

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

St. John's Episcopal Church, Ithaca NY

October 17, 2021 Year B

10:30 AM

* Indicates please stand

Prelude *Morning Song* and *Lord, Revive Us* Old American Hymns arr. by Gilbert M. Martin, 1996

***Hymn** O holy city, seen of John (*Morning Song*) **Hymnal # 583**

***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, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*

First Lesson

Job 38:1–7

The Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind:

“Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?

Gird up your loins like a man,

I will question you, and you shall declare to me.

“Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?

Tell me, if you have understanding.

Who determined its measurements—surely you know!

Or who stretched the line upon it?

On what were its bases sunk,

or who laid its cornerstone

when the morning stars sang together

and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 104:1-9, 25, 37b

Benedic, anima mea

1 Bless the Lord, O my soul; *

O Lord my God, how excellent is your
greatness!
you are clothed with majesty and
splendor.

2 You wrap yourself with light as with a
cloak *

and spread out the heavens like a
curtain.

3 You lay the beams of your chambers in the
waters above; *

you make the clouds your chariot;
you ride on the wings of the wind.

4 You make the winds your messengers *
and flames of fire your servants.

5 You have set the earth upon its
foundations, *

so that it never shall move at any time.

6 You covered it with the Deep as with a
mantle; *
the waters stood higher than the
mountains.

7 At your rebuke they fled; *
at the voice of your thunder they
hastened away.

8 They went up into the hills and down to the
valleys beneath, *
to the places you had appointed for
them.

9 You set the limits that they should not pass;
*
they shall not again cover the earth.

25 O Lord, how manifold are your works! *
in wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.

37b Hallelujah!

The Epistle Reading

Hebrews 5:1–10

Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. And one does not presume to take this honor, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

“You are my Son,
today I have begotten you”;

as he says also in another place,

“You are a priest forever,
according to the order of Melchizedek.”

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

*The Gospel Reading

Mark 10:35–45

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

Glory be to you, Lord Christ.

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to Jesus and said to him, “Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.” And he said to them, “What is it you want me to do for you?” And they said to him, “Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.” But Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?” They replied, “We are able.” Then Jesus said to them, “The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.”

When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, “You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.”

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**

Let us pray to God, who holds the world in his marvelous light, responding to each petition, "Hear us, O Spirit of Truth."

+ For those who serve the Church in the holy order of deacons, that they may proclaim Christ's message to the world with courage and conviction, and challenge the Church to be the Christ in the community; let us pray.

Hear us, O Spirit of Truth.

+ That we may rise from the gravity of personal sufferings, and see in our wounds the healing grace of Jesus, who calls us to be his disciples of blessing in every place where darkness obscures the gift of love; let us pray.

Hear us, O Spirit of Truth.

+ For our sister and brother churches throughout the Anglican Communion, especially those in our companion diocese, that together with them, we may reflect the humility of Christ in our common ministry and mission; let us pray.

Hear us, O Spirit of Truth.

+ For the beauty of creation as the seasons take their turn; may we be good stewards of these blessings, and use natural resources with care and conservation; let us pray.

Hear us, O Spirit of Truth.

+ In thanksgiving for the witness of those who have given us a vision of servant ministry, and who now reside in the community of saints; may we be guided by their life and example; let us pray.

Hear us, O Spirit of Truth.

+ In thanksgiving for indigenous peoples in every land; may they receive the honor and respect that is their due, and the hope of a more abundant life; let us pray.

Hear us, O Spirit of Truth.

The prayers of the faithful are as incense rising to the heavens, and so we continue our thanksgivings and petitions.

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

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

For those celebrating the anniversary of their birth this week:

Amelia Clark, A. Richard Strauss, Sally Clayton

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

Organ Offertory

Morning Song Variation

Charles Callahan, 2009

***Presentation Hymn**

Come, thou font of every blessing (*Nettleton*)

Hymnal # 686

***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 Lord, whose love through humble service (*Blaenhafren*)

Hymnal # 610, omit vs. 3

Dismissal

Postlude Mediation on *Charleston* (Hymn 571)

Gilbert M. Martin, 1996

Liturgical Ministers: Muriel Everhart, Sara Van Looy, Peg Coleman

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

HYMN LYRICS

O holy city, seen of John (*Morning Song*) HYMNAL #583

1 O Holy City, seen of John,
Where Christ, the Lamb, does reign,
Within those four-square walls shall come
No night, nor need, nor pain,
And where the tears are wiped from eyes
That shall not weep again.

2 O shame to us who rest content
While lust and greed for gain
In street and shop and tenement
Wring gold from human pain,
And bitter lips in blind despair
Cry, "Christ has died in vain."

3 Give us, O God, the strength to build
The City that has stood
Too long a dream, whose laws are love,
Whose ways, the common good,
And where the shining sun becomes
God's grace for human good.

4 Already in the mind of God
That City rises fair:
Lo, how its splendor challenges
The souls that greatly dare:
Yea, bids us seize the whole of life
And build its glory there.

Come, thou fount of every blessing (*Nettleton*) HYMNAL # 686

1 Come, thou fount of every blessing,
tune my heart to sing thy grace!
Streams of mercy never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! O fix me on it,
mount of God's unchanging love.

2 Here I find my greatest treasure;
hither by thy help, I've come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger,
interposed his precious blood.

3 Oh, to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter,
bind my wandering heart to thee;
prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart, oh, take and seal it,
seal it for thy courts above.

**Lord, whose love through humble service
(*Blaenhafren*)
HYMNAL # 610**

1 Lord, whose love through humble service
bore the weight of human need,
who upon the cross, forsaken
offered mercy's perfect deed,
your servants, bring the worship
not of voice alone, but heart,
consecrating to your purpose
every gift that you impart.

2 Still your children wander homeless"
still the hungry cry for bread;
still the captives long for freedom;
still in grief we mourn our dead.
As, O Lord, your deep compassion
healed the sick and freed the soul,

use the love your Spirit kindles
still to save and make us whole.

4 Called to worship to your service
forth in your dear name we go,
to the child, to the youth, the aged,
love in living deeds to show;
hope and health, good will and comfort,
counsel, aid, and peace we give,
that your servants, Lord in freedom
may your mercy know and live.

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

Cyber Choir continues 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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