

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Proper 25

Service of Antecomunion

October 25, 2020

St. John's Episcopal Church, Ithaca, NY 14850

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Hymns can be found at the end of the bulletin.

Prelude* *Organ Prelude in G Major*, op. 37 - Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

Hymn: Father, we praise thee (Christe Sanctorum)

Hymnal # 1

Opening Acclamation

BCP 355

Gloria

Hymnal # S-278

Collect of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

First Lesson

Leviticus 19:1-2,15-18

The Lord spoke to Moses, saying:

Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy.

You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbor. You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbor: I am the Lord.

You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 1

Beatus vir qui non abiit

1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, *
nor lingered in the way of sinners,
nor sat in the seats of the scornful!
2 Their delight is in the law of the Lord, *
and they meditate on his law day and night.
3 They are like trees planted by streams of water,
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that
do not wither; *
everything they do shall prosper.

4 It is not so with the wicked; *
they are like chaff which the wind blows
away.
5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright
when judgment comes, *
nor the sinner in the council of the
righteous.
6 For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, *
but the way of the wicked is doomed.

Epistle**1 Thessalonians 2:1-8**

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel**Matthew 22:34-46**

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: "What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,

'The Lord said to my Lord,
"Sit at my right hand,
until I put your enemies under your feet"?'"

If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

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
Jeanette	Lorraine	Paul	Joe	Ruth	
CeCe	Edith	Louis	Virginia	June	
Elizabeth	Libby	Kay	Sara	Clare	

For those celebrating the anniversary of their birth this week: Sarah Anderson, Rob Steuteville, Elsa Grace Wagner, Melinda Oakes

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

Hymn: Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love (Chereponi)

LEVAS # 74

Peace

Dismissal

Postlude Variations on *Christe Sanctorum* (Father, we praise thee) - Charles Callahan, 2006

***Grateful thanks** for our prelude today, shared with us by guest organist and parishioner George Damp. This professional recording of his work was made in 1997 at Grace Church, Elmira.

Morning

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1 Fa - ther, we praise thee, now the night is
 2 Mon - arch of all things, fit us for thy
 3 All ho - ly Fa - ther, Son, and e - qual



o - ver, ac - tive and watch - ful, stand we all be -
 man - sions; ban - ish our weak - ness, health and whole-ness
 Spi - rit, Trin - i - ty bless - ed, send us thy sal -



fore thee; sing - ing we of - fer prayer and med - i -
 send - ing; bring us to hea - ven, where thy saints u -
 va - tion; thine is the glo - ry, gleam - ing and re -



ta - tion: thus we a - dore thee.
 nit - ed joy with - out end - ing.
 sound - ing through all cre - a - tion.

Words: Latin, 10th cent.; tr. Percy Dearmer (1867-1936)
 Music: *Christe sanctorum*, melody from *Antiphoner*, 1681

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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, heav - en - 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)

Jesu, Jesu

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Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love, show

us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you. **Fine**

1. Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - es their
 2. Neigh - bors are rich and poor, neigh - bors are black and
 3. These are the ones we should serve, these are the ones we should
 4. Lov - ing puts us on our knees, serv - ing as though we are
 5. Kneel at the feet of our friends, si - lent - ly wash - ing their

D.C.
 1. feet, Mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.
 2. white, neigh - bors are near and far a - way.
 3. love; all these are neigh - bors to us and you.
 4. slaves, this is the way we should live with you.
 5. feet, this is the way we should live with you.

Words: John 13:1-17; adapt. Tom Colvin, 1969
 Music: Ghana Folk Song; adapt. Tom Colvin, 1969; harm. Charles H. Webb, 1988
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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!

Please Join Us

Coffee Hour, today at 11:30 on zoom <https://zoom.us/j/91221585167>

Join us for Morning Prayer weekdays at 9:30 on [FaceBook](#) & [YouTube](#).

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

Sing with Cyber Choir! Make independent sound files of anthems and/or hymns to be blended with other singers for our worship services. Contact the Director of Music through the church office for more info and a zoom link to our 40 minute meetings on Thursdays @ 7pm.

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