

**TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**Proper 27**

**Service of Antecommunion  
St. John's Episcopal Church  
Ithaca, NY 14850**

**November 8, 2020 Year A**

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Hymns can be found at the end of the bulletin.

**Prelude:** Meditation on *Slane* - Dale Wood (1934 - 2003)

**Hymn:** O God of every nation (Llangloffan)

**Hymnal # 607**

**Opening Acclamation**

**BCP 355**

**Gloria**

**Hymnal # S-278**

**Collect of the Day**

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

**First Lesson**

**Amos 5:18-24**

Thus says the Lord, the God of hosts, the Lord:

Alas for you who desire the day of the Lord!

Why do you want the day of the Lord?

It is darkness, not light;

as if someone fled from a lion, and was met by a bear;

or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall,

and was bitten by a snake.

Is not the day of the Lord darkness, not light,

and gloom with no brightness in it?

I hate, I despise your festivals,

and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.

Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,

I will not accept them;

and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals

I will not look upon.

Take away from me the noise of your songs;

I will not listen to the melody of your harps.

But let justice roll down like waters,

and righteousness like an everflowing stream.

The Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

1 Be pleased, O God, to deliver me; \*  
 O Lord, make haste to help me.  
 2 Let those who seek my life be ashamed  
 and altogether dismayed; \*  
 let those who take pleasure in my  
 misfortune  
 draw back and be disgraced.  
 3 Let those who say to me "Aha!" and  
 gloat over me turn back, \*  
 because they are ashamed.

4 Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad  
 in you; \*  
 let those who love your salvation say  
 for ever,  
 "Great is the Lord!"  
 5 But as for me, I am poor and needy; \*  
 come to me speedily, O God.  
 6 You are my helper and my deliverer; \*  
 O Lord, do not tarry.

**Epistle**

**1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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

**Gospel**

**Matthew 25:1-13**

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

Jesus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

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	Lisa
CeCe	Edith	Louis	Virginia	June	Keith
Elizabeth	Libby	Kay	Sara	Clare	

For those celebrating the anniversary of their birth this week: Libby Hedrick, Harvy Wilkin, Melissa Gallison, David Blanton, Aaron Wagner, Lynne Saulbury

**The Lord's Prayer**

**BCP 364**

**Hymn:** Lord of all hopefulness (Slane)

**Hymnal # 482**

**Peace**

**Dismissal**

**Postlude:** Finale on *Ora Labora* (Come, labor on) - tune by C. H. H. Parry (1848-1918)

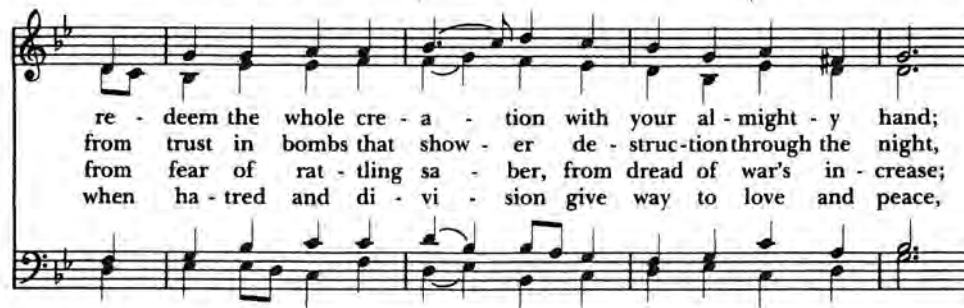
setting by Charles Callahan, 2003

## Christian Responsibility

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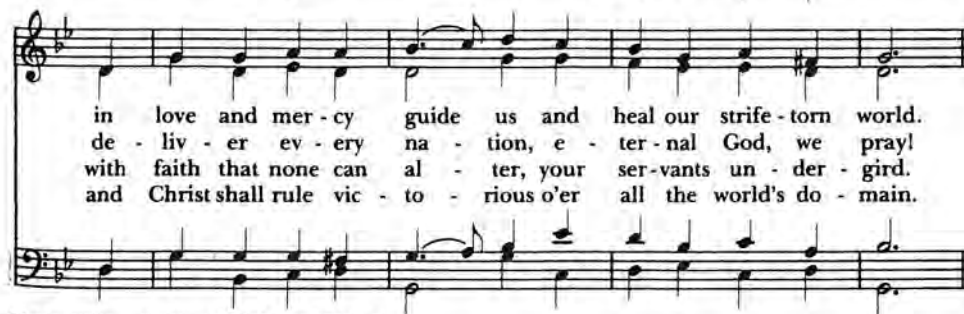
1 O God of ev - ery na - tion, of ev - ery race and land,  
 2 From search for wealth and pow - er and scorn of truth and right,  
 3 Lord, strength-en all who la - bor that we may find re - lease  
 4 Keep bright in us the vi - sion of days when war shall cease,



re - deem the whole cre - a - tion with your al - might - y hand;  
 from trust in bombs that show - er de - struc-tion through the night,  
 from fear of rat - tling sa - ber, from dread of war's in - crease;  
 when ha - tred and di - vi - sion give way to love and peace,



where hate and fear di - vide us and bit - ter threats are hurled,  
 from pride of race and na - tion and blind - ness to your way,  
 when hope and cour - age fal - ter, your still small voice be heard;  
 till dawns the morn - ing glo - rious when truth and jus - tice reign



in love and mer - cy guide us and heal our strife - torn world.  
 de - liv - er ev - ery na - tion, e - ter - nal God, we pray!  
 with faith that none can al - ter, your ser - vants un - der - gird.  
 and Christ shall rule vic - to - rious o'er all the world's do - main.

Words: William Watkins Reid, Jr. (b. 1923), alt.

Music: *Llangloffan*, melody from *Hymnau a Thonau er Gwasanoeth yr Eglwys yng Nghymru*, 1865;  
 harmon. *The English Hymnal*, 1906

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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 Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy,  
2 Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith,  
3 Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace,  
4 Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm,



whose trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could des - troy,  
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,  
your hands swift to wel - come, your arms to em - brace,  
whose voice is con - tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm,



be there at our wak - ing, and give us, we pray,  
be there at our la - bors, and give us, we pray,  
be there at our hom - ing, and give us, we pray,  
be there at our sleep - ing, and give us, we pray,



your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.  
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.  
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.  
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

Words: Jan Struther (1901-1953)

Music: Slane, Irish ballad melody; adapt. *The Church Hymnary*, 1927

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**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](#).

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