

**SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**Proper 21**

**Service of Antecomunion**

**St. John's Episcopal Church**

**Ithaca, NY 14850**

**September 27, 2020**

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Hymns can be found at the end of the bulletin.

**Prelude:** Meditation on *Beecher* - Alfred V. Fedak, 2006

**Hymn:** Morning has broken (Bunessan)

**Hymnal # 8**

**Opening Acclamation**

**BCP 355**

**Gloria**

**Hymnal S-278**

**Collect of the Day**

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

**First Lesson**

**Ezekiel 18:1-4,25-32**

The word of the Lord came to me: What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, "The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge"? As I live, says the Lord God, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die.

Yet you say, "The way of the Lord is unfair." Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. Yet the house of Israel says, "The way of the Lord is unfair." O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair?

Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord God. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord God. Turn, then, and live.

The Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

## Psalm 25:1-8

### *Ad te, Domine, levavi*

- 1 To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;  
my God, I put my trust in you; \*  
let me not be humiliated,  
nor let my enemies triumph over me.
- 2 Let none who look to you be put to  
shame; \*  
let the treacherous be disappointed in  
their schemes.
- 3 Show me your ways, O Lord, \*  
and teach me your paths.
- 4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, \*  
for you are the God of my salvation;  
in you have I trusted all the day long.

- 5 Remember, O Lord, your compassion  
and love, \*  
for they are from everlasting.
- 6 Remember not the sins of my youth and  
my transgressions; \*  
remember me according to your love  
and for the sake of your goodness,  
O Lord.
- 7 Gracious and upright is the Lord; \*  
therefore he teaches sinners in his  
way.
- 8 He guides the humble in doing right \*  
and teaches his way to the lowly.

## Epistle

## Philippians 2:1-13

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

who, though he was in the form of  
God,  
did not regard equality with  
God  
as something to be exploited,  
but emptied himself,  
taking the form of a slave,  
being born in human likeness.  
And being found in human form,  
he humbled himself  
and became obedient to the  
point of death--  
even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted  
him  
and gave him the name  
that is above every name,  
so that at the name of Jesus  
every knee should bend,  
in heaven and on earth and  
under the earth,  
and every tongue should confess  
that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

The Word of the Lord.  
*Thanks be to God.*

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

*Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

"What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

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****BCP 387**

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	Richard	John	Joyce	Heather	Joell
Jean	Dhara	Kathleen	Sue	Mary	Linda
Susan	Julee	Theodore	Skip	Jimmy	Mary
Joan	Lorraine	Paul	Jeanette	Ruth	
CeCe	Edith	Louis	Virginia	June	
Elizabeth	Libby	Kay	Sara	Clare	

For those celebrating the anniversary of their birth this week: Miles Herman, Julie Carter, Gilleen Richardson

**The Lord's Prayer**

**BCP 364**

**Hymn:** There's a wideness in God's mercy (Beecher)

**Hymnal # 470**

**Peace**

**Dismissal**

**Postlude** Variations on *Bunessan* - Charles Callahan, 2006

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Morning

*Unison or harmony*

1 Morn-ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing,  
 2 Sweet the rain's new fall sun - lit from hea - ven,  
 3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing

black-bird has spo - ken like the first bird. \_\_\_\_\_  
 like the first dew - fall on the first grass. \_\_\_\_\_  
 born of the one light E - den saw play! \_\_\_\_\_

Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the morn - ing!  
 Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet gar - den,  
 Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - ery morn - ing,

Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word! \_\_\_\_\_  
 sprung in com - plete - ness where his feet pass. \_\_\_\_\_  
 God's re - cre - a - tion, of the new day! \_\_\_\_\_

Words: Eleanor Farjeon (1881-1965), alt.  
 Music: Bunessan, Gaelic melody; harm. Alec Wyton (b. 1921)

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## Canticle 20

Glory to God *Gloria in excelsis*

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
 peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -  
 might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we  
 praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,  
 on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you  
 take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;  
 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -  
 ceive our prayer. 6. For  
 you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,  
 7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the  
 Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of  
 God the Fa - ther. A - - - men.

Setting: William Mathias (b. 1934)

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Jesus Christ our Lord

1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer - cy like the wide-ness of the sea;  
 2 There is no place where earth's sor - rows are more felt than up in heaven;  
 3 For the love of God is broad - er than the mea - sure of the mind;

there's a kind-ness in his jus-tice, which is more than lib - er - ty.  
 there is no place where earth's fail-ings have such kind - ly judg-ment given.  
 and the heart of the E - ter - nal is most won - der - ful - ly kind.

There is wel - come for the sin - ner, and more gra - ces for the good;  
 There is plen - ti - ful re - demp-tion in the blood that has been shed;  
 If our love were but more faith-ful, we should take him at his word;

there is mer - cy with the Sa - vior; there is heal - ing in his blood.  
 there is joy for all the mem - bers in the sor - rows of the Head.  
 and our life would be thanks-giv - ing for the good-ness of the Lord.

Words: Frederick William Faber (1814-1863), alt.  
 Music: Beecher, John Zundel (1815-1882), alt.

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Although the office has limited hours\* 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](#).

**Join us in Cyber Choir!** You need not be a member of our Chancel Choir to participate. Make independent sound files of anthems and/or hymns at your convenience to be blended with other singers. Contact the Director of Music through the church office for more info and a Zoom Link to our instructional meetings on Thursdays @ 7pm.

**October 1st** marks the 3rd anniversary of the dedication of our new congregational hymnals, *Lift Every Voice and Sing II*. Throughout the month of October, our Sunday Livestream services will include hymns from this collection. Please join us in song!

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