

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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St. John's Episcopal Church, Ithaca NY

June 13, 2021 Year B

10:30 AM

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Prelude

Organ Settings from The Sacred Harp - James Boeringer (1930-2014)

*Hymn Thy kingdom come (St. Flavian)

Hymnal # 615

*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-178

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand
of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father, Amen.

*The Collect of The Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Keep, O Lord, your household the Church in your steadfast faith and love, that through your grace we may proclaim your truth with boldness, and minister your justice with compassion; for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Samuel went to Ramah; and Saul went up to his house in Gibeah of Saul. Samuel did not see Saul again until the day of his death, but Samuel grieved over Saul. And the Lord was sorry that he had made Saul king over Israel.

The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the Lord said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the Lord." But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has not chosen any of these." Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 20 *Exaudiat te Dominus*

- 1 May the Lord answer you in the day of trouble, *
the Name of the God of Jacob defend you;
- 2 Send you help from his holy place *
and strengthen you out of Zion;
- 3 Remember all your offerings *
and accept your burnt sacrifice;
- 4 Grant you your heart's desire *
and prosper all your plans.
- 5 We will shout for joy at your victory
and triumph in the Name of our God; *
may the Lord grant all your requests.
- 6 Now I know that the Lord gives victory to his anointed; *
he will answer him out of his holy heaven,
with the victorious strength of his right hand.

7 Some put their trust in chariots and some in horses, *
but we will call upon the Name of the Lord our God.

8 They collapse and fall down, *
but we will arise and stand upright.

9 O Lord, give victory to the king *
and answer us when we call.

The Epistle Reading

2 Corinthians 5:6-10-17

We are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord-- for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

***The Gospel Reading**

Mark 4:26-34

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come."

He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

***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**

We offer our prayers to God, whose loving-kindness empowers us to grow from strength to strength, responding to each petition by saying, "Lord, hear our prayer."

+ That the Church may maintain a balance between faith and inquiry, truth and imagination, justice and pastoral sensitivity, so that unity may prevail in spite of differences, and differences may be tempered for the sake of unity; let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

+ For our President and advisors, senators and members of Congress, governors, mayors and members of local legislative bodies; that their decisions may support the wellbeing of all economic, social, and racial groups; let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

+ That in our ministry we may plant small seeds, trusting that by God's grace, our feeble efforts will produce beautiful and lofty trees laden with fruit; let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

+ For artists, actors, and athletes whose lifestyles are the models for our age, that they may turn from corrupting achievements, and reveal those enduring virtues from which moral conviction, responsibility, and honesty take root; let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

+ For all who are suffering from physical or emotional illness, that the Holy Spirit may answer them in the day of trouble and reveal the gift of hope in the night season; let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

+ For those who are traveling this summer, that they may journey in safety and return refreshed;

let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

+ For all who have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to God alone;

let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

May the love of Christ enter into our hearts as we continue to offer our prayers.

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

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

For those celebrating the anniversary of their birth this week: Gary Anderson, Mitchell Hall, Nancy Siemon, Beverly Green, Owen Hoekenga, Cecilia Goulart, Brett Oakes, Jr.

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 Sentence

***Offertory Hymn Father we thank thee** (*Rendez à Dieu*)

Hymnal # 302

*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, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest

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.

The Lord's Prayer

Fraction

Lamb of God (*Agnus Dei*)

Hymnal # S-164

The Lord's Prayer

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 isle, 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** *How firm a foundation, omit vs. 2 & 3 (Foundation)*

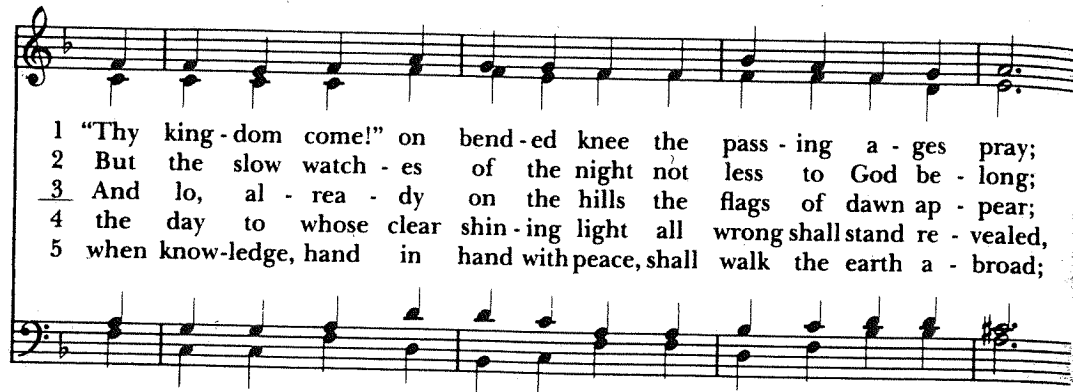
Hymnal # 636 omit vs. 2 & 3

Dismissal

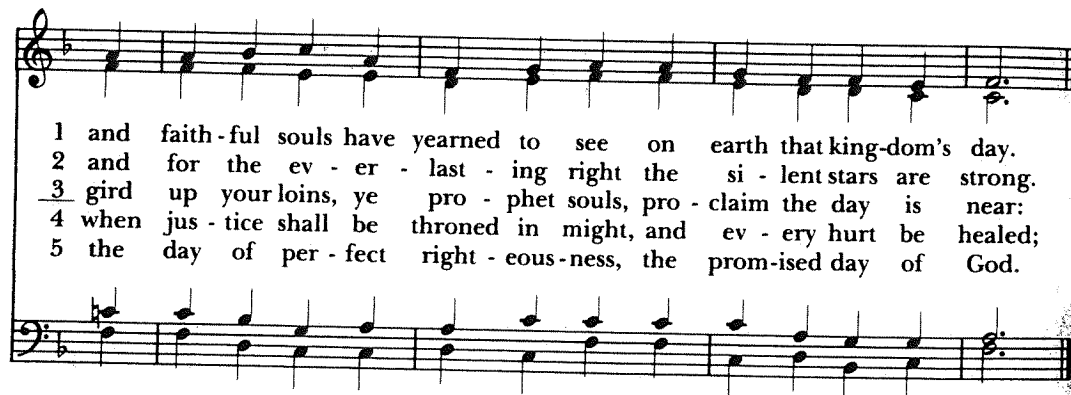
Postlude *The Spiritual Sailor*, hymn tune from *The Sacred Harp* - arr. James Boeringer (1930-2014)

Liturgical Ministers Jennifer Dodwell-Fung, Lisa Tatusko, Lloyd Hall

Many Thanks to all the brave singers who participated in Cyber Choir, which began just over one year ago! While the singers take a break from rehearsing and recording, their offerings will continue to enrich our worship this summer.



1 "Thy king - dom come!" on bend - ed knee the pass - ing a - ges pray;
 2 But the slow watch - es of the night not less to God be - long;
 3 And lo, al - rea - dy on the hills the flags of dawn ap - pear;
 4 the day to whose clear shin - ing light all wrong shall stand re - vealed,
 5 when know - ledge, hand in hand with peace, shall walk the earth a - broad;



1 and faith - ful souls have yearned to see on earth that king - dom's day.
 2 and for the ev - er - last - ing right the si - lent stars are strong.
 3 gird up your loins, ye pro - phet souls, pro - claim the day is near:
 4 when jus - tice shall be throned in might, and ev - ery hurt be healed;
 5 the day of per - fect right - eous - ness, the prom - ised day of God.

Words: Frederick Lucian Hosmer (1840-1929)

Music: *St. Flavian*, melody from *Day's Psalter*, 1562; adapt. and harm. Richard Redhead (1820-1901)

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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 -
 mighty 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)

1 Fa - ther, we thank thee who hast plant - ed thy ho - ly Name with -
2 Watch o'er thy Church, O Lord, in mer - cy, save it from e - vil,

in our hearts. Know - ledge and faith and life im - mor - tal Je - sus thy
guard it still, per - fect it in thy love, u - nite it, cleansed and con -

Son to us im - parts. Thou, Lord, didst make all for thy plea - sure,
formed un - to thy will. As grain, once scat - tered on the hill - sides,

didst give us food for all our days, giv - ing in Christ the
was in this bro - ken bread made one, so from all lands thy

Bread e - ter - nal; thine is the power, be thine the praise.
Church be gath - ered in - to thy king - dom by thy Son.

Words: Greek, ca. 110; tr. F. Bland Tucker (1895-1984), rev.
Music: *Rendez à Dieu*, melody and harm. att. Louis Bourgeois (1510?-1561?)

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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 How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,

4 "When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,

5 "The soul that to Jesus hath fled for repose,



1 is laid for your faith in his excellent word!

4 my grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;

5 I will not, I will not desert to its foes;



1 What more can he say than to you he hath said,

4 the flame shall not hurt thee; I only design

5 that soul, though all hell shall endeavor to shake,



1 to you that for refuge to Jesus have fled?

4 thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.

5 I'll never, no, never, no, never for-sake."



Words: K. in John Rippon's *Selection*, 1787, alt.
 Music: *Foundation*, melody from *The Sacred Harp*, 1844

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