

## THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Proper 17

**Service of Antecommunion  
St. John's Episcopal Church  
Ithaca, NY 14850  
August 30, 2020  
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## Prelude

Hymn	Take up your cross (Bourbon)	Hymnal # 675
Opening Acclamation		BCP 355
Gloria		BCP 356
Collect of the Day		BCP 233
Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. <i>Amen.</i>		
First Lesson		Jeremiah 15:15-21
O Lord, you know; remember me and visit me, and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors.		
In your forbearance do not take me away; know that on your account I suffer insult.		
Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart;		
for I am called by your name, O Lord, God of hosts.		
I did not sit in the company of merrymakers, nor did I rejoice;		
under the weight of your hand I sat alone, for you had filled me with indignation.		
Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed?		
Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail.		
Therefore, thus says the Lord:		
If you turn back, I will take you back, and you shall stand before me.		
If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall serve as my mouth.		

It is they who will turn to you,  
not you who will turn to them.  
And I will make you to this people  
a fortified wall of bronze;  
they will fight against you,  
but they shall not prevail over you,  
for I am with you  
to save you and deliver you,  
says the Lord.  
I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked,  
and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

The Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

### Psalm 26:1-8

#### *Judica me, Domine*

- 1 Give judgment for me, O Lord,  
for I have lived with integrity; \*  
I have trusted in the Lord and have not faltered.
- 2 Test me, O Lord, and try me; \*  
examine my heart and my mind.
- 3 For your love is before my eyes; \*  
I have walked faithfully with you.
- 4 I have not sat with the worthless, \*  
nor do I consort with the deceitful.
- 5 I have hated the company of evildoers; \*  
I will not sit down with the wicked.
- 6 I will wash my hands in innocence, O Lord, \*  
that I may go in procession round your altar,
- 7 Singing aloud a song of thanksgiving \*  
and recounting all your wonderful deeds.
- 8 Lord, I love the house in which you dwell \*  
and the place where your glory abides.

### Epistle

### Romans 12:9-21

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.

Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, “Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.” No, “if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.” Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

The Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

**Gospel**

**Matthew 16:21-28**

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

*Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.” But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

Then Jesus told his disciples, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

“For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

*Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.*

**Sermon**

**The Rev. Megan Castellan**

**The Nicene Creed**

**BCP 358**

**Prayers of the People**

**Form III**

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	Eleanore		

For those celebrating the anniversary of their birth this week: Paul Dietz, Taylor Saulsbury, Charlene Baker, Rubey Sanaker

**The Lord's Prayer**

**BCP 364**

**Hymn**

God is love, let heaven adore him (Abbot's Leigh)

**Hymnal # 379**

**Peace**

**Dismissal**

**Postlude**



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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](mailto: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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## 675

## The Christian Life

The musical notation consists of three staves of music in G clef, common time, and a key signature of one flat. The first staff begins with a single note followed by a series of eighth notes. The second staff begins with a dotted half note followed by eighth notes. The third staff begins with a quarter note followed by eighth notes.

1 Take up your cross, the Sa - vior said, if  
 2 Take up your cross, let not its weight fill  
3 Take up your cross, heed not the shame, and  
 4 Take up your cross, then, in his strength, and  
 5 Take up your cross, and fol - low Christ, nor

1 you would my dis - ci - ple be; take up your cross with  
 2 your weak spi - rit with a - larm; his strength shall bear your  
3 let your fool - ish heart be still; the Lord for you ac -  
 4 calm - ly ev - ery dan - ger brave: it guides you to a -  
 5 think till death to lay it down; for on - ly those who

1 will - ing heart, and hum - bly fol - low af - ter me.  
 2 spi - rit up, and brace your heart, and nerve your arm.  
3 cept - ed death up on a cross, on Cal - vary's hill.  
 4 bun - dant life and leads to vic - tory o'er the grave.  
 5 bear the cross may hope to wear the glo - rious crown.

Words: Charles William Everest (1814-1877), alt.  
 Music: *Bourbon*, melody att. Freeman Lewis (1780-1859)

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1 God is Love, let heaven a - dore him; God is Love, let  
 2 God is Love; and love en - folds us, all the world in  
 3 God is Love; and though with blind-ness sin af - flicts all

earth re - joice; let cre - a - tion sing be - fore him  
 one em - brace: with un - fail - ing grasp God holds us,  
 hu - man life, God's e - ter - nal lov - ing - kind - ness

and ex - alt him with one voice. God who laid the earth's foun -  
 ev - ery child of ev - ery race. And when hu - man hearts are  
 guides us through our earth - ly strife. Sin and death and hell shall

da - tion, God who spread the heavens a - bove, God who breathes through  
 break-ing un - der sor - row's i - ron rod, then we find that  
 nev - er o'er us fi - nal tri - umph gain; God is Love, so

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all cre - a - tion: God is Love, e - ter - nal Love.  
 self - same ach - ing deep with - in the heart of God.  
 Love for ev - er o'er the u - ni - verse must reign.

Words: Timothy Rees (1874-1939), alt.

Music: Abbot's Leigh, Cyril Vincent Taylor (b. 1907)

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