

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

St. John's Episcopal Church, Ithaca NY

October 10, 2021 Year B

10:30 AM

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Prelude Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring (*Werde munter, mein Gemüte*)

J. S. Bach (1685–1750)

***Hymn** Oh God, our help in ages past (*St. Anne*)

Hymnal # 680

***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.

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Job said:

“Today also my complaint is bitter;
 his hand is heavy despite my groaning.
 Oh, that I knew where I might find him,
 that I might come even to his dwelling!
 I would lay my case before him,
 and fill my mouth with arguments.
 I would learn what he would answer me,
 and understand what he would say to me.
 Would he contend with me in the greatness of
 his power?
 No; but he would give heed to me.

There an upright person could reason with him,
 and I should be acquitted forever by my
 judge.

"If I go forward, he is not there;
 or backward, I cannot perceive him;
 on the left he hides, and I cannot behold him;
 I turn to the right, but I cannot see him.

God has made my heart faint;
 the Almighty has terrified me;

If only I could vanish in darkness,
 and thick darkness would cover my face!"

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 22:1–15

Deus, Deus meus

1 My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? *
 and are so far from my cry
 and from the words of my distress?
 2 O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do
 not answer; *
 by night as well, but I find no rest.
 3 Yet you are the Holy One, *
 enthroned upon the praises of Israel.
 4 Our forefathers put their trust in you; *
 they trusted, and you delivered them.
 5 They cried out to you and were delivered; *
 they trusted in you and were not put to
 shame.
 6 But as for me, I am a worm and no man, *
 scorned by all and despised by the people.
 7 All who see me laugh me to scorn; *
 they curl their lips and wag their heads,
 saying,
 8 “He trusted in the Lord; let him deliver him; *
 let him rescue him, if he delights in him.”

9 Yet you are he who took me out of the womb, *
 and kept me safe upon my mother's breast.
 10 I have been entrusted to you ever since I
 was born; *
 you were my God when I was still in my
 mother's womb.
 11 Be not far from me, for trouble is near, *
 and there is none to help.
 12 Many young bulls encircle me; *
 strong bulls of Bashan surround me.
 13 They open wide their jaws at me, *
 like a ravening and a roaring lion.
 14 I am poured out like water;
 all my bones are out of joint; *
 my heart within my breast is melting
 wax.
 15 My mouth is dried out like a pot-sherd;
 my tongue sticks to the roof of my
 mouth; *
 and you have laid me in the dust of the
 grave.

The Epistle Reading

Hebrews 4:12–16

The word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

*The Gospel Reading

Mark 10:17–31

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

As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: ‘You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.’” He said to him, “Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.” Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, “You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.” When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” They were greatly astounded and said to one another, “Then who can be saved?” Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.”

Peter began to say to him, “Look, we have left everything and followed you.” Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”

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,

***The Prayers of the People**

We are the adopted sons and daughters of the Risen One, to whom we offer our prayers and petitions, responding, "Hear us, O Spirit of Truth."

+ Rock of our Salvation, help us to identify those things that keep us from following you with our whole heart and mind and soul, and give us the courage to do what you ask; for this we pray.

Hear us, O Spirit of Truth.

+ Crucified One, in your selfless love you gave your life that we might have life abundant; infuse us with a deep sense of gratitude, that we may be generous in our giving towards the work of your Church, your outward and visible presence in the world today; for this we pray.

Hear us, O Spirit of Truth.

+ Defender of orphans and widows, be with children who have no mother or father, with women who have lost husbands and sons on the field of battle, that agencies for support and counsel will give them an opportunity for healing and new life; for this we pray.

Hear us, O Spirit of Truth.

+ Good Shepherd, search for us who randomly fall into the snares of sin, seek us when we are deaf to your call and swallowed up by our pride and self-interests, and show us the way of return and forgiveness; for this we pray.

Hear us, O Spirit of Truth.

+ Author of peace, free the world from the struggles for power and supremacy, that we may lay down weapons of destruction and raise up those things which provide for the education, health, and security of the global community; for this we pray.

Hear us, O Spirit of Truth.

+ Risen Christ, raise the dead who have departed this life in faith, and judge with mercy those who turned from your face; for this we pray.

Hear us, O Spirit of Truth.

In companionship with Mary, the blessed mother of Jesus, and all the saints, 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	Jane

For those celebrating the anniversary of their birth this week:

Lisa Tatusko, Deb Schmidle, Marguerite Wells

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.

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 *Werde munter, mein Gemüte*

Johann Gottfried Walther (1684–1748)

***Presentation Hymn** Take my life, an let it be consecrated (*Hollingside*)

Hymnal # 707

*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 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** Come with us, O blessed Jesus (*Werde munter*)

Hymnal # 336, omit vs. 2

Dismissal

Postlude Fanfare on *St. Anne* (O God, our help in ages past)

Charles Callahan, 2003

Liturgical Ministers: Beverly Way, Matthew Stedinger, Susie Backstrom

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

Hym Lyrics

Hymnal # 680

Oh God, our help in ages past (*St. Anne*)

1 O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home:

2 Under the shadow of thy throne,
thy saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is thine arm alone,
and our defense is sure.

3 Before the hills in order stood,
or earth received her frame,
from everlasting thou art God,
to endless years the same.

4 A thousand ages in thy sight
are like an evening gone;
short as the watch that ends the night
before the rising sun.

5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
bears all our years away;
they fly, forgotten, as a dream
dies at the opening day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
be thou our guide while life shall last,
and our eternal home.

Hymnal # 707

Take my life, and let it be consecrated (*Hollingside*)

1 Take my life, and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days,
let them flow in ceaseless praise.
Take my hands, and let them move
at the impulse of thy love;
take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne.

2 Take my voice, and let me sing
always, only, for my King;
Take my intellect, and use
every power as thou shalt choose.
Take my will and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine.
Take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.

Hymnal # 336

Come with us, O blessed Jesus (*Werde muntert*)

1 Come with us, O blessed Jesus,
With us evermore to be;
And though leaving now thine altar,
Let us nevermore leave you.
Be thou one with us for ever
In our life thy love divine
Our own flesh and blood has taken,
Bring peace, good will again.

3 Come with us, O King of glory,
By angelic voices praised;
In our hearts as in thy heaven,
Be enraptured anthems raised.
Let the mighty chorus ever
Sing its glad exultant songs;
Let its hymn be heard for ever
Peace for which creation longs.



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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.

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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