

THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Trinity Sunday

St. John's Episcopal Church, Ithaca NY

May 30, 2021 Year B

10:30 AM

* Indicates please stand

Prelude Paraphrase on *St. Patrick's Breastplate / Deidre* - Rebecca Groom te Velde, 2015

Hymn Holy, holy, holy! (Nicaea)

Hymnal # 362 (omit vs. 2)

*Opening Acclamation

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen

*Collect for Purity

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*Gloria

Hymnal # S-278

*The Collect of The Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given to us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of your divine Majesty to worship the Unity: Keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see you in your one and eternal glory, O Father; who with the Son and the Holy Spirit live and reign, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The First Lesson

Isaiah 6:1-8

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory.”

The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: “Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!”

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: “Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.” Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I; send me!”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 29

Afferte Domino

- 1 Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, *
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
- 2 Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his Name; *
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.
- 3 The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;
the God of glory thunders; *
the Lord is upon the mighty waters.
- 4 The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; *
the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.
- 5 The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; *
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
- 6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, *
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.
- 7 The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire;
the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; *
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- 8 The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe *
and strips the forests bare.
- 9 And in the temple of the Lord *
all are crying, "Glory!"
- 10 The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; *
the Lord sits enthroned as King for evermore.
- 11 The Lord shall give strength to his people; *
the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

The Epistle Reading

Romans 8:12-17

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh-- for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ-- if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

*The Gospel Reading

John 3:1-17

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John .
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of

water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?"

"Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Megan Castellan

*The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius
Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

He will come again in glory to judge the living
and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver
of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped
and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic
Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the
forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

***The Prayers of the People**

Let us offer our prayers in the Name of God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, responding to each petition, "Hear us, blessed Trinity."

+ Creator of the universe, and all that dwells in the seas, and skies, and all creatures who inhabit the earth, help us to guard your holy treasures and to delight in all that you have made; let us pray.

Hear us, blessed Trinity.

+ Word of truth, open our hearts to receive your message as it is revealed through holy scripture, the witness of your Church, and in the minds and hearts of your faithful; let us pray.

Hear us, blessed Trinity.

+ Spirit of life, strengthen us to reveal the fruits of the kingdom through the actions of our daily lives; let us pray.

Hear us, blessed Trinity.

+ Architect of all that is seen and unseen, may we rebuild the world in peace, and give to each other the good gifts which you formed in creation; let us pray.

Hear us, blessed Trinity.

+ Incarnate One, help us to offer your grace throughout the world, bringing people of every language, nation, and tribe into the baptismal waters of your saving love; let us pray.

Hear us, blessed Trinity.

+ Wisdom from on high, descend upon your faithful people, that our voices and actions may echo your hope for humanity; let us pray.

Hear us, blessed Trinity.

Gathered on this holy Sabbath, day of rest and praise, joy and worship; we continue our prayers.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, and especially for:

Theodore	Kathleen	Martha	Suzy	Cecil
Dhara	Wes	Mary	Paul	Edith
Lorraine	Susan	James	Skip	
Loraine	Joan	Jay	Hattye	
Lucy	Jean	Terry	Elaine	
Carol	James	Alan	Pat	
Kathryn	Laura	Sara	Jerry	

For those celebrating the anniversary of their birth this week. Jay Carter, Kate McKee, John Wootton, Ruth Smith, Payton Tracey

Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;*

*we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

***The Peace**

Please remain in your pew. Wave!

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Announcements & Welcome

Offertory Anthem

Sing to the Lord a new song - John Wyatt Burson, 1993

Refrain - Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things,
Sing to the Lord and praise his name, proclaim him the King of kings.

He has made his salvation known to all the ends of the earth,
He has remembered his love and his faithfulness to all people. *Refrain*

Shout for joy and make music to him with harps and the voice of a psalm.
Sound the trumpets and play the horns, he is the righteous one. *Refrain*

St. John's Cyber Choir, May 2021

Offertory Sentence

***The Great Thanksgiving**

Expanded Language Prayer A

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts

People: We lift them to the Lord

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant: *continuing:* Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Holy, holy, holy (Sanctus)

Hymnal # S-130

Holy and gracious God:
In your infinite love you made us for yourself;
And when we had fallen into sin
And became subject to evil and death,
you, in your mercy,
Sent Jesus Christ,

Your only and eternal Son,
To share our human nature,
To live and die as one of us,
To reconcile us to you,
The God and maker of all.
Jesus stretched out his arms upon the cross,

And offered himself, in obedience to your will,
A perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death,
Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread;
And when he had given thanks to you,
He broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said,
“Take, eat:
This is my Body, which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine;
And when he had given thanks,
He gave it to them, and said
“Drink this, all of you:
This is my Blood of the New Covenant,
Which is shed for you and for many
For the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died
Christ is risen
Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God,
In this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving.
Recalling Christ’s death, resurrection, and ascension,
We offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit
To be for your people
The Body and Blood of your Son,
The holy food and drink of new and unending life in Christ.

Sanctify us also
That we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament,
And serve you in unity, constancy, and peace;
And at the last day, bring us with
All your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Savior.
By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,

In the unity of the Holy Spirit
All honor and glory is yours, Almighty God,
Now and forever.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Fraction

Lamb of God (*Agnus Dei*)

Hymnal # S-164

The Communion of the People

All people are invited to the Lord's Table. During the covid-19 pandemic, and in accordance with diocesan guidelines, Eucharist will be distributed in the form of the bread. Please come forward in a single line in the center aisle, to receive. Wait to remove your mask until you return to your seat, and then replace it after consuming the Sacrament.

Post Communion Prayer

Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing

Hymn The God of Abraham praise (*Leont*)

Hymnal # 401 (omit verses 3 & 5)

Dismissal

Postlude Irish melodies *Deidre / St. Patrick's Breastplate*, arr. by R. Vaughan Williams and C. V. Stanford

Liturgical Ministers Jennifer Dodwell- Fung, Margaret Johnson, Jerome Fung

Heartfelt Thanks to all the singers who participated in our Cyber Choirs, which began a year ago! While they are taking a break from rehearsing and recording, the choir will still be with us in worship.

1 Ho - ly ho - ly ho - ly! Lord — God Al - might - y!

3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,
4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord — God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee:

though the sin - ful hu - man eye thy glo - ry may not see,
All thy works shall praise thy Name, in earth, and sky, and sea;

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y,
on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y,

God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.
per - fect in power, in love, and pu - ri - ty.
God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.

Words: Reginald Heber (1783-1826), alt.
Music: *Nicaea*, John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876)

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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)

SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and
might. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
God of pow'r and might. Heav - en and earth are
full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the
high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Music: *Deutsche Messe*, Franz Schubert, 1797-1828; adapt. by Richard Proulx, © 1985, 1989, GIA Publications, Inc.

AGNUS DEI



Je - sus, Lamb of God, have mer - cy on us.
Je - sus, Bear - er of our sins, have mer - cy on us.
Je - sus, Re - deem - er, Re - deem - er of the world,
give us your peace, give us your peace.

Music: *Deutsche Messe*, Franz Schubert, 1797-1828; adapt. by Richard Proulx, © 1985, 1989, GIA Publications, Inc.

1 The God of A - braham praise, who reigns en - throned a - bove;
 2 He by him - self hath sworn: we on his oath de - pend;
 4 The God who reigns on high the great arch - an - gels sing,

1 An - cient of ev - er - last - ing days, and God of love;
 2 we shall, on ea - gle - wings up - borne, to heaven a - scend:
 4 and "Ho - ly, no - ly, ho - ly," cry, "Al - might - y King!

1 the Lord, the great I AM, by earth and heaven con - fessed:
 2 we shall be - hold his face, we shall his power a - dore,
 4 Who was, and is, the same, and ev - er - more shall be:

1 we bow and bless the sa - cred Name for ev - er blest.
 2 and sing the won - ders of his grace for ev - er - more.
 4 e - ter - nal Fa - ther, great I AM, we wor - ship thee."

Words: Thomas Olivers (1725-1799), alt.

Music: *Leoni*, Hebrew melody; harm. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1875, alt.

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2021 Offering of Letters: God Calls us to Advocate for an End to Hunger and Poverty

The Guardian reports that the director of a food justice organization noted the racialized nature of food insecurity and poverty in the U.S. and added that "Food insecurity is absolutely a political choice, 100%. This could be in our history books if governments decided to tackle poverty and food insecurity." According to CNN, much economic activity in the Philippines has ground to a halt due to multiple coronavirus lockdowns. Consequently, private food banks and community kitchens have sprouted across the country yet there is never enough food to go around. For many Filipinos hunger trumps the fear of coronavirus.

Write your representatives in Congress and urge them to reduce hunger in the U.S. and around the world.

- Go to the Bread for the World website at www.bread.org
- Scroll down to Offering of Letters to Congress
- Click on "[WRITE TO CONGRESS](#)"
- In the body of the email message make sure to include your Name, Address [Street, City, State, Zip Code], and Email address.
- Your email will go to Sen. Schumer, Sen. Gillibrand, and Rep. Reed.

VERY IMPORTANT!!! Personalize your message by writing one or two sentences about why you care about people struggling with hunger and poverty.

PLEASE REPORT YOUR RESULTS via email or text to St. John's (office@stjohnsithaca.org) to let us know that you wrote your members of Congress. "It only takes **7 letters** for an office to notice an issue, assign an aide to research and form an opinion," a Bread for the World organizer claims.

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Please Join Us

Coffee Hour:

In person after the service in the St. John's front yard

Today after the service on zoom <https://zoom.us/j/91221585167>

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

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