

**THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
CHRIST THE KING**

**Proper 29**

**Service of Antecommunion  
St. John's Episcopal Church**

**Ithaca, NY 14850**

**November 22, 2020 Year A**

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Hymns can be found at the end of the bulletin.

**Prelude** *Wir glauben all' an einen Gott* (We believe in one God), from *Clavierübung III* J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

**Hymn: All creatures that on earth do dwell (Old 100th)**

**Hymnal # 377 (omit vs. 5)**

**Opening Acclamation**

**BCP 355**

**Gloria**

**BCP 356 (Hymnal S278)**

**Collect of the Day**

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

**First Lesson**

**Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24**

Thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the Lord, have spoken.

The Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

**Psalm 95:1-7a****Venite, exultemus**

- 1 Come, let us sing to the Lord; \*  
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.
- 2 Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \*  
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.
- 3 For the Lord is a great God, \*  
and a great King above all gods.
- 4 In his hand are the caverns of the earth, \*  
and the heights of the hills are his also.
- 5 The sea is his, for he made it, \*  
and his hands have molded the dry land.
- 6 Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \*  
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
- 7 For he is our God,  
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

**Epistle****Ephesians 1:15-23**

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

The Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

**Hymn: We gather together (Kremser)****Hymnal # 433****Gospel****Matthew 25:31-46**

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

*Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus said, "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw

you sick or in prison and visited you?’ And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.’ Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?’ Then he will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

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	Jimmy	Mary
Jean	Dhara	Kathleen	Sue	Ruth	James
Susan	Julee	Theodore	Skip	June	Lisa
Joan	Lorraine	Paul	Virginia	Clare	Keith
CeCe	Edith	Louis	John	Joell	Mary
Elizabeth	Libby	Kay	Mary	Linda	

For those celebrating the anniversary of their birth this week:

Matthew Sanaker, Jasmine Wagner, Cameron Park-Miller.

**The Lord's Prayer**

**BCP 364**

**Hymn: We plow the fields and scatter (Wir pflugen)**

**Hymnal # 291**

**Peace**

**Dismissal**

**Postlude *St. George's Windsor* (Come, ye thankful people)**

**organ settings by Charles Callahan and T. Tertius Noble**

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Praise to God

*Unison or harmony*

1 All peo - ple that on earth do dwell, sing to the Lord with  
 2 Know that the Lord is God in - deed; with - out our aid he  
 3 O en - ter then his gates with praise, ap - proach with joy his  
 4 For why? the Lord our God is good, his mer - cy is for  
~~\* 5 To Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, the God whom heaven and~~

1 cheer - ful voice: him serve with mirth, his praise forth  
 2 did us make: we are his folk, he doth us  
 3 courts un - to; praise, laud, and bless his Name al -  
 4 ev - er sure; his truth at all times firm - ly  
~~5 earth a - dore, from men and from the an - gel~~

1 tell, come ye be - fore him and re - - jice.  
 2 feed, and for his sheep he doth us - - take.  
 3 ways, for it is seem - ly so to do.  
 4 stood, and shall from age to age en - - dure.  
~~5 host be - praise and glo - ry ev - er more.~~

Words: William Kethe (d. 1608?); para. of Psalm 100  
 Music: *Old 100th*, melody from *Pseaumes octante trois de David*, 1551, alt.;  
 harm. after Louis Bourgeois (1510?-1561?)

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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. 1894)

Praise to God

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1 We gath - er to - geth - er to ask the Lord's bless - ing;  
 2 Be - side us to guide us, our God with us join - ing,  
 3 We all do ex - tol thee, thou lead - er tri - um - phant,

he chas - tens and has - tens his will to make known;  
 or - dain - ing, main - tain - ing his king - dom di - vine;  
 and pray that thou still our de - fend - er wilt be.

the wick - ed op - press - ing now cease from dis - tress - ing:  
 so from the be - gin - ning the fight we were win - ning:  
 Let thy con - gre - ga - tion es - cape trib - u - la - tion:

sing prais - es to his Name; he for - gets not his own.  
 thou, Lord, wast at our side: all glo - ry be thine!  
 thy Name be ev - er praised! O Lord, make us free!

Words: Anon. 1625; tr. Theodore Baker (1851-1934)

Music: Kremser, from *Nederlandsch Gedenckclank*, 1626; arr. Eduard Kremser (1838-1914)

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Holy Days and Various Occasions

1 We plow the fields, and scat - ter the good seed on the land,  
 2 He on - ly is the Ma - ker of all things near and far;  
 3 We thank thee, then, O Fa - ther, for all things bright and good,

but it is fed and wa - tered by God's al - might - y hand;  
 he paints the way - side flow - er, he lights the eve - ning star;  
 the seed - time and the har - vest, our life, our health, our food:

he sends the snow in win - ter, the warmth to swell the grain,  
 the winds and waves o - bey him, by him the birds are fed;  
 the gifts we have to of - fer are what thy love im - parts,

the breez - es and the sun - shine, and soft re - fresh - ing rain.  
 much more to us, his chil - dren, he gives our dai - ly bread.  
 but chief - ly thou de - sir - est our hum - ble thank - ful hearts.

*Refrain*

All good gifts a - round us are sent from heaven a - bove;

then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord for all his love.

*Thanksgiving Day.*

Words: Matthias Claudius (1740-1815); tr. Jane Montgomery Campbell (1817-1878), alt.  
 Music: *Wir pflugen*, Johann Abraham Peter Schulz (1747-1800)

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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 her at 315-757-0251, or e-mail [mtrmegan@stjohnsithaca.org](mailto:mtrmegan@stjohnsithaca.org).

If you would like to contribute to our ministries, you may [make a secure donation here](#). Thank you!

#### **Please Join Us!**

Sign up for our weekly newsletter [The Fledgling](#) by contacting the church office.

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](#).

**TO ALL** who sang with our Cyber Choirs this past summer and fall: whether you joined in dozens of hymns or only a handful or just one favorite, your contribution greatly enriched our shared worship! Many thanks to Susie Backstrom, Julia Callaghan, Mtr. Megan Castellan, Sally Clayton, Ben Dean, Jen Dodwell, Leah Etheridge, Jerome Fung, Josette Garrison, AnnMarie Hautaniemi, Karen A. Hindenlang, Charlotte Hoekenga, Mary Beth James, Michael Roman, Matthew Stedinger, Robin Steuteville, Skye Steuteville, Constance Stirling-Engman, Crawford R. Thoburn, Sara VanLooy, Beverly G. Way, John Wootton, and Baobao Zhang.

**PHOTOS** to accompany the music in our online services are needed! If you have some local scenes that Karen could use with your permission, please send them to the church office; thank you.

**SING** with our Cyber Choirs and serve St. John's in worship while you learn all sorts of new things about music, singing, and technology . Information on our winter work is [here](#)!

**Adult Forum will be discussing the book of Revelation.** Ever wonder about the apocalypse? Worried 2020 might be it? Come ask any and all questions as we dive deep into the scariest/most misunderstood book of the Bible! The book we will be reading alongside is Barbara Rossing's [Rapture Exposed: The Message of Hope in the Book of Revelation](#) . Our first meeting will be November 15 at 9am. [Zoom link is here.](#)