

**FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**Proper 18**

St. John's Episcopal Church, Ithaca NY

September 5, 2021 Year B

**10:30 AM**

\* Indicates please stand

**Prelude Simple Gifts - American Folk Hymn Setting by Wilbur Held (1914-2015)**

**\*Hymn My Lord, what a morning (Traditional Spiritual)**

**Hymnal # L 13 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-280**

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.

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

## The First Lesson

Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23

A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches,  
and favour is better than silver or gold.

The rich and the poor have this in common:  
the Lord is the maker of them all.

Whoever sows injustice will reap calamity,  
and the rod of anger will fail.

Those who are generous are blessed,  
for they share their bread with the poor.

Do not rob the poor because they are poor,  
or crush the afflicted at the gate;  
for the Lord pleads their cause  
and despoils of life those who despoil them.

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

## Psalm 125

*Qui confidunt*

1 Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion, \*  
which cannot be moved, but stands fast for ever.

2 The hills stand about Jerusalem; \*  
so does the Lord stand round about his people,  
from this time forth for evermore.

3 The scepter of the wicked shall not hold sway over the land allotted to the just, \*  
so that the just shall not put their hands to evil.

4 Show your goodness, O Lord, to those who are good \*  
and to those who are true of heart.

5 As for those who turn aside to crooked ways,  
the Lord will lead them away with the evildoers; \*  
but peace be upon Israel.

## The Epistle Reading

James 2:1-10-17

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. For the one who said, "You shall not commit adultery," also said, "You shall not murder." Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. So speak and so act as

those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. For judgment will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment.

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill,” and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

The Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

**\*The Gospel Reading**

**Mark 7:24-37**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark .

*Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, “Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” But she answered him, “Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children’s crumbs.” Then he said to her, “For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.” So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, “He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.”

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.

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.  
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.

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**

Dear and gracious Father, the creator of the universe and architect of life, increase our compassion and gratitude for all you have given to us, as we offer our prayers and thanksgivings this day, responding to each petition by saying, "Savior, be with us."

+ Open our ears to hear the wisdom of the poor and alienated, so that our faith may increase, and our generosity expand; let us pray.

*Savior, be with us.*

+ Help us to love our neighbors more than we love ourselves, not just in prayer and words, but in works of mercy, that we may help others in establishing schools, medical centers, wells for water, farms for food, and security that leads to freedom from fear; let us pray.

*Savior, be with us.*

+ Grant integrity to lawyers and judges, legislators and corporate leaders, that through the honest execution of their responsibilities a renewal of trust may prevail in the governments and institutions of the world; let us pray.

*Savior, be with us.*

+ Arouse the missionary zeal of the Church, that we may be a baptizing community, bringing others into the fellowship of the holy and undivided Trinity, and equipping them to bear witness to the liberating love of Jesus; let us pray.

*Savior, be with us.*

+ Stay with those who labor for their daily bread, that they may be given a fair wage, healthy working conditions, and the opportunity for advancement; let us pray.

*Savior, be with us.*

+ In thanksgiving for teachers who tend to the formation of our children; may they work with enthusiasm and creativity, as they equip our young people for the challenges of an ever-changing world; let us pray.

*Savior, be with us.*

+ For those who have died, and for those who have died in vacant lots and empty rooms, that they may take their place in the eternal fellowship of the Lamb's high feast; let us pray.

*Savior, be with us.*

With God's mercy to temper our judgments, let us continue our prayers.

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

Christina	Mary	Cindy	Jean	Vivian
Amelia	Tom	Dan	Penny	
Dani	Carl	Wes	Giovanna	

For those celebrating the anniversary of their birth this week: Dylan McKibbon, Patrick Garrison, Virginia McGhee, Joyce Wootton

### **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**

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

**Please remain in your pew. Wave!**

### **Announcements & Welcome**

### **Offertory Sentence**

**\*Offertory Hymn** Blest are the pure in heart (*Franconia*)

**Hymnal # 656**

### **\*The Great Thanksgiving**

**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.

**Expanded Language Prayer A**

**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 Communion of the People**

*All people are invited to the Lord's Table. Eucharist will be distributed in the form of the bread with wine available for intincture. 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** Leaning on the everlasting arms (*Showalter*)

**Hymnal # L-196**

## **Dismissal**

**Postlude** *Wedlock* - American Folk Hymn Setting by Wilbur Held (1914-2015)

**Liturgical Ministers** Josette Garrison, Peg Coleman, Gwen Freeman

*Service Music Sung by the St. John's Cyber Choir*

*Today's flowers are given in loving memory of Eleanore Mikus by Gabrielle Burns  
Welcome Back to our organist Karen Hindenlang! Thank you George Damp for the summer!*

*Harmony*

My Lord, what a morn-ing, My Lord, what a morn-ing, O

**Fine**

my Lord, what a morn-ing, When the stars be-gin to fall.

*Unison*

1. You'll hear the trum - pet sound,  
 2. You'll hear the sin - ner mourn, To wake the  
 3. You'll hear the Chris - tian shout,

na - tions un - der - ground, Look-ing to my God's right

**D.C.**

hand, When the stars be - gin to fall.

Words: Traditional  
 Music: Negro Spiritual



## S 280

## 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: Robert Powell (b. 1932)

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1 Blest are the pure in heart, for they shall see our God; the  
 2 The Lord, who left the heavens our life and peace to bring, to  
 3 he to the low - ly soul will still him - self im - part and  
 4 Lord, we thy pres - ence seek; may ours this bless - ing be; give

se - cret of the Lord is theirs, their soul is Christ's a - bode.  
 dwell in low - li - ness with us, our pat - tern and our King;  
 for his dwell - ing and his throne will choose the pure in heart.  
 us a pure and low - ly heart, a tem - ple fit for thee.

Words: Sts. 1 and 3, John Keble (1792-1866), alt.; sts. 2 and 4, William John Hall (1793-1861), alt.  
 Music: *Franconia*, melody Johann Balthasar König (1691-1758);  
 adapt. and harm. William Henry Havergal (1793-1870)

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## 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.

# Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

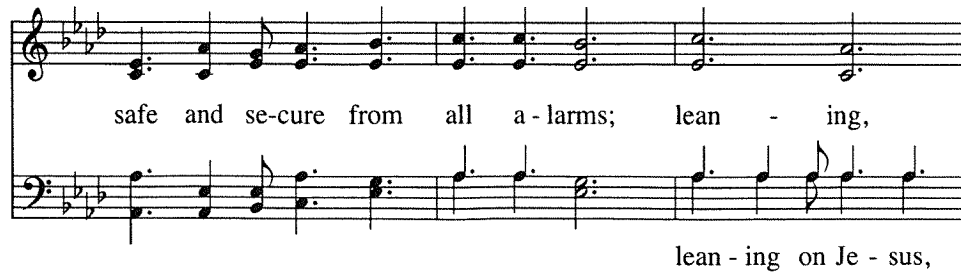
1. What a fel - low - ship, what a joy di - vine,  
 2. Oh, how sweet to walk in this pil - grim way,  
 3. What have I to dread, what have I to fear,

Lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms;

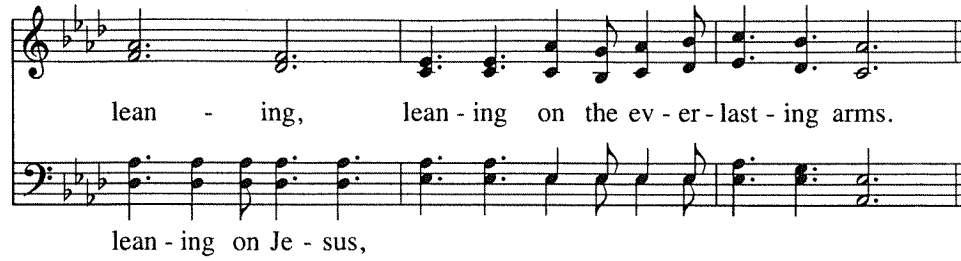
What a bless - ed - ness, what a peace is mine,  
 Oh, how bright the path grows from day to day,  
 I have bless - ed peace with my Lord so near,

Lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

Lean - ing, lean - ing,  
 Lean - ing on Je - sus, lean - ing on Je - sus,



safe and se-cure from all a-larms; lean - ing,  
lean - ing on Je - sus,



lean - ing, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.  
lean - ing on Je - sus,

Text: Elisha A. Hoffman, 1839-1929  
Tune: SHOWALTER, 10 9 10 9 with refrain; Anthony J. Showalter, 1858-1924



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Coffee Hour, today after the service in the front yard (weather permitting).

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

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