

NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

St. John's Episcopal Church, Ithaca NY

October 3, 2021 Year B

10:30 AM

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Prelude *Nun danket alle Gott (Now thank we all our God), opus 65*

Sigfrid Karg-Elert (1877–1933)

***Hymn** *Love divine, all loves excelling (Hyfrydol)*

Hymnal # 657

***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.

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The First Lesson

Job 1:1; 2:1–10

There was once a man in the land of Uz whose name was Job. That man was blameless and upright, one who feared God and turned away from evil.

One day the heavenly beings came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan also came among them to present himself before the Lord. The Lord said to Satan, “Where have you come from?” Satan answered the Lord, “From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking up and down on it.” The Lord said to Satan, “Have you considered my servant Job? There is no one like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man who fears God and turns away from evil. He still persists in his integrity, although you incited me against him, to destroy him for no reason.” Then Satan answered the Lord, “Skin for skin! All that people have they will give to save their lives. But stretch out your hand now and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will curse you to your face.” The Lord said to Satan, “Very well, he is in your power; only spare his life.”

So Satan went out from the presence of the Lord, and inflicted loathsome sores on Job from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head. Job took a potsherd with which to scrape himself, and sat among the ashes.

Then his wife said to him, “Do you still persist in your integrity? Curse God, and die.” But he said to her, “You speak as any foolish woman would speak. Shall we receive the good at the hand of God, and not receive the bad?” In all this Job did not sin with his lips.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 26

Judica me, Domine

1 Give judgment for me, O Lord,
for I have lived with integrity; *
I have trusted in the Lord and have not
faltered.
2 Test me, O Lord, and try me; *
examine my heart and my mind.
3 For your love is before my eyes; *
I have walked faithfully with you.
4 I have not sat with the worthless, *
nor do I consort with the deceitful.
5 I have hated the company of evildoers; *
I will not sit down with the wicked.
6 I will wash my hands in innocence,
O Lord, *
that I may go in procession round your
altar,

7 Singing aloud a song of thanksgiving *
and recounting all your wonderful
deeds.
8 Lord, I love the house in which you dwell *
and the place where your glory abides.
9 Do not sweep me away with sinners, *
nor my life with those who thirst for
blood,
10 Whose hands are full of evil plots, *
and their right hand full of bribes.
11 As for me, I will live with integrity; *
redeem me, O Lord, and have pity on
me.
12 My foot stands on level ground; *
in the full assembly I will bless
the Lord.

The Epistle Reading

Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God’s glory and the exact imprint of God’s very being, and he sustains all things by his

powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. But someone has testified somewhere,

“What are human beings that you are mindful of them,
or mortals, that you care for them?

You have made them for a little while lower than the angels;
you have crowned them with glory and honor,
subjecting all things under their feet.”

Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, saying,

“I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters,
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.”

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

***The Gospel Reading**

Mark 10:2–16

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

Some Pharisees came, and to test Jesus they asked, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?” He answered them, “What did Moses command you?” They said, “Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her.” But Jesus said to them, “Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation, ‘God made them male and female.’ ‘For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.”

Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. He said to them, “Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.”

People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.” And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

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**

God never ceases to pour upon us the abundance of mercy. In thanksgiving we respond with gratitude by saying, "Hear us, O Spirit of Truth."

+ In thanksgiving for God's infinite creation, the work of divine hands that shaped the universe and breathed life into creatures of clay; the mystery of changing seasons and the unending beauty of an expanding universe; may we cherish these marvelous and holy gifts and guard them for generations to come; for this we pray.

Hear us, O Spirit of Truth.

+ In thanksgiving for the gift of the Word made flesh, Jesus, through whom we see the Father's face, and by whom we are called to reflect God's compassion to the poor, his forgiveness to those who have departed from his ways, and his embrace of those who return to his love; for this we pray.

Hear us, O Spirit of Truth.

+ That our hearts may be fertile soil for the liberating commandments of God, which guide our footsteps in spite of our desires, and reveal a sure compass when we have lost our way; for this we pray.

Hear us, O Spirit of Truth.

+ That our friendships and relationships may be nurtured by mutual affection and joy, communication and forgiveness, and a common trust in the eternal love of the triune God; for this we pray.

Hear us, O Spirit of Truth.

+ That we may give special honor to our children and young people, providing for their formation as lively and informed followers of Jesus, and welcoming them to the Holy Meal of God's kingdom; for this we pray.

Hear us, O Spirit of Truth.

+ That the faithful departed may join in the blessed company of all the saints; for this we pray.

Hear us, O Spirit of Truth.

Knit together through the liberating waters of baptism, and united as a baptizing community, we continue our prayers.

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

Dave	Carl	Pat	Edith	Cathey
Amelia	Cindy	Giovanna	Lorraine	Laurie
Dani	Dan	Vivian	John	Tina
Mary	Wes	Sara	Theodore	Judy
Tom	Jean	Felice	Joan	

For those celebrating the anniversary of their birth this week:

Laura Day, Mike Van Fleet, Florianna Blanton, George Van Fleet, Timothy Fung

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

Organ Offertory Reflection on *Hyfrydol* (Love divine)

Charles Callahan, 2002

***Presentation Hymn** Jerusalem, my happy home (*Land of Rest*)

Hymnal # 620

*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."

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 Now thank we all our God (Nun danket alle Gott)**

Hymnal # 397, omit vs. 2

Dismissal

Postlude Hyfrydol (Love divine, all loves excelling)

arr. by Flor Peeters (1903–86)

Liturgical Ministers: Cindy Gration, Margaret Johnson, Stephanie Nevels

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

The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God in memory of Paul W. Blanchard by Paul Blanchard.

Hymn Lyrics

Love divine, all loves excelling (*Hyfrydol*) Hymnal #657

1 Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter every trembling heart.

2 Come, almighty to deliver,
let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never,
nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be alway blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.

3 Finish then thy new creation;
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee:
changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

Jerusalem, my happy home (*Land of Rest*) Hymnal #620

1 Jerusalem, my happy home,
when shall I come to thee?
When shall my sorrows have an end?
Thy joys when shall I see?

2 Thy saints are crowned with glory great;
they see God face to face;
they triumph still, they still rejoice
in that most happy place.

3 There David stands with harp in hand
as master of the choir:
ten thousand times would one be blest
who might this music hear.

4 Our Lady sings Magnificat
with tune surpassing sweet,
and blessed martyrs' harmony
doth ring in every street.

5 Jerusalem, Jerusalem,
God grant that I may see
thine endless joy, and of the same
partaker ever be!



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If you would like to contribute to our ministries, you may make a secure donation at <https://stjohnsithaca.org/donate/> Thank you!

Sign up for our weekly newsletter **The Fledgling** by contacting the church office.

Cyber Choir returns this fall and welcomes new participants. For info, see our Director of Music/Organist Karen Hindenlang at coffee hour or contact her through the church office.

Empty Bowls. Since the pandemic began, Loaves & Fishes of Tompkins County has served nearly 70,000 meals, 5 days a week from St. John's Episcopal Church — all of them to-go. You are invited to participate in Loaves and Fishes signature fundraising event on October 16, again in a to-go format — 2 soups, a pottery bowl, a salad, bread, fruit, and a dessert. Tickets are \$75.00 and 100% of the proceeds go directly to support Loaves and Fishes' mission. Go to <https://loaves.org/events/empty-bowls/> for more information and to purchase tickets.

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY MEMORIAL FLOWERS: All Saints' Sunday is October 31. Anyone wishing to donate toward the flowers for All Saints' day, please send in your donation to the office with the memo "**All Saints' Day flowers**" and note any name(s) you wish to have listed on the Necrology list.

To list a name in the necrology, please email, drop a list in the offering plate, or call the parish office with name(s) you wish to have included by **Wednesday, 27 October**.

Please Join Us

Coffee Hour, today after the 10:30 service in the front yard (weather permitting).

Join us for Morning Prayer weekdays at 9:30 on **FaceBook & YouTube**.

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