! *
they will be satisfied by the beauty of your house,
by the holiness of your temple.
- 5 Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness,
O God of our salvation, *
O Hope of all the ends of the earth
and of the seas that are far away.
- 6 You make fast the mountains by your power; *
they are girded about with might.
- 7 You still the roaring of the seas, *
the roaring of their waves,
and the clamor of the peoples.
- 8 Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your marvelous signs; *
you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy.
- 9 You visit the earth and water it abundantly;
you make it very plenteous; *
the river of God is full of water.
- 10 You prepare the grain, *
for so you provide for the earth.
- 11 You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; *
with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.
- 12 You crown the year with your goodness, *
and your paths overflow with plenty.
- 13 May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, *
and the hills be clothed with joy.
- 14 May the meadows cover themselves with flocks,
and the valleys cloak themselves with grain; *
let them shout for joy and sing.

Epistle

Romans 8:1-11

There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law-- indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel

Matthew 13:1-9,18-23

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!"

"Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

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 III

BCP 387

Wes	Jean	Susan	Joan	CeCe	Elizabeth	Richard
Dhara	Julee	Lorraine	Edith	Libby	John	Kathleen
Theodore	Paul	Louis	Kay	Joyce	Sue	
Skip	Joe	Virginia	Sara	Heather		

For those celebrating the anniversary of their birth this week: Susan Ettinger, Bridget Wicker, Laurel Wicker

Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

Hymn

We plow the fields (Wir pflügen)

Hymnal # 291, or last page

Peace & Dismissal

Organ Postlude



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If you would like to contribute to the many ministries
of this church, you may make a secure donation [here](#). Thank you!

Sign up for our weekly newsletter [The Fledgling](#) by contacting the church [office](#).

Although the office is closed for the duration of the pandemic, e-mail, regular mail and phone messages will be monitored. If you need pastoral assistance, or just want to reach out to Mtr. Megan, please call her at 315-757-0251, or e-mail mtrmegan@stjohnsithaca.org. She is available to Skype, Zoom or FaceTime!

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, usually Sundays at 9:15am on Zoom, now on summer break

Sunday Services with Hymns and Homily, weekly at 10:30 am on [FB](#) & [YouTube](#).

Announcing: Cyber Choirs!

Join in our various Cyber Choirs, and sing some favorite hymns.

You need not be a member of our Chancel Choir to participate.

More info and instructions for upcoming projects may be found [HERE](#)

Make independent sound files at your convenience; no group rehearsals necessary.

Some hymns will be congregational, so you don't have to be able to read music or sing in harmony.

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1. We gath - er to - geth - er to ask the Lord's bless - ing;
 2. Be - side us to guide us, our God with us join - ing,
 3. We all do ex - tol thee, thou lead - er tri - um - phant,

he chas - tens and has - tens his will to make known.
 or - dain - ing, main - tain - ing his king - dom di - vine;
 and pray that thou still our de - fend - er wilt be.

Basses - sing
 low A, 2nd m.
 of 2nd staff

The wick - ed op - press - ing now cease from dis - tress - ing.
 so from the be - gin - ning the fight we were win - ning;
 Let thy con - gre - ga - tion es - cape trib - u - la - tion;

Sing prais - es to his name; he for - gets not his own.
 thou, Lord, wast at our side, all glo - ry be thine!
 thy name be ev - er praised! O Lord, make us free!

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 Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and
the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of
life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and
glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic
Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness
of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

1. We plow the fields and scat-ter the good seed on the land, but it is
 2. He on - ly is the Mak - er of all things near and far; he paints the
 3. We thank Thee, then, O Fa - ther, for all things bright and good, the seed-time

1. fed and wa - tered by God's al - might - y hand; he sends the snow in
 2. way-side flow - er, he lights the eve - ning star; the winds and waves o -
 3. and the har - vest, our life, our health, our food; ac - cept the gifts we

1. win - ter, the warmth to swell the grain, the breez - es and the sun - shine, and
 2. bey him, by him the birds are fed; much more to us, his chil - dren, he
 3. of - fer, for all thy love im - parts, and what thou most de - sir - est, our

Refrain

1. soft re - fresh - ing rain.
 2. gives our dai - ly bread.
 3. hum - ble, thank - ful hearts. } All good gifts a - round us are sent from heaven a -

bove; then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord for all his love.