

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

St. John's Episcopal Church, Ithaca NY

August 16, 2020 Year A

10:30 AM

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stjohnsithaca.org live-stream at 10:30 am on [YouTube](https://www.youtube.com) and [FaceBook](https://www.facebook.com)

*OPENING ACCLAMATION

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen

*COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: 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.*

*GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

*THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 56:1,6-8

Thus says the Lord:

Maintain justice, and do what is right,

for soon my salvation will come,
and my deliverance be revealed.

And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord,
to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord,
and to be his servants,

all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it,
and hold fast my covenant--

these I will bring to my holy mountain,
and make them joyful in my house of prayer;

their burnt offerings and their sacrifices
will be accepted on my altar;

for my house shall be called a house of prayer
for all peoples.

Thus says the Lord God,
who gathers the outcasts of Israel,

I will gather others to them
besides those already gathered.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 67

Deus misereatur

1 May God be merciful to us and bless us, *
show us the light of his countenance and come to us.

2 Let your ways be known upon earth, *
your saving health among all nations.

3 Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
let all the peoples praise you.

4 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, *
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide all the nations upon earth.

5 Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
let all the peoples praise you.

6 The earth has brought forth her increase; *
may God, our own God, give us his blessing.

7 May God give us his blessing, *
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.

THE EPISTLE READING

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

*THE GOSPEL READING

Matthew 15:10-28

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

Jesus called the crowd to him and said to them, "Listen and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles." Then the disciples approached and said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?" He answered, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit." But Peter said to him, "Explain this parable to us." Then he said, "Are you also still without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile."

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

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

THE SERMON

THE REV. MEGAN CASTELLAN

***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.

***THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

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.

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

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	Mary	Jimmy	Ruth
June	Clare	Joell	Linda			

For those celebrating the anniversary of their birth this week: Richard Burns, Antwan Bunch, Diane Miller

CONFESSION OF SIN

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Most merciful God,
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 neighbors 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.*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

***THE PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Please remain by your seat. Wave!

ANNOUNCEMENTS & WELCOME

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

***THE GREAT THANKSGIVING** Eucharistic Prayer B

The Lord be with you/ God be with you
And also with you

Lift up your hearts

We lift them to the Lord

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Holy, holy, holy Lord

God of power and might

Heaven and earth are full of your glory

Hosanna in the highest

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord

Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant continues...

We remember Christ's death,

We proclaim Christ's resurrection,

We await Christ's coming in glory.

Celebrant continues:

Amen

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

All people are invited to the Lord's Table. During the covid-19 pandemic, and in accordance with diocesan guidelines, Eucharist will be distributed in the form of the bread. Please come forward to the altar, and take a wafer. Wait to remove your mask until you return to your seat, and then replace it after consuming the Sacrament.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

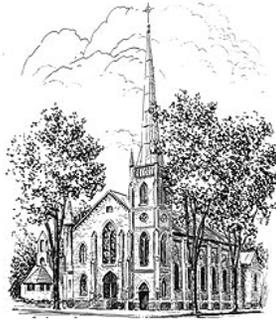
BLESSING

DISMISSAL

GREETERS Sara Van Looy

LITURGICAL MINISTERS Beverly Way, Gwen Freeman, Sara VanLooy

ACOLYTES Lisa Tatusko



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Office Hours Monday- Thursday 9 AM- 1 PM, 1:30- 4:30 PM

The Rev. Megan Castellan, Rector

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Karen A. Hindenlang, Director of Music/Organist

Matthew Sanaker, Jr. Warden
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Crawford R. Thoburn, Assisting Conductor

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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 315-757-0251, or e-mail mtrmegan@stjohnsithaca.org. She also is available to Skype, Zoom or FaceTime!

Please Join Us

Coffee Hour, today at 11:30 on zoom <https://zoom.us/j/94583970408> Join us for Morning Prayer weekdays at 9:30 on [FaceBook](#) & [YouTube](#)..

Announcing: Cyber Choirs!

Join in our 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 are congregational, so you need not be able to read music or harmonize!

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