

NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Proper 23

Service of Antecomunion
St. John's Episcopal Church
Ithaca, NY 14850
October 11, 2020
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Hymns can be found at the end of the bulletin.

Prelude* *Fantasia in F for organ and oboe* - Johann Ludwig Krebs (1713-1780)

Hymn: In Christ there is no East or West (McKee) LEVAS 62 verses 1, 3 & 4 (or Hymnal # 529)

Opening Acclamation **BCP 355**

Gloria **Hymnal # S-278**

Collect of the Day

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; 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 25:1-9

O Lord, you are my God;
I will exalt you, I will praise your
name;
for you have done wonderful things,
plans formed of old, faithful and sure.
For you have made the city a heap,
the fortified city a ruin;
the palace of aliens is a city no more,
it will never be rebuilt.
Therefore strong peoples will glorify you;
cities of ruthless nations will fear you.
For you have been a refuge to the poor,
a refuge to the needy in their distress,
a shelter from the rainstorm and a
shade from the heat.
When the blast of the ruthless was like a
winter rainstorm,
the noise of aliens like heat in a dry
place,
you subdued the heat with the shade of
clouds;
the song of the ruthless was stilled.

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will
make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-
aged wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of
well-aged wines strained clear.
And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the sheet that is spread over all
nations;
he will swallow up death forever.
Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears
from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will
take away from all the earth,
for the Lord has spoken.
It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our
God; we have waited for him, so that
he might save us.
This is the Lord for whom we have
waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his
salvation.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 23

Dominus regit me

- 1 The Lord is my shepherd; *
I shall not be in want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures *
and leads me beside still waters.
- 3 He revives my soul *
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall fear no evil; *
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *
you have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup is running over.
- 6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Epistle

Philippians 4:1-9

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem: I will arise and go to Jesus - arr. by Austin C. Lovelace (1919-2010)

based on the tune *Restoration* from *Southern Harmony*

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Once more Jesus spoke to the people in parables, saying: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’ But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

“But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ For many are called, but few are chosen.”

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:

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

For those celebrating the anniversary of their birth this week:

Lisa Tatusko, Deb Schmidle, Marguerite Wells, Rachel Clarkson

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

Hymn: Jesus, Lover of my soul (Martyn)

LEVAS # 79

Peace

Dismissal

Postlude* *Tierce en taille* from "Mass for the Convents" - François Couperin (1688-1739)

***Special thanks** for our prelude and postlude today, offered by guest organist George Damp, along with his friend oboist William Denton. These recordings were made in 1997 at Grace Church, Elmira.

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The Church's Mission

Unison or harmony

1 In Christ there is no East or West, in
2 Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, what -
3 In Christ now meet both East and West, in

him no South or North, but one great fel - low -
e'er your race may be! Who serves my Fa - ther
him meet South and North, all Christ - ly souls are

ship of love through - out the whole wide earth.
as his child is sure - ly kin to me.
one in him, through - out the whole wide earth.

Words: John Oxenham (1852-1941), alt.

Music: McKee, Afro-American spiritual; adapt. and harm. Harry T. Burleigh (1866-1949)

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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)

Jesus, Lover of My Soul

1. Je - sus, lov - er of my soul, Let me to thy bo - som fly,
 2. Oth - er ref - uge have I none, Hangs my help - less soul on thee;
 3. Plen - teous grace with thee is found, Grace to cleanse from ev - 'ry sin;

1. While the near - er wa - ters roll, While the tem - pest still is high;
 2. Leave, ah! leave me not a - lone, Still sup - port and com - fort me!
 3. Let the heal - ing streams a - bound, Make and keep me pure with - in.

1. Hide me, O my Sa - vior, hide, Till the storm of life be past;
 2. All my trust on thee is stayed; All my help from thee I bring;
 3. Thou of life the foun - tain art, Free - ly let me take of thee:

1. Safe in - to the ha - ven guide, O re - ceive my soul at last.
 2. Cov - er my de - fence - less head With the sha - dow of thy wing.
 3. Spring thou up with - in my heart, Rise to all e - ter - ni - ty.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)
 Music: Charles Wesley and Simeon B. Marsh (1798-1875)



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If you would like to contribute to our ministries, 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 315-757-0251, or e-mail mtrmegan@stjohnsithaca.org. She also is available to Skype, Zoom or FaceTime!

Forward Day by Day, a daily devotional booklet, is available for November- January. We also have some copies of the earlier booklet, which runs through October. If you would like a copy, please contact the office and we will mail it to you.

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](#).

October 1st marked the 3rd anniversary of the dedication of our new congregational hymnals, *Lift Every Voice and Sing II*. Each Sunday Livestream service this month will include hymns from this collection.

Sing in Cyber Choir! Make independent sound files of anthems and/or hymns at your convenience to be blended with other singers for our worship services. Contact the Director of Music through the church office for info and a zoom link to our 45 minute instructional meetings on Thursdays @ 7pm.

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